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Mayor reports illegal mining to police

BALIKPAPAN, East Kalimantan: Balikpapan Mayor Imdaad Hamid has reported alleged illegal mining activities to the local police as part of his commitment to environmental preservation.

Upon seeing trucks full of coal along major thoroughfares in Balikpapan, Imdaad recorded the trucks' plate numbers to be given directly to the police on Tuesday.

Balikpapan Police chief Sr. Comr. Aji Rafik confirmed the report and his subordinates detained the truck drivers.

"We received the report from Balikpapan law and order officers. The trucks were on their way from Samboja in Kutai Kertanegara to Balikpapan. We're checking whether their activities were legal," Aji said.

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