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### Cause for confidence:

Terengganu captain Fitri Saari (centre) believes his team are on the right track in the Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) title chase. — MHC

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**PETALING JAYA:** A thunderstorm in Bukit Jalil shortened the match between Terengganu and Armed Forces to just 41 minutes but the east coast giants are not complaining after a 4-1 win yesterday kept their Malaysian Hockey League (MHL) title chances alive.

Terengganu, the defending league champions, were cruising to a 4-1 lead at the National Hockey Stadium but heavy downpour and lightning stopped play in the 41st minute.

Fitri was on target in the 28th minute while his brother Faizal scored a double in the fifth and 30th minutes while Abid Sufian Mat Ruslee sounded the board in the 28th minute to give Terengganu the edge.

Armed Forces' consolation came in the 16th minute through Frank Atwo Marna in match that saw all goals scored through field attempts.

Although the match was abandoned in the third quarter, Fitri said victory is the only thing on Terengganu's mind rather than scoring big.

"Although rain stopped play, we had done enough to secure the important three points. At this point, big scores are not important and we

just need to win all our remaining matches to win the league title," said Fitri, the Terengganu skipper.

"Our target is to win at least one title despite a tough season for us, and we are happy to be on track for the league crown.

"We have three matches, including against title contenders Maybank in our last match (Feb 27), and we are just focused on winning.

"Tenaga Nasional and Maybank have superior goal difference and if we draw any matches after this, we will fail in our objective."

Faizal, Fitri and goalkeeper Hafizuddin Othman are the only Speedy Tigers in the Terengganu squad this year but they managed to steal a point in a 2-2 draw against Tenaga in their opening match and have won six matches, including against the soldiers yesterday, to secure 19 points.

Fitri said the good understanding and bonding in the team have helped them survive tough moments and he believes this will pull them through in the final dash.

Terengganu are not expected to be tested by KL City in their next match in Bukit Jalil tomorrow (Friday) but a modest win will do for them in their quest to defend the league title.