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`KL, Jakarta, Manila must co-operate'

PETALING JAYA, Sun. - The Governments of Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines must smash militant groups in their countries and stop them from turning into a regional network.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said it was also important for their police to exchange information, adding that violent and militant ways would not solve the problems faced by Muslims.

"We can contribute to Islam by striving for development," he said after his ministry's Family Day at Sunway Lagoon here today.

He was commenting on a statement by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday that a network of extremists were bent on establishing Islamic governments in Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines.

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