

'Zahid: No information if M'sians involved in Paris blitz

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Home Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said it is yet unconfirmed if any Malaysians were involved in the deadly terrorist rampage in Paris on Friday night.

"No, we have no information on this," he said, when asked whether he had information on Malaysians who could be among those behind the incident.

Zahid however gave assurance that local authorities are always prepared to ensure that such incidents do not occur in Malaysia.

"Police are not only prepared, but have increased their strength," he said in a press conference at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) today.

This is especially since Malaysia would be hosting the Asean Summit next week, he added.

"We have multiplied redeployment to ensure the safety of Asean as well as world leaders.

"What happened in Paris could happen in other countries if preparations are not made accordingly," he said.

Deadly rampage

In the devastating Friday mass attacks, gunmen and bombers attacked restaurants, a concert hall and a sports stadium at locations across the French capital, killing 127 people in a deadly rampage that President Francois Hollande has claimed was the work of the Islamic State (IS).

Zahid, meanwhile, said police's counter-terrorism unit was being extra vigilant in monitoring possible terrorist activities.

The deputy prime minister said any individual found to be involved in terrorist activities will face the music through existing laws such as Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2015 (Sosma), Prevention of Terrorism Act (Pota) and the Penal Code.

He therefore urged the public to give their support to the enforcement agencies and to come forward should they have information on possible terrorist attacks.

Civil servants had been among those arrested over suspected links with terror groups last month.

And in raids across the country back in August, police arrested 10 suspects believed to be Islamic State (IS) members.

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