

Zahid: My in-law helped secure release of two Sekinchan fishermen
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Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said his in-law had helped in securing the release of the two fishermen from Sekinchan who had been detained in Indonesia.

"I would like to mention that the Prime Minister (Najib Razak), Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Shahidan Kassim, Sungai Besar Umno division chief Jamal Yunus, and Selangor BN chairman Noh Omar, were the four key people behind the task to free Chua and Heng.

"But there is one more person (who has helped in securing the release of the fishermen) and today I must mention it here.

"My son married a woman from Jakarta. My in-law, Bapak Chairul Anhar, has helped us in this matter," he said in a press conference, as captured and uploaded in a video by *The Star Online* yesterday.

He said he had asked his in-law to arrange meetings with Indonesian President Joko Widodo, Vice-President Muhammad Jusuf Kalla, the minister-in-charge as well as the Indonesian chief justice.

Indonesian businessman Chairul is the president of the Indonesia Diaspora Network Chapter Malaysia.

His daughter had married Ahmad Zahid's son in September last year.

Indonesia maritime officials arrested two Sekinchan fishermen, Chua Lee Teck and Heng Chee Yong, after they were accused of encroaching into Indonesia waters.

They were sentenced by Indonesian authorities and jailed since their detention in March.

They were finally released and returned safely on Thursday.