

M'sia, Saudi Arabia to share deradicalisation experience, says DPM
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Malaysia is prepared to share the experience and emulate Saudi Arabia in the implementation of deradicalisation programme to counter terrorism, as well as rehabilitate extremists.

Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, who is also home minister, said the matter would be discussed with the relevant parties during his visit to Saudi Arabia.

He said Malaysia could share Saudi Arabia's experience in implementing the deradicalisation programme being the country located nearby countries often associated with terrorism and militants.

"I will learn and share experience on deradicalisation programme of problems on terrorism among source countries and countries in West Asia (which are often associated with terrorism and militants).

"Malaysia's experience can be shared, and we may also share Saudi Arabia's experience on how rehabilitation can be done in the deradicalisation programme.

"InsyaAllah, I'll discuss in-depth with the relevant authorities in this country," he told Malaysian journalists on arrival in Riyadh yesterday in conjunction with his five-day official visit to Saudi Arabia.

The deputy prime minister is scheduled to visit Saudi Arabia's deradicalisation centre, namely the Mohammad Bin Naif Counseling and Care Centre, Riyadh, today.

During the visit, Ahmad Zahid will be briefed on Saudi Arabia's initiatives in fighting terrorism and its deradicalisation programme for extremists.

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