

M'sia to offer lessons to US on Afghanistan, Iraq
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The story of Malaysia's hard-fought battle against communist guerrillas will be retold before an American audience here as the US grapples with its fight against terrorism with its military troops still in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Prime Minister Najib Abdul Razak has been invited by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) to talk not only on areas of economic cooperation but also to share Malaysia's experience in counter-insurgency, during his visit here.

Najib, who arrives Saturday for a week-long visit during which he will also attend the Nuclear Security Summit, is scheduled to speak at a forum organised by CSIS, a bipartisan foreign policy think tank, on Wednesday.

Malaysian Ambassador to the US Jamaludin Jarjis told Malaysian journalists on Friday that former police chief Hanif Omar and retired chief of defence forces Mohammed Hashim Ali have been invited as well.

Hanif and Mohammed Hashim were among the key figures in the fight against the communist insurgency, often referred to as Malaysia's second emergency, that began in 1968 and ended in 1989 with the peaceful surrender of the communist terrorists.

Hanif was Malaysia's longest serving inspector-general of police. He assumed the post in 1974, after his predecessor was killed by communist terrorists, and retired 20 years later.

Mohammed Ali was a career soldier who rose to the rank of army chief before he retired as chief of defence forces in 1992 after nearly 39 years in the military.

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