

Home Ministry To Intensify Crime Prevention This Year
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PUTRAJAYA -- The Home Ministry will intensify its crime-prevention efforts to further reduce the crime rate after achieving a 15 per cent drop in the crime index in 2010 compared to the targeted five per cent.

Intensifying crime reduction efforts was one of seven commitments outlined by Home Minister Hishammuddin Tun Hussein in his New Year (2011) message at the ministry, here, today.

Hishammuddin said his ministry would even be more committed to reducing the crime rate this year as targeted under the National Key Result Area through the 55 initiatives proposed by the Crime Lab.

"An integrated approach in terms of the function of each department and agency under the ministry will be continued and intensified."

He said the deployment of members of the police force, Rela and Civil Defence Department for constant street patrols in the crime hot spots would help reduce the crime rate.

The ministry had targeted a drop of five per cent in the overall crime index and 20 per cent drop in street crime, but it achieved 35 per cent in the latter last year.

Hishammuddin said greater strategic cooperation would also be forged between the police force and Malaysian Armed Forces to enable more security personnel to be deployed to the crime hot spots.

He said 8,140 members of the General Operations Force stationed at the border areas of the peninsula would also be redeployed in turns to the hot spots.

The six other commitments are adding value to the ministry's Key Performance Indicators, raising efficiency in managing foreign worker issues, fighting transboundary crime, combating drug abuse and trafficking, raising effectiveness of rehabilitation programmes, and encouraging volunteerism. (Bernama)

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