

**Felda Settlers Must Protect Regions From Outside Elements - Zahid
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HULU SELANGOR, Feb 12 (Bernama) -- Felda settlers must protect their regions from being damaged by outside elements, says Defence Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

"You are responsible for protecting Felda regions from being destroyed by outsiders and parasites so that the next generation can see the development and success of Felda," he told reporters here after launching Felda Territorial Army (TA) at SMK Felda Gedangsa, here Sunday.

Also present were Chief of Army, Gen Datuk Zulkifli Zainal Abidin and Felda Generation Vision Alliance (GWGF) chairman Tan Sri Rozali Ismail.

Zahid believed the existence of TA could reduce social problem through activities and well-planned training.

"Felda's success is because many early settlers were former soldiers. The formation of Felda TA is important since 60 percent of the original settlers have died.

"I hope more youths from second and third generation can participate in TA," he said adding his ministry targets to launch ten TA companies in Felda schemes this year.

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