

Zahid Refutes Allegations Questioning Weststar's Ability To Supply Military 4wd Vehicles
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BAGAN DATOH, March 9 (Bernama) -- Defence Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi refuted allegations made by certain quarters who questioned the ability of Weststar Group to supply military four-wheel drive (4WD) vehicles for the Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM).

He said there was no reason to question the purchase of the vehicles because they were the products of a Malaysian company which also being used by foreign countries.

"Apart from Malaysia, other countries like the United States, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia have also used military vehicles produced by Weststar," he told reporters after visiting the Malaysian Cocoa Board's Cocoa Research and Development Centre here today.

He said the government decided to purchase the vehicles as the cost of spare parts for the existing 4WD vehicles was three times more expensive than buying the new ones.

The minister said the use of the new military 4WD vehicles would save the government about two third of the cost of maintenance and repairs.

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