

Ahmad Zahid: Do Not Confuse People With Armoured Car Issue
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 20 (Bernama) -- Defence Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi has told pro-opposition bloggers not to confuse the people with the issue of acquisition of 6x6 armoured cars, with locally-made AV8.

He said the government was studying the suitability of the 6x6 armoured car for use by the army under United Nations Interim Force In Lebanon (Unifil), while the RM8 billion AV8 project was a plan for a made-in-Malaysia armoured car.

"They should understand that AV8 is an armoured personnel carrier (APC) with 12 variants for use in Malaysia, while APC 6x6 is for Unifil in Lebanon," he said after witnessing a memorandum of understanding between the National Service Training Department and Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris here.

Ahmad Zahid was asked to comment on opposition blogs which quoted Indonesian sources as saying that the government had selected 32 Anoa armoured car manufactured by PT Pindad, Indonesia because it was cheaper than AV8.

He said the government evaluated several 6x6 armoured cars from abroad, including Anoa from Indonesia, but had not made a decision.

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