

**Ahmad Zahid: NS Volunteer Brigade Not Seasonal Programme**  
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BAGAN DATOH, April 21 (Bernama) -- The National Service Volunteer Brigade (BSKN) which has elements of diversity of culture, religion and race is not a seasonal programme, said Defence Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

He said BSKN was free from differing political ideologies and it showed a union towards realising the aspiration of 1Malaysia.

"The communities of all races accept BSKN. It will not merely be an observer but will also be involved in community work and this shows the closeness between BSKN volunteers and society," he told reporters, here, Saturday.

He said this after opening the National Service Training Department's Premier Community Service Programme at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Hutan Melintang here.

BSKN which was officially set up in February and launched by Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, is aimed at providing voluntary community services.

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