

Political Conflicts And Religious Squabbles Can Threaten Peace - Armed Forces Commander
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM) Commander, General Tan Sri Zulkifeli Md Zain cautioned that unrestrained political conflicts and religious squabbles could become major threats to national security.

He said, as the country's first line of defence, ATM viewed the matter seriously because it believed such situations would have a negative impact on the well-being of the people if they were not handled wisely.

"Apart from existing security issues, the Armed Forces also pays serious attention to these matters because it would have a very negative effect on the country and its citizens, if ignored," he told Bernama here recently.

Zulkifeli said ATM was alert to changes in the current local political climate and has identified that socio-economic problems and extremist racial polemics could turn into threats.

In order to curb the situation from spreading ATM has stepped up its cooperation with the relevant government agencies, he said.

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