

**I will stand by the police: Zahid**  
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Home Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today said he would stand by the police force as long as he is the home minister, following the recent death threat to the Inspector-General Police by a group called Anak Malaysia Anti Demokrasi.

"As long as I'm here in KDN, I will continue to defend the good actions by the police... we can't allow the insults to police to continue," he said in his monthly address to his ministry.

He added that democracy could not be used to threaten to kill the IGP.

He also reiterated the importance of Sedition Act 1948, saying the matter could not be compromised on the basis of freedom of speech.

"What about matters that are stipulated in the constitution, the position of Islam as official religion, position of Malay Rulers, the position (and) privileges of the Malays.

"Do we want to compromise on the freedom of speech, do we want to be divided because there are (people) who request for other religions to be made the official religion, there are people who want other languages to be official language, can we accept that."

"Now generation Y questions this, probably started by generation X, and how about those born after 2000, generation Z. They don't really know about history and background of our country. If we don't create awareness and without amendments to the Sedition Act, these matters could cause chaos, if there is no prevention."

"As long as I am the home minister, I will ensure the laws that are being amended like the Sedition Act, to protect the position of Islam, Malay rulers, position of the Malays, position of national language, (it) are under my responsibility.

The group Anak Malaysia Anti Demokrasi last month released a video threatening to kill Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar by blowing up his car.

In the YouTube clip dated February 23, a person whose face was blocked by the group's logo and flanked by two others masked members read out the threat in Malay.

The narrator, whose voice was digitally altered, asked whether Malaysians could replace the Election Commission chief, chief justice and IGP through democratic means.

Answering "No", he labelled the trio as "agents that derail democracy" before announcing that the group would kill the IGP by blowing up his car.

Zahid had in response to the threat said that the position of the IGP must be respected as the person appointed to the role acted as an institution and not an individual.

"The question of threatening any public office should be avoided, because the person appointed is translating their responsibilities," he said.

"In this case, the IGP is not a person, he is an institution. Please respect the institution. His main responsibility is to make sure that the element of security is translated in general." – March 11, 2015.

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