

**Malaysia Cooperates With Interpol To Track Potential Terrorists - Ahmad Zahid
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GEORGE TOWN, March 12 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will cooperate with Interpol to track down potential terrorists that used umrah agencies and possibly other transit routes to enter Syria before joining the Islamic State (IS) militant group.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said some were found to have used umrah agencies as an excuse to reach Jeddah and Madinah as a transit to a third country.

"We will see from the manifest, their tickets will not only reach Jeddah or Madinah. In the manifest, they will likely go to another country as some of these potential terrorists will go to a third country, to Istanbul for example and after that we do not know.

"But we cooperate with Interpol and obtain the information," he told reporters after officiating the ninth Crime and Policing in Malaysia Forum at Universiti Sains Malaysia here Thursday.

Yesterday Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said the police detected two individuals suspected of being on the pretext of performing the umrah before joining the IS militant group.

Ahmad Zahid said his ministry also worked closely with umrah agencies to monitor the flight schedule of every individual that followed the umrah agencies' travels,

Asked if the umrah agencies had any links with individuals involved in IS, he said it was unlikely as their priority was different.

He believed the number of Malaysians involved with the IS militant group in Syria and Iraq were more than the number recorded of 61 individuals.

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