

IS Threat Affects Everyone

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 26 (Bernama) -- The threat of the IS militant group which is trying to influence the public to join it should be viewed seriously as it affects everyone, and even intellectuals can be influenced by its ideology.

Defence Deputy Minister Datuk Abdul Rahim Bakri said this was because the IS Movement was a global threat which not only affected countries in the Middle East but had also spread throughout the world because of the influence of the social media today.

"This would surely have an impact on our country's security and peace as when they (Malaysian IS militants) go there, they would acquire certain skills which they could use once they return home, and create problems arising from their beliefs," he told reporters after officiating the launching ceremony of the Wasatiyyah approach at the Defence Ministry level (Kementah) at the Kementah Auditorium here today.

He said the militant group issue, if not tackled, could lead to violent activities, such as had happened in other countries in Southeast Asia.

"We have to be careful as this could lead to turmoil in this region if the group is not curtailed.

"According to information received by the police, no less than 10 Malaysians have died as suicide bombers, as they believe that they are committing jihad and defending the religion, but this is actually against the teachings of Islam," he said.

He advised members of the Malaysian Armed Forces to not be involved in any groups with extreme ideologies that diverted from the teachings of Islam.

In a related development, Abdul Rahim said the Armed Forces Religious Corps (KAGAT) would be given the responsibility together with the Defence Intelligence Staff Division to develop a Global Planning Module and organise a roadshow about the IS and the true meaning of jihad in Islam.

"So far 30 roadshows have been held throughout the country on the IS threat," he said.

It is understood that the roadshows are for both ATM personnel and the public.

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