

**Home Ministry to optimise national security after Paris attacks**  
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**Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi says he has not yet seen the need to call back Malaysians who are currently in Paris. — TRP filepic**

**KUALA LUMPUR,** All necessary efforts are being optimised by the Home Ministry to ensure national security is guaranteed, says its minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

This came after terror attacks in Paris on Nov 13, with him explaining Malaysia's preparedness to face any situation.

"Next week Malaysia will be hosting the Asean Summit, so we have mobilised our security forces to optimum levels.

"What happened in Paris will happen in other countries if there is no preparedness of maximum levels," Zahid said in a press conference after officiating Barisan Nasional (BN) component party Parti Progressif Penduduk Malaysia's (PPP) emergency general assembly.

Zahid said he had not yet seen the need to call back Malaysians who were currently in Paris.

He was confident that Paris authorities had detailed information and cooperation with Interpol to ensure similar incidents don't happen again.

"Until now, no assistance was requested from Paris, but there is international cooperation, for example cooperation with Interpol.

"As for Malaysia, we are always prepared. To date, there is no threat, but at the same time, I ask that citizens cooperate with police and the Home Ministry if they have any information on such violent activity," added the Deputy Prime Minister.

Meanwhile, he also condemned the terrorist attacks in Paris and asserted that it was against the teachings of Islam.

Following six terrorist attacks in the city, militant group Islamic State (IS) had since claimed responsibility for the attacks, saying it was a reaction to the campaign by France against IS and insult to Prophet Muhammad.

The group warned that France would continue to be targeted if the country continued with its policies.

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