

**Malaysia To Share With ASEAN Success In Reforming Extremists - Sec-Gen  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 29 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will share its experience and success stories with ASEAN nations to reform extremists, says Home Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Seri Alwi Ibrahim.

He said the reformation programme would be discussed at the Special ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism this Friday.

"We will share our experiences with the reformation programme which has been updated with the latest developments...so that it becomes relevant with the current type of extremism," he told reporters at the 10th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) here today.

Alwi said the reformation programme used in this country could be considered as having attained a satisfactory level with only seven per cent of the reformed group reverting to extremist activities.

He said among the major factors for the success of the programme was the long-standing spiritual and religious approach.

"We have reformed most of them and prevented them from returning to their (extremism) activities because we use more of the spiritual approach, such as if they are Muslims, we invite imams and religious teachers, and if they are of other religions, we call those with the relevant expertise.

"We not only impose punishments but give more focus to the reformation process," he said, adding that the success rate here was higher than in developed countries.

Alwi said Malaysia was also expected to share its experience with the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2015 and the Prevention of Crime Act 2013.

The four-day AMMTC is expected to adopt two declarations - the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Transnational Crime and the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on Irregular Movement of Persons in Southeast Asia.

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