

New indicator to measure public perception on crime, says Zahid
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Putrajaya will unveil a new crime perception indicator (CPI) that measures public sentiment towards crime, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said today.

Meant to counter the prevailing view that crime was on the rise despite police statistics showing otherwise, Zahid said the CPI results will be published with the actual crime index.

"Once it is calibrated properly, we will publish both, the crime index and the CPI.

"The CPI will help crime prevention and improve the efficiency of the enforcement agencies," he said in a speech when officiating a roundtable discussion on crime prevention in Kuala Lumpur today.

Zahid, who is also the home minister, acknowledged that public perception of crime and safety was still poor.

This was despite the crime rate having gone down by 40% over the past four years. Cases of car thefts had also reduced by 20% last year, he said.

"The rakyat, however, remains fearful of their safety. Public perception and the fear of crime is therefore still a challenge for us." – November 3, 2015.

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