

**Malaysia to Send Experts to Help Australia Fight Terrorism – Ahmad Zahid  
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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 7 (Bernama) -- Malaysia, which has had the experience of facing communist insurgency and religious extremism, will be sending out relevant experts in February to assist Australia fight terrorism.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the experts would be from the Royal Malaysian Police, Prisons Department, Malaysia Islamic Development Department (Jakim), as well as university lecturers.

He said Australia, as a non-Muslim country, was facing acts of terrorism committed by its residents who came from the Middle East and immigrants who entered that country.

"From our experience in facing terrorism from the communist insurgents and religious extremist groups, we offer to send our experts to that country (Australia) to conduct the training of trainers (ToT).

"Through the ToT, Malaysia will also extend its own experience in rehabilitation efforts undertaken here to be implemented in Australia."

Ahmad Zahid said this to reporters after receiving a courtesy call from Michael Keenan, Australia's Minister for Justice and Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on Counter-Terrorism, at his office, here, today.

He said Malaysia and Australia were determined to boost cooperation in the area of security.

This would be through the Combating Transnational Crime Cooperation Meeting and Counter-Terrorism Cooperation Meeting to ensure that information from both countries could be shared to overcome the menace, he added.

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