

DPM Launches Internal Security Policy

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PUTRAJAYA, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi today launched a comprehensive internal security policy which covers internal security, public order and global terrorism threats.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also home minister, said the aim of the Internal Security Policy (DKDN) was to keep Malaysia an independent, sovereign and peaceful nation capable of defending its national interests.

"The objective of the DKDN is to ensure Malaysia's existence as a harmonious country with its national defence based on the principles of the Federal Constitution and Rukun Negara.

"The DKDN is also based on democratic practices aimed at national unity, sovereignty, regional integration, public order and political stability," he said when launching the DKDN book at a ceremony held for the Home Ministry 2016 Message here today.

Ahmad Zahid said the implementers of the DKDN were all enforcement agencies concerned with internal security and public order, including the Home Ministry, National Security Council, Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency and the Malaysian Armed Forces.

He said two committees would be set up to oversee the effectiveness of the DKDN, including a high-level committee chaired by himself, with members comprising the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein and other relevant ministers.

Ahmad Zahid added that a working committee would also be set up, chaired by Home Ministry Secretary-General Datuk Seri Alwi Ibrahim and include permanent members from the ministry's agencies and departments, the Attorney-General's Chambers, National Security Council and the Armed Forces.

"This committee will discuss and coordinate the implementation of action based on existing terms of reference."

The DKDN has eight strategic thrusts and 34 objectives, including the protection and strengthening of key national institutions, maintenance of border security, protection of social cohesion and national defence, as well as combatting threats to public order.

Meanwhile, in his message today, Ahmad Zahid said among the successes which made the ministry proud was that of the police force in fighting terrorism.

Commenting on the deradicalisation conference held in Kuala Lumpur last month, Ahmad Zahid said Malaysia was one of the countries in the world which organised the programme.

"This is Malaysia's contribution to the world through the sharing of experiences at international level," he said.

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