

**SOP for Strategic Asset Security Management Needs Review – Ahmad Zahid  
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 14 (Bernama) -- The standard operating procedures (SOP) for security management of all national strategic assets should be reviewed due to the rising and ever-challenging threats of terrorism in the country.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the definition of strategic asset, which used to emphasise on important government-owned assets, should be reviewed and scrutinised as many of the current assets, including power plants and television stations, belonged to the private sector.

The existing SOP for strategic asset security management was formulated 40 years ago and focused mainly on government-owned assets which were among the key targets during the communist insurgency, which ended in 1990, but most of those assets had been privatised or corporatized ever since, he told reporters after opening the National Key Targets Seminar 2016 here Thursday.

Ahmad Zahid explained that today's threats of terrorism differed from those recorded 40 years ago when risks of terrorist attack were mainly on government's assets.

He said the recent terrorist attacks in Jakarta and Brussels were proof that such attacks were no longer targeting on important assets, but also public places, such as shopping malls and public transportation terminals.

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