

Do not Politicise AES – Ahmad Zahid
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IPOH, April 17 (Bernama) -- The installation of the Automated Enforcement System (ARS) cameras should not be politicised as it is an effort by the government to reduce road accidents, said Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

He said implementation of the system was not aimed to penalise, but as a preventive measure in view of the worrying number of road crashes reported in the country.

"The culture and attitude, as well the driving method should be changed if we (road users) do not want to be taken action against," he told reporters after opening the 'Expo Outreach Dana Bumiputera @ Perak' programme organised by UMNO Youth here today.

Last Saturday, Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Khalid Abu Bakar said another 1,200 AES cameras would be installed at strategic locations nationwide to capture pictures of errant motorists, as well as educate them to be law abiding citizens.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also Home Minister, said the installation of the AES cameras would be carried out by an appointed subsidiary of the Armed Forces Fund Board, and the system to be monitored by the Royal Malaysia Police.

The deputy prime minister, who is also the chairman of the cabinet committee on road accident, said he hoped the Transport Ministry would enhance its campaign on AES, as well as well as educate the public to be more courteous on the road.

An average of 445,000 road accidents are reported in the country every year, with about 6,500 cases involving fatalities, he added.

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