

## **DPM Arrives In Washington for Working Visit to US**

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WASHINGTON, March 29 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi arrived here on Tuesday for a seven-day working visit, with the main purpose to attend the Nuclear Security Summit.

The two-day summit will kick off Thursday at the Walter E. Washington Convention Centre here.

Ahmad Zahid and wife Datin Seri Hamidah Khamis arrived at the Dulles International Airport here at 8.40am (local time) by a commercial airline.

The arrival of the Home Minister was received by Malaysian Ambassador to the United States Datuk Dr Awang Adek Hussin and wife Datin Latifah Mohd Yusof.

Science, Technology and Innovation Minister Datuk Madius Tangau is accompanying the Deputy Prime Minister to the summit which will focus on safeguarding weapons-grade plutonium and uranium to prevent nuclear terrorism.

While here, Ahmad Zahid is scheduled to meet several United States senior officials including Susan Elizabeth Rice, the National Security Advisor, to discuss issues that could enhance bilateral ties between both countries, especially on intelligence, current affairs and security.

He will also be meeting the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) director, John Brennan; Deputy Secretary of State, Anthony J Blinken; Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas and Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Daniel Russel prior to the summit.

The Deputy Prime Minister will also be having dinner meetings with captains of industry and "Friends of Malaysia" from the public and private sectors to exchange views on how to further enhance the bilateral relationship between both countries.

Ahmad Zahid will also share on Malaysia's experience on combating terrorism in a talk titled "Extremism and Terrorism Challenges in Malaysia, Including the Deradicalisation Approach in Malaysia" at a special session with lecturers and students from American universities on Saturday.

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