

Malaysia Rejects Terrorism In The Name Of Islam Banded About By Daesh

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ULAANBAATAR, Mongolia, July 16 (Bernama) -- Malaysia rejects any forms of ideological crimes and terrorism in the name of Islam banded about by Daesh militant group.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said Malaysia, which had so far detained 213 people involved in Daesh militant activities, including 27 foreigners, really condemned the action of that militant group.

"We condemned their actions, especially when it involved and affected the civilians, women and children of Muslims and non-Muslims," he told the Malaysian media at the end of the 11th Asia-Europe Meeting here today.

Ahmad Zahid said Malaysia's stand on the matter, which was supported by other ASEM member countries, was made public during the ASEM Retreat at the ASEM Village here earlier.

Among the countries which supported Malaysia's stand was Indonesia, which stated that terrorism issues and ideological crimes should be seen in terms of the root cause, said Ahmad Zahid who also offered to share Malaysia's experience in tackling ideological crimes with countries currently threatened by terrorism.

The deputy prime minister said that ASEM leaders also condemned any forms of terrorism and religious hatred.

In fact, ASEM leaders supported the efforts to promote moderation by the Global Movement of Moderates, an initiative mooted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak to combat any forms of extremism, he said.

Commenting further on Daesh threats in Malaysia, Ahmad Zahid, who is also Home Minister, said 61 Malaysians were reported to be in Syria while 21 others died either in Syria or Iraq.

On ASEM, he said the cooperation among the 51 member countries was vital as they were the important economic powers that controlled 60 per cent of the world economy.

"In conclusion, in terms of collaboration, member countries will be able to work together for global solidarity, create peace, and take efforts to combat terrorism and organised crimes," he added.

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