

**Involvement with Daesh Militants, Passports of 68 Malaysians Revoked – DPM
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KUALA SELANGOR, Aug 7 (Bernama) -- The government has revoked the passports of 68 Malaysians for involvement in Daesh militant activities abroad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said today.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also Home Minister, said the passports were revoked two weeks ago after a directive was issued by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Abdul Razak.

"Now, they no longer have travel documents as Malaysian citizens. When they return (to Malaysia), legal action according to Immigration Act will be taken against them," he told reporters after opening the Kuala Selangor UMNO divisional delegates meeting here Sunday.

Also present were Deputy Home Minister Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed, Selangor UMNO deputy liaison chairman Datuk Mat Nadzari Ahmad Dahlan, Kuala Selangor Member of Parliament Datuk Seri Irmohizam Ibrahim and Kuala Selangor UMNO division leader Datuk Ishak Haron.

Earlier in his speech, Ahmad Zahid, who is also UMNO vice-president, said the Malaysian citizens whose passports had been revoked included two families from Shah Alam and Ipoh who had sold their houses, restaurant and cars to travel to Syria to join the Daesh militant group.

"These two families left everything and brought along their young children to Syria, purportedly to fight for 'jihad' (holy war) as a shortcut to heaven.

"From on information which I received, they ended up as toilet cleaners and street sweepers.

"I was informed that they regretted their action and want to come back, but I do not want to compromise with those who betray the country," he added.

In another development, Ahmad Zahid said the police and the Malaysian Armed Forces (ATM) were tracking down eight hand grenades believed to be in the possession of Daesh militants in the country.

"We want to ensure the people are not affected and disturbed by their action," he said, adding that security measures were being stepped up in the country.

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