

**Vietnam Minister of Public Security Calls on Zahid
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PUTRAJAYA, June 7 (Bernama) -- Vietnam Minister of Public Security Senior Lt Gen To Lam today called on Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at his office at Perdana Putra here.

To Lam, who was appointed to the post in April, is on a visit to ASEAN countries, with Malaysia as the first stop of his tour.

Ahmad Zahid said To Lam informed him that Vietnam would host the first meeting of the Joint Working Group in Combating Transnational Crime between Malaysia and Vietnam at a date to be determined.

Malaysia and Vietnam had signed a memorandum of understanding on Cooperation in Preventing and Combating Transnational Crime.

He also said that To Lam stated Vietnam's commitment to extend cooperation to the other ASEAN countries in the overlapping claims in the South China Sea to avert problems.

"Malaysia's is also a similar stand, to comply with the Code of Conduct on the South China Sea, and also on the ASEAN principle of equality," he said.

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