

Ahmad Zahid in Singapore to Attend 5th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Drugs

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SINGAPORE, Oct 19 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi safely arrived here today to attend the 5th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Drugs.

Ahmad Zahid, who is also Home Minister, was received by Malaysian Federal Police (Bukit Aman) Narcotics Criminal Investigation Department director Datuk Seri Mohd Mokhtar Mohd Shariff and National Anti-Drugs Agency (NADA) director-general Datuk Dr Abd Halim Mohd Hussin on arrival at The Grand Waterfront Copthorne Hotel here, the venue for the two-day conference that begins.

Today, Ahmad Zahid will attend the Discussion on ASEAN Cooperation in Combating the Production and Trafficking of Drugs in the Golden Triangle, which is the location for the largest drug production and trafficking in the world.

The initiative was started by Thailand which is the leading nation in ASEAN in the war against drug production and trafficking.

The discussion will involve the participation of ministers from Thailand, Singapore, Myanmar, Vietnam, Laos and Malaysia.

The regional cooperation is one of the programmes that has been agreed upon under the ASEAN Framework for the period 2016-2025 to cooperate within the ASEAN community in combating the drug threat.

Malaysia hosted the 4th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Drugs in Langkawi in the year 2015.

The first meeting was held in Bangkok in 2012.

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