

Malaysia Hopes US Will Not Consider Hambali's Appeal for Release
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JOHOR BAHRU, Aug 22 (Bernama) -- Malaysia is hoping that the United States will not consider an appeal from former Al-Qaeda leader, Hambali, to be released from the prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Deputy Home Minister Datuk Nur Jazlan Mohamed said this was because if Hambali, or his real name, Riduan Isamuddin, is released from the prison and allowed to return to Southeast Asia, he would become the catalyst for terrorism in the region.

"According to information gathered by security agencies in this region, terrorist groups or those keen on being terrorists neither have a sophisticated leadership nor can the knowledge to obtain weapons and explosives that cause mass destruction...."

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