

Malaysia will not bring back body of IS militant Wanndy
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Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi says Wanndy's family can make their own arrangements with authorities in Syria if they want to repatriate his body.

SYDNEY: Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi says the government has no intention of bringing back the body of Islamic State (IS) militant Muhammad Wanndy Mohamed Jedi, who was killed in Syria.

He said, however, that Wanndy's family could do so by making arrangements with Syrian authorities.

"The Malaysian government was informed by international intelligence of the death of Wanndy in a drone attack.

"It has no intention to make arrangements to bring back the body. The family of Muhammad Wanndy can arrange to do that with the authorities in Syria," he said today.

Zahid, who is also home minister, was speaking to Malaysian journalists here while on a three-day visit to Australia.

Wanndy was reportedly killed in an attack in Raqqa, Syria, on April 29.

Inspector-General of Police Khalid Abu Bakar confirmed the death in a Twitter message yesterday.

News of Wanndy's death began circulating on social media on April 29 after his wife, Nor Mahmudah Ahmad, 28, posted on Facebook that he had been killed in a drone attack.

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