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UK Recognises PM Najib's Emphasis On Deradicalisation Of Extremism

KUALA LUMPUR, April 20 (Bernama) -- The United Kingdom recognises Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's emphasis on the importance of deradicalisation as one of the important measures to counter terrorism.

United Kingdom Minister of State for Defence Procurement Philip Dunne said the country was working closely with Malaysia especially in the information sharing arena to combat extremism.

"In counter terrorism our countries are working increasingly close together recognising PM Najib's emphasis on deradicalisation and fighting the sheer threat of extremism that we have around the world," he told Bernama in an interview at the Defence Services Asia 2016 exhibition and conferences here today.

Fifty-three years after the formation of Malaysia on Sept 16, 1963, Malaysia is able to counter all forms of threats, including terrorism and extremism, from penetrating into the country.

History proved that Malaysia not only succeeded in countering such threats, but also rehabilitated or deradicalised those associated with communist insurgency and religious groups, like Al-Maunah and Al-Arqam.

Malaysia's success in the deradicalisation of extremists and terrorists, which stands at 95 per cent, gained world recognition.

This is evident when Malaysia was selected by the United States of America to be the counter-messaging center to address violent extremism.

Dunne said the United Kingdom was also offering its technology for the Malaysian authorities especially on border security.

He said there were 45 UK companies participating in the DSA with some companies specialising in technological solutions for border security.

"We provide a lot of technology solutions for coast guard and land enforcement agencies which should be able to respond very rapidly to incursions," he said.

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