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Malaysia Outlines Three Aspects Of Good Border Management

KUALA LUMPUR, April 19 (Bernama) -- Malaysia has outlined three aspects of good border management which could be practised among ASEAN countries in curbing transnational crimes and non-traditional security challenges, namely human trafficking and terrorist groups.

Armed Forces chief Gen Tan Sri Dr Zulkifeli Mohd Zin said the three aspects were transnational collaboration with neighbouring border management agencies, efficient intelligence sharing activities and integrated government agencies approach at the border.

On transnational collaboration, he said a concerted and comprehensive measures from both sides of the border were taken to ensure efficient and effective enforcement.

"In this sense, efforts must be taken to identify and define non-traditional security challenges, which are acceptable by both countries," he said, adding that the endeavour must be performed at police-making level.

Zulkifeli said this in his keynote address on Chief of Army Round Table Talks (ChART), in conjunction with the Defence Services Asia Conference and Exhibition 2016 (DSA 2016) at the Putra World Trade Centre here Tuesday.

On intelligence sharing, Zulkifeli said effective surveillance and reconnaissance activities should be undertaken through the synergetic efforts of all agencies from both sides of the border.

"In this sense, the army which has operated along the border areas since the first emergency in 1948 would have acquired much information on the change in demography, terrain and modus operandi of these illegal organisations," he said.

Zulkifeli explained the integrated government agency approach was imperative as each agency had its own legal authority in tackling transnational crimes, as well as non-traditional crime.

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Highlighting Malaysia's measures on the matter, he exemplified the National Blue Ocean Strategy which saw collaboration between the armed forces and the police.

"The Malaysian Armed Forces have entered a strategic collaboration with the Royal Malaysian Police, where among others, 23 posts were taken over by the Malaysian Army along the Kelantan-Thailand border.

"This is to allow the police personnel to be re-employed to do policing duties in other more populated areas," he said.

The four-day DSA2016 exhibition beginning Monday, is a major platform for industry players to promote products, exchange ideas and technology, foster partnerships and strategy and synergic collaborations.

There are 25 countries participating in ChART 2016 such as Australia, Brunei, France, India, Indonesia, the United States and Zimbabwe.

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