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A soldier sits inside a bullet riddled house in Marawi, in southern island of Mindanao on July 24, 2017, as the fighting between government troops and Muslim militants entered its second month. — AFP

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The defence ministry has sent the armed forces religious corps (Kagat) to help the displaced people of Marawi, its minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said today.

He said Kagat's main duty would be to meet with the displaced villagers to find out their needs.

The ministry will also provide the villagers with humanitarian aid such as proper drinking water and medical assistance.

"We need to meet their basic needs otherwise they will fall under the influence of IS," Hishammuddin said after launching the Defence Service Asia 2018.

"The Islamic State will promise them a short cut to heaven and look after their families. We know this not true from the experiences of those in the middle East and we need to dispel this notion."

He added that military intelligence officers had also been sent to Marawi to find out more about those involved.

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