

# Significant drop in crime rates in Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang

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Home Minister Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin (centre) with Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakob (left) handing out the Malaysian Incentive Community Empowerment (MyICE) grants during the launching of East Zone 'Kita Demi Negara' (KDN) programme at Dataran Lembah Sireh. -NSTP/NIK ABDULLAH NIK OMAR

KOTA BARU: A decrease in crime statistics has been recorded in Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang.

Home Minister Datuk Seri Hamzah Zainudin described the reduction as significant.

"For example, an average of 25 per cent decline was recorded in Kelantan," Hamzah said.

According to the crime index ratio per 100,000 residents, Terengganu recorded 121.48 for the year 2021 from 162.21 the previous year, while Pahang recorded 115.85 from 133.18.

The three East Coast states recorded double-digit numbers for the year 2022 until the end of September.

"This was the result of the efforts made by all security agencies through operations and enforcement," Hamzah said in his speech at the launching of East Zone 'Kita Demi Negara' (KDN) programme here today.

Launched by Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakob, the programme was also attended by Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Acryl Sani Abdullah Sani and Energy and Natural Resources caretaker minister Datuk Seri Takiyuddin Hassan.

Hamzah said national security was the responsibility of the federal government and this included security in all states, and the Home Ministry was always committed to ensure security.

"The ministry will continue to implement various initiatives to deal with security issues nationwide without prejudice or prioritising a certain state.

"All the initiatives are based on issues and challenges as well the impact on the country and the people.

He said Malaysia was the 18th most peaceful country out of 163 countries in the world on the Index Global Peace (GPI) 2022.

"This index is the main measure of global peace in the world. This is the best achievement for Malaysia since the GPI was introduced in 2008.

"On the Safe City Index in the year 2021, Malaysia is ranked 32nd compared to 35th in 2019.

"The country's position in the world index is very important as it will help to improve the image and sustainability of the national economy's growth.

"A peaceful and secure country will encourage more investors to come and invest in the country. At the same time, it will help boost the tourism sector," Hamzah said, adding that Kelantan was the third state to hold the programme after Perak and Sabah.

The Kita Demi Negara (KDN) programme was launched in March this year as a platform for the ministry to deal directly with the people.

"One of its activities is Friends of Kita Demi Negara which is aimed at recruiting the public to be part of our initiatives.

"As of Oct 20, more than 22,000 have become Friends of KDN," he added.