

Hisham: IS issue among topics at Laos meeting

BATU PAHAT: The Islamic State militancy issue will be among the topics that will be discussed at the upcoming 10th Asean Defence Ministers' Meeting. The ADMM opens in Laos tomorrow.

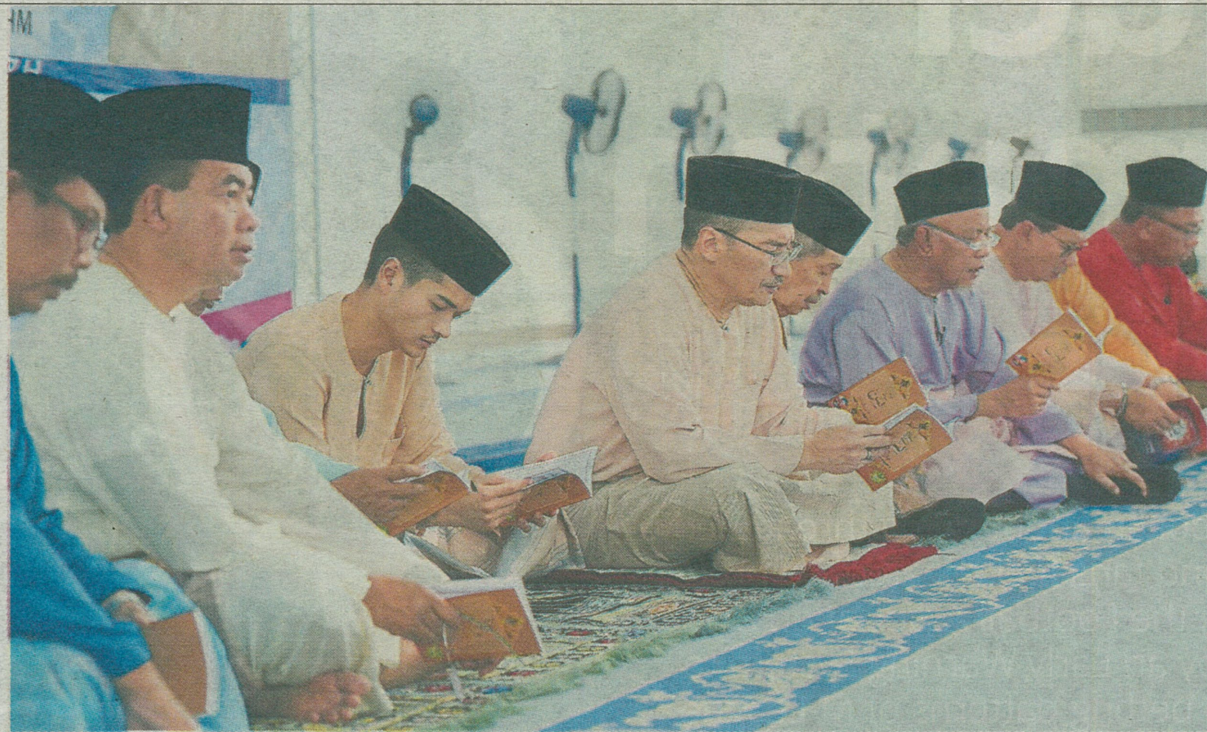
Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein said that Malaysia viewed the IS security threat with extreme concern.

He added that the armed forces needed to seriously look at the IS threat, which was previously under the purview of the Home Ministry.

"This has since changed and such threats are also the concern of my ministry.

"So, the army must take heed in order to work closely with our neighbouring countries," he told reporters after attending a *tahlil* session for his late father at Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia (UTHM) here yesterday.

Tun Hussein Onn passed away on May 29, 1990.



In memory: Hishammuddin during the 'tahlil' for his late father at the Sultan Ibrahim mosque at Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia. Joining in the prayers is Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Abdul Aziz Kaprawi (second left). — Bernama

Hishammuddin was commenting on the 14 Malaysians, including a woman, who were arrested in a special police operation in six states on suspicion of having IS links.

The arrests were proactive measures, said Hishammuddin, who sits on the National Security Council chaired by Prime Minister Datuk

Seri Najib Tun Razak.

On the UTHM event, Hishammuddin said such tributes showed that the people treasured the sacrifices of past leaders.

"Tunku Abdul Rahman, Tun Abdul Razak and Tun Hussein contributed so much towards building Malaysia," he said.

"And, as the next generation, we must learn from their experiences and contributions," he added.



We will nip terrorism in the bud, says Liow
See Page 10