

MODERN POLICING

ZAHID: KL NEEDS 20,000 CCTV CAMS

City Hall seeks them to monitor crime and traffic congestion

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KUALA Lumpur City Hall requires at least 20,000 closed-circuit television cameras to be installed across the capital to monitor crime and traffic congestion.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said there were 5,000 CCTVs in

the federal capital.

However, he said, installation of the cameras could not be undertaken solely by City Hall and required cooperation from ministries, departments and agencies, especially the police.

"Towards this end, City Hall is responsible for seeking funding for the installation, monitoring and surveillance.

"But City Hall needs at least 20,000 CCTV units, so from now until the 13th Malaysia Plan, this effort must be carried out," he said after chairing a cabinet committee meeting on road safety and traffic congestion at the Kuala Lumpur Command Control Centre yesterday.

Present were Transport Minister Anthony Loke, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department



Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi (second from left) being briefed on the Kuala Lumpur Command Control Centre yesterday after chairing a cabinet committee on road safety and traffic congestion meeting. He is flanked by Transport Minister Anthony Loke (left) and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa. BERNAMA PIC

(Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa, Works Minister Datuk Seri Alexander Nanta Linggi and Kuala Lumpur Mayor Datuk Seri Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh.

Zahid said this initiative was a step towards modern policing.

"We learned from the Smart City and Safe City initiatives in other countries that with high-definition and facial recognition CCTVs, crime rates and accidents can be reduced, and other monitoring issues can be managed without infringing on personal rights."

On traffic congestion in Johor

Baru, he said studies would be undertaken by the ministries, considering the Rapid Transit System project connecting Bukit Chagar to Woodlands in Singapore was scheduled for completion in 2027 to realise the Greater Johor Baru plan.

"Immediate studies must be conducted to alleviate this traffic congestion, and several steps have been taken with the state government, ministries and agencies at the national level. We propose it be done before the implementation of the dispersal plan once the RTS is completed."

Zahid also said the meeting discussed the proposal to lower the speed limit in school zones to 30kph.

"The average death toll is 67 motorcycle fatalities each year in school zones. This committee has proposed to lower the speed limit to 30kph in school zones.

"Speed bumps also need to be installed without requiring additional allocations from the ministry, but local authorities and schools can collaborate to install them," he said.

At present, the speed limit in school zones is 40kph.