

- ▣ **4th December 1977** Malaysian Airlines System Flight 653,Hijacking;hijacked by unknown assailants
- ▣ The first fatal accident for MAS with all 93 passengers and 7 crew from 13 countries died when it crashed at Tanjung Kupang,Johor.
- ▣ **5th August, 1975** : AIA Building Hostage Crisis: Japanese Red Army; took hostage of 50 including one american consul and a Swedish diplomat. Demanded release of fellow comrades from Japanese prison. JRA fled to Libya after their comrades were released.

- ▣ **July,2000:** an Islamic Militant group:-Al-Maunah stole weapons from an army camp in an attempt to overthrow the Malaysian government. They were cornered in a village of Sauk, Perak and a standoff for five days against Malaysian Army and Royal Malaysian Police forces. It ended with some killed and while others tried ,convicted and sentenced to death

Territories of Federation of Malaysia

- ▣ Malaysia is a country in Southeast Asia. It consists of two parts, Peninsular Malaysia (West Malaysia) on the Malay Peninsula and Sabah and Sarawak (East Malaysia on the island of Borneo)
- ▣ Peninsular Malaysia borders the South China Sea in east, Singapore at its tip in south, the Strait of Malacca in west and Thailand in north. East Malaysia borders the South China Sea in north west, and Indonesia in south, and it surrounds the state of Brunei.
- ▣ With a total area of 329,847 km², it is slightly larger than Norway, or slightly larger than the U.S. state of New Mexico. Highest mountain is Mount Kinabalu with 4,095 m on the island of Borneo close to the northern tip of the island

Threats against Malaysia

- ▣ Malaysia is a peaceful loving country.
- ▣ We advocate and practice peaceful resolution of disputes .
- ▣ Thus, ANY forms of threats of force to settle international or national conflict is renounced.
- ▣ National Defence Policy: to protect and defend national interests-ensure sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and economic prosperity

Geographical interest of Malaysia

- ▣ Core areas-landmass of peninsular Malaysia,Sabah and Sarawak; its air space and territorial waters must be protected
- ▣ Offshore economic interests-Exclusive economic Zone(EEZ) and continental shelf-South China sea-abundant of fisheries and hydrocarbon resources contributes to nations economy significantly

Malaysia's strategic maritime and airspace lines of communication

- ▣ 1) maritime & airspace lines of communication connecting Peninsular Malaysia with Sabah & Sarawak
- ▣ 2) Strait of Melaka and its approaches
- ▣ 3) Strait of Singapore and its approaches

Current forms of threats

- ▣ **TERRORISM:** Post 11 Sept 2001-attacks on US
- ▣ TWO active and organised militant/terrorist grps identified-Abu Sayyaf Group(ASG) and Jemaah Islamiah(JI)
- ▣ ASG –kidnapping-for-ransom to fund its activities in Southern Phillipines-security implications to Malaysia especial in Phillipines, Malaysia,singapore and Thailandly for Sabah
- ▣ JI-operates in SEA especially in Indonesia, with networking

- ▣ Suicide bombing-rare in Malaysia but possible act of terrorism
- ▣ Piracy and armed robbery:
 - ▣ is only committed on the high seas or in any other place outside the jurisdiction of any State. So an act of 'piracy' that takes place in waters under national jurisdiction is merely act of armed robbery r sea –robbery, should be dealt with exclusively by the affected state, under the principle of coastal state sovereignty and national security.

FAMOUS MALAYSIAN TERRORIST

- Both were linked to Jakarta's suicide bombing
- AZHARI HUSIN: nicknamed the "Demolition Man": Phd in geophysics from University of Reading,UK, Associate Professor of Statistics and Valuation, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia

Statistician and bomb maker; his signature car bombs and explosive backpacks were used in at least four suicide attacks in Bali and Jakarta leading to 245 death. Died in a police raid at Batu,Indonesia, November 2005

NOORDIN MOHAMMED TOP: nicknamed "Money Man";specialised in recruiting militants to become suicide bombers and collecting funds for militant activities; wanted in Indonesia and Malaysia and added as third FBI most wanted list in 2006. regarded by FBI as explosive expert; studied at UTM obtained B.Sci and befriended his professor Dr Azhari. Noordin died in a police raid at Solo, central Java,in 2009.

119 Malaysians involved in (IS) militant activities

- ▣ Home Ministry disclosed in written reply in Dewan Negara: 119 have been identified to be involved in Islamic State militant activities.(14 April 2015, The Sundaily)
- ▣ Of the number, 60 were arrested in Malaysia.
- ▣ On 5 April, 2105, 17 were arrested and age ranging 14-45 y.o wh included security personnel, a student, a wireman and two army personnel. Some received military training in Afghanistan and Sulawesi.
- ▣ Plotted to kidnap certain high-profile individuals & launch attacks on police stations and army camps to acquire weapons

URBAN TERRORIST

- ▣ is the targeted use of terrorism in urban populations in order to cause the most harm, injury, death, or property damage.
- ▣ Since urban areas have significantly higher population densities than rural areas, targeting those areas can maximize the effect of the terrorist attack.
- ▣ Connected to international syndicate of Money laundering/illegal Drugs/human trafficking women and children/prostitution/smuggling of foreign workers etc

LEGISLATIVE APPROACH TO CURB MILITANTCY/TERRORISM

- ▣ PREVENTION OF TERRORISM ACT, MALAYSIA (POTA)
- ▣ Passed on 7 April 2015
- ▣ Enables to detain terror suspects without trial for a period of two years
- ▣ Does not allow any judicial reviews of detentions.
- ▣ But detentions will be reviewed by a special Prevention of Terrorism Board

Curbing physical militancy vs. Ideology of militancy

- * Currently, laws and infrastructures targetted on physical aspects of militancy
- * More should be done to curb Organisations and individuals who promote militant ideologies domestically and recruit young people to radical groups abroad via social networks
- * Should restrict efforts to radicalise young people using inflammatory speech in public places/social networks
- * Charities collecting funds in support of websites or broadcast showing extremism contents should be scrutinised

WHY MILITANTCY/TERRORISM?

- ▣ Good question, no singular answers
- ▣ Retaliation to centuries and years of Imperialism/Colonism on third world countries?
- ▣ Cumulative feeling of hatred, resentment, depraved & deprived
- ▣ Struggle for liberation, sovereignty, equality, recognition, retrieving Power; arms conflict / retaliation capture immediate media publicity and responses by authorities
- ▣ Risking innocent lives both in pursuit of terrorist and retaliation by terrorist

IS RELIGION THE CAUSE OF MILITANTCY/TERRORISM?

- ▣ Two World Wars,
- ▣ Korean wars
- ▣ Warring factions in African states
- ▣ Conflicts in Afghanistan; Iraq
- ▣ Balkan wars
- ▣ Conflicts in Gaza/ Palestine
- ▣ Conflicts in Northern Ireland
- ▣ Bombings of atom bombs in Hiroshima & Nagasaki
- ▣ ALL these took innocent lives: Do they have anything to do with Religion?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRECIOUS TIME.