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KUALA LUMPUR, May 6 (Bernama) -- Regional and global security cooperation are paramount to the preservation of global peace as the world faces a barrage of multifaceted non-conventional security threats, said Turkiye Deputy Defence Minister Dr Celal Sami Tüfekçi.

He said it is vital for neighbouring countries to cooperate to overcome challenges ranging from ploys of extremist groups to transnational threats like pandemics, cyber attacks, and drug trafficking.

"By working together to address these shared threats, we can overcome political differences and build a future based on human security and cooperation. We can transition from a world marked by division to foster collaboration and pave the way for a more equitable and harmonious future.

"While global geopolitical rivalries appear to be intensifying worldwide, Turkiye remains convinced that the potential for cooperation between nations is still strong enough to help mitigate global security," he said as a panelist at the 7th Putrajaya Forum titled Non-Traditional Threats and Emerging Technologies, here today.

The forum is in conjunction with the Defence Services Asia (DSA) and National Security (NATSEC) Asia 2024 at Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre.

The forum serves as a global platform aimed at convening policymakers, think tanks, as well as defence and security agencies from the regional and global community.

The deputy minister elaborated that transnational threats, be they conventional or non-conventional, might cause global ripple effects given the interdependancy of today's world.

"The dispute erupting in one corner of the globe can have ripple effects, sparking tensions or even triggering new conflicts in seemingly distant regions. For example, Africa, was disproportionately affected by the collapse of the Green Corridor Agreement, which ended after an increase in tension in the region," he said.

He called upon all parties to forge collaboration through dialogue and commitment to shared security in efforts to mitigate the impacts of instability.