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Turning to AI to further boost border control



KUALA LUMPUR: The Home Ministry is formulating a strategy to enhance the use of technology, particularly artificial intelligence (AI), for stricter border control measures.

Minister Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail said with border control now consolidated under the Malaysia Checkpoints and Border Agency (MCBA), there's a critical need to employ cutting-edge AI technology to enhance its governance and operations.

“Now that we have the MCBA, how can we leverage technology and innovation in border control? That’s why KDN is very excited to explore this security aspect during the 2024 Defence Services Asia (DSA) and National Security Asia (Natsec) exhibitions,” he said, Bernama reported.

He was speaking at a joint press conference with Defence Minister Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin after inspecting the final preparations for the DSA and Natsec Asia 2024 exhibitions at the Malaysia International Trade and Exhibition Centre (Mitec).

The four-day event starting tomorrow is exclusive to high-level delegations, government officials, professionals and executives within the defence and security sectors, as well as police and other enforcement agencies.

Mohamed Khaled noted that three countries will be making their debut as exhibitors this year, namely Singapore, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Iran.

He added that DSA and Natsec Asia 2024 garnered the participation of 1,324 companies from 60 countries, with 34 countries having their own pavilions, including Turkiye, China, the UAE, Italy and the United States.

Turkiye is once again the largest delegation, with nearly 70 companies participating, including Aselsan, Canik, Dearsan Shipyard and Turkish Aerospace Industries. Among the local participants are DEFTECH, Advanced Defence System, OpenApps, MILDEF, Sapura, Malvus Sense, Weststar Group, Nadi Corp, SME Ordnance, System Consultancy Services and Mindmatics.