Army-Prisons project a success

SHAH ALAM: The recent collaboration between the Prisons Department and the armed forces in five army camps has seen a 100 per cent success rate in rehabilitating inmates.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said the programme saved the government RM1.5 billion on building five new prisons.

In addition, Zahid said none of the inmates who were released since March last year had relapsed.

“This is a successful transformation programme. “The armed forces and Prisons Department have succeeded in transforming the attitude and minds of the inmates,” he said at the Rapat Malaysia programme for Universiti Teknologi Mara lecturers and administrators here yesterday.

Earlier, Zahid urged civil servants to understand and embrace the government’s transformation agenda, as conceived by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak.

He said the agenda was not only to strengthen the nation’s economy, but also the country’s standing globally and to benefit all Malaysians, regardless of race or religion.

He said the transformation plans had shown positive results within a short period.

“Passports can now be ready in an hour,” he said, citing an example.