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Religious Radicalism and Deradicalization Programs for SOSMA Detainees in Malaysia

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Since 1969, Malaysia has recorded 13 extremist militant groups that were operating in the country. This presentation discusses Malaysia's deradicalization program, which aims to rehabilitate detainees and extremists under the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 (SOSMA), reintegrate them into society, and build social resilience.

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