

# Food industry players need to understand security concerns

**FOOD** security refers. In the Economist Intelligence Unit's 2015 Global Food Security Index, Malaysia is placed at 34th out of 109 countries, but was far behind Singapore, ranked second-most food secure country in the world.

It is timely that the agenda of

food defence be brought to light as an integral part of promoting food security.

Food defence addresses concerns on intentional contamination deliberately caused by criminal and subversive elements such as terrorism, with

concerns ranging from attacks of biological, chemical, radiological or even physical means.

Perhaps Universiti Putra Malaysia, which has a Food Security Centre, in collaboration with relevant government agencies may want to consider this

aspect of food security in its initiatives to raise awareness by looking into this as a need as the country moves toward a more globalised environment.

To be ahead of the game, food industry players need to open up to a broader scope of security

awareness and implementation beyond their conventional perception of demand and supply as an integral key component in their corporate culture.

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