

## Press Statement

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### **Malaysian Armed Forces on Immediate Standby to Provide Humanitarian Assistance to the Philippines**

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The Ministry of Defence, through the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF), is on immediate standby to provide humanitarian assistance in the form of delivery of foodstuff to areas affected by Typhoon Tembin and the resulting floods and landslides in the southern Philippines.

This morning, I returned from my working visit to Morocco. I refer to the development of Typhoon Tembin that has swept through the southern Philippines that triggered floods and landslides, specifically in the towns of Tubod and Piagapo. Upon my return, I made a call to Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, Secretary of National Defense of the Philippines to share the sympathies and concerns of the Ministry of Defense, the Malaysian Armed Forces and the Malaysian people towards the victims of the disaster in southern Philippines.

I have instructed the Chief of Defence Force for the Malaysian Armed Forces to be on immediate standby and to coordinate the delivery of humanitarian assistance in the form of distribution of foodstuffs with his counterpart in the Philippines.

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