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**5TH FRANCE-MALAYSIA DEFENCE JOINT HIGH STRATEGIC COMMITTEE
(DJHSC) MEETING
20 June 2019
Paris, France**

The Minister of Defence, YB Haji Mohamad bin Sabu and his counterpart, Her Excellency Florence Parly, Minister for the Armed Forces, France met in Paris on 20th June 2019 to co-chair the 5th France-Malaysia Defence Joint High Strategic Committee (DJHSC) meeting. The meeting was also attended by high ranking officials from both sides. The 5th France-Malaysia DJHSC signifies a remarkable progress of defence cooperation between both countries in various areas. These areas form up five Working Groups namely, defence industry, education and training, military cooperation, submarine technicality and strategic affairs.

During the 5th France-Malaysia DJHSC, both ministers discussed on a broad spectrum of issues particularly the dynamic global security challenges and reaffirmed their commitments to further enhance the defence cooperation between Malaysia and France especially in defence cooperation industry development and defence science and technology. The also welcomed the progress made by the five Working Group since the previous DJHSC in Kuala Lumpur. YB Haji Mohamad also highlighted Malaysia's aspiration to transform the defence industry to be more innovative, agile and technologically driven. In addition, YB Haji Mohamad had the opportunity to meet with several key defence industry players from France to further understand the future outlook of the defence industry. Malaysia values the French companies continued presence in Malaysia and their long-standing commitment in Malaysia's defence programmes.

Malaysia and France share a strong defence cooperation and this visit provided more opportunities for both countries to enhance their existing relationship. Malaysia will host the next DJHSC meeting in 2020.

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