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**OFFICIAL VISIT OF MINISTER OF DEFENCE MALAYSIA  
YB HAJI MOHAMAD BIN SABU TO FRANCE  
16 - 21 June 2019  
Paris, France**

The Minister of Defence, YB Haji Mohamad bin Sabu, undertook his first official visit to France from 16 to 21 June 2019, aimed at strengthening the bilateral relations of the two countries, particularly in the defence sector. Starting 17-18 June 2019, YB Haji Mohamad attended the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Paris Air Show, which was organised by the SIAE, a subsidiary of GIFAS, the French Aerospace Industries Association. The show has successfully brought together global aerospace industry players to converge under one roof in showcasing their innovative technologies.

Leading the Malaysian delegation, YB Haji Mohamad held various meetings with officials and representatives from the French defence sector to discuss existing cooperation and explore potential collaboration opportunities between Malaysia and France. In addition, YB Haji Mohamad spent some time at the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) pavilion, which has been the constant platform that supports Malaysian companies in various sectors to participate in the global arena.

On the sideline of the Paris Air Show, YB Haji Mohamad met his counterpart, Her Excellency Dr. Elisabetta Trenta, Minister of Defence of Italy. Both sides reaffirmed their commitments to further enhance the defence cooperation between Malaysia and Italy and underscored the need to explore areas of mutual interest such as research and development in defence. They also witnessed the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cyber Security and ICT Cooperation between Leonardo MW Ltd and Sapura Secure Technologies.

The presence of YB Haji Mohamad in the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Paris Air Show highlighted the significant existing relations between Malaysia and France, particularly in the aerospace and aviation sector. At the same time, the official visit paved the way for a more cooperation opportunities for both countries in the defence sector.

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