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**OFFICIAL VISIT OF MINISTER OF DEFENCE MALAYSIA  
YB MOHAMAD BIN SABU TO THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA**

**Jakarta, Indonesia**

The Minister of Defence, YB Mohamad bin Sabu, undertook an official visit to the Republic of Indonesia on 24 January 2020. During his visit, the Defence Minister held a discussion with his counterpart, His Excellency H. Prabowo Subianto, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia. Both Ministers acknowledged that the official visit is a testament of the strong and dynamic bilateral defence ties between the two countries.

Both Ministers had a wide-ranging and open discussion that reflected the strength of the relationship and captured the shared interests of both countries. They reiterated their shared commitments to further strengthen the existing defence cooperation based on mutual interests, particularly on the importance of developing defence industry cooperation. Consequently, YB Mohamad also extended the invitation for His Excellency H. Prabowo Subianto to attend the Defence Services Asia Exhibition and Conference (DSA 2020) and the National Security Asia 2020 (NATSEC 2020) scheduled to be held on 20-23 April 2020 in Kuala Lumpur.

During the meeting, the Ministers also touched on the recent kidnapping incident involving five Indonesian fishermen in waters off Tambisan, Sabah. Both Ministers expressed their confidence in the effective implementation of the Trilateral Cooperative Arrangement (TCA) between Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines in addressing the common maritime security threats in waters bordering the littoral states. YB Mohamad also emphasised on Malaysia's seriousness and assured Malaysia's commitment, particularly the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) in securing the area. The Ministers agreed to meet with Secretary Delfin Lorenzana, the Secretary of National Defence of the Philippines on the sideline of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) Retreat in February 2020 to further discuss on ways to enhance the TCA.

The defence tie between Malaysia and Indonesia has seen excellent progress under the ambit of the General Border Committee (GBC) that was established in 1972, especially between the MAF and the Indonesian National Armed Forces (TNI). The defence relation has also strengthened through sub-regional initiatives namely the Malacca Straits Patrol (MSP) and TCA together with the Philippines.

Malaysia and Indonesia share a close bilateral relationship and this visit is a vital step to further strengthening the existing bond of friendship between both countries.

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**Ministry of Defence Malaysia**  
**24 January 2020**

