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**PERWIRA DIALOGUE 2020**

**MALAYSIA'S INAUGURAL DEFENCE WHITE PAPER:  
IDEAS AND IMPLEMENTATION**

The Minister of Defence, YB Haji Mohamad bin Sabu attended and had delivered closing remark at Perwira Dialogue 2020 on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020. This Dialogue is half-day event and held at Wisma Perwira ATM, Kuala Lumpur. The opening remark was delivered by Mr Noor Hisham bin Rosle, Director General, Malaysia Institute of Defence and Security (MiDAS) and the keynote address was delivered by General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Hj Affendi bin Buang RMAF, Chief of Defence Force.

This Perwira Dialogue aims to provide a platform for a meeting of minds on how the key ideas in Malaysia's inaugural Defence White Paper (DWP) shall be implemented effectively, in ways that serve to continuously strengthen the nation's defence capabilities, internal resilience and external partnerships. This dialogue offers an opportunity for the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF) and the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) leaderships to present the roadmap to transform the ideas into policy actions, along the direction set forth by the Minister of Defence while tabling the DWP at the Parliament in December.

The event also serves to facilitate an exchange of perspectives among experts and scholars from around the region, who are invited to share their assessments on the 2020 DWP, including bilateral complementarities and regional potentials of its key ideas. These include Malaysia's 3-pillar defence strategy, its positioning as a maritime nation with continental roots, as well as its vision as a bridging linchpin between the Asia-Pacific and the Indian Ocean regions, all of which aspire to contribute to national defence, ASEAN centrality, as well as regional stability in the spirits of inclusiveness, shared prosperity and shared security. In addition to serving as a dialogue involving the Defence establishment and its stakeholders, the event is expected to generate insights to inform policy thinking and appraisal of the multifaceted challenges and opportunities as Malaysia implements the DWP.

Speakers whom had graced the dialogue are from Malaysia Ministry of Defence, The International Institute for Strategic Studies - Asia, Centre for Strategic and International Studies Indonesia, Australian Department of Defence and Institute for Strategic Studies Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam,

There were 200 participants that had attended this dialogue ranging from Malaysia Ministry of Defence, Regional and Local Think Tanks, National and Security Stakeholder, Government-Linked Company, Local Higher Institutions and representative from Embassies.

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