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**VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH HIS EXCELLENCY PRABOWO SUBIANTO,
MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA
AND
COURTESY CALL BY HIS EXCELLENCY MD SHAHIDUL ISLAM, HIGH
COMMISSIONER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH TO MALAYSIA**

The Honourable Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob, Minister of Defence Malaysia and his counterpart, H.E. Prabowo Subianto, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia, held a video conference on 16 June 2020 at 4.30 pm. H.E. Prabowo Subianto congratulated the former on his appointment as the Senior Minister (Security) and Minister of Defence Malaysia.

Both Ministers acknowledged the longstanding ties between Malaysia and Indonesia. They had an open and wide-ranging discussion that reflected the strength of the relationship. Although challenged by the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, the two Defence Ministers expressed their commitments to further deepen the bilateral defence relations and underscored the importance of expanding the cooperation based on shared interests of both countries.

The defence ties between Malaysia and Indonesia have seen excellent progress under the ambit of the General Border Committee (GBC) that was established in 1972. The defence relations have also strengthened through sub-regional initiatives, namely the Malacca Straits Patrol (MSP) and the Trilateral Cooperative Arrangement (TCA) together with the Philippines.

Prior to the video conference, the Honourable Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob received a courtesy call from **H.E. Md Shahidul Islam, the High Commissioner of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to Malaysia.**

Among the matters discussed during the meeting were the strengthening of bilateral defence relations between Malaysia and Bangladesh as well as issues of common concern regarding the prevailing COVID-19 situation, including the repatriation of undocumented migrants from Bangladesh.

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