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**VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL BETWEEN YB DATO' SRI ISMAIL SABRI BIN YAAKOB,
SENIOR MINISTER OF DEFENCE MALAYSIA AND HON. PEENI HENARE, MINISTER
OF DEFENCE NEW ZEALAND**

**12 APRIL 2021
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YB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri bin Yaakob, Minister of Defence Malaysia held a video conference call with his New Zealand counterpart, Hon. Peeni Henare on 12 April 2021.

During the call, both Ministers underscored the importance of the bilateral defence cooperation and the excellent cooperation between both countries under the Five Powers Defence Arrangements (FPDA) and the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus).

Although challenged by the current COVID-19 pandemic situation, the two Defence Ministers expressed their mutual commitments to the FPDA and the 50th Anniversary events that Malaysia will be hosting in 2021. They supported the resumption of active engagements in 2021 between the armed forces, including the conduct of training and bilateral exercises. They also discussed the need to strengthen cooperation on cyber security between the two armed forces.

The Ministers also updated each other on the current COVID-19 pandemic situation and the implementation of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in both countries.

YB Dato' Sri Ismail Sabri also expressed his hope to meet Minister Henare in person at the 11th FPDA Defence Ministers' Meeting in Kuala Lumpur this year

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**“PRIHATIN RAKYAT : DARURAT MEMERANGI COVID-19”
“BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA”
“PERTAHANAN NEGARA TANGGUNGJAWAB BERSAMA”**