



SENIOR MINISTER OF DEFENCE
MALAYSIA

PRESS STATEMENT

MOU AND CONTRACTS WORTH RM4.6 BILLION FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SIGNED AT DSA & NATSEC ASIA 2022

1. The signing ceremony of Contract Documents, Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) and the handing over of the Letters of Acceptance (LOA) and Letters of Intent (LOI) by the Ministry of Defence (MINDEF), Malaysia was hosted today by Defence Services Asia (DSA) Exhibition & Conference 2022 and National Security (NATSEC) Asia 2022.
2. I am proud to report that a total of **54 signings worth RM 4.6 billion** for MINDEF was successfully achieved during DSA & NATSEC 2022. The breakdown of these are as follows:
 - i. 20 LOAs (RM 1.14 billion)
 - ii. 24 Contracts (RM 3.32 billion)
 - iii. 7 LOIs (RM 152.79 million)
 - iv. 3 MoUs
3. In addition, I would like to also highlight on-going procurement of new assets for the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF). For the **Malaysian Army**, the assets are **Armoured Personal Carrier (APC)** to be deployed with MALBATT 850 in Lebanon; **155mm Self-Propelled Howitzers, Logistic Support Bridges** for the Royal Army Engineers; **3-tonne GS Cargo Trucks** for mobility and logistics; and **Light Anti-Tank Weapon (LAW) Anti Structure** for the Special Forces.
4. For the **Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN)**, the new assets that are in the pipeline are **3 Italian-made AW 139 utility helicopters**. A second batch of **3 Littoral Mission Ships (LMS)** that will be equipped with more sophisticated weapon systems to complement the existing 4 LMS' is also planned for next year subject to approval by the Economic Planning Unit (EPU). Additionally, **13 Fast Interceptor Crafts (FIC)** are also in the process of procurement.
5. Procurements for the **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)** currently underway are **36 new Fighter-Lead-In-Trainer/Light Combat Aircraft (FLIT-LCA)** to be acquired over 2 Phases of 18 aircrafts each. This will replace the MiG-29N/UB that have ceased operations in 2017; the HAWKs that will have been in service for 32 years by 2026; and the Aermacchi (MB-339CM) that will have also been in service for 22 years by 2030.
6. In addition, plans are in place to procure **3 long-range air defence radars (LORAD); medium-range air defence radar (MERAD); Unmanned Aerial Surveillance (UAS); Medium Altitude Long Endurance Unmanned Aerial Surveillance (MALE-UAS) and Maritime Patrol Aircrafts (MPA).**



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7. Under the Maritime Security Initiative (MSI), **3 CN235-220M** aircrafts are currently in the process of being **upgraded** to fulfil the role of **Maritime Surveillance Aircrafts (MSA)** that will be capable of conducting Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) duties.
8. Furthermore, as requested by the *end-users* (RMAF) themselves using the *Government Operate, Company Own and Maintain* (GOCOM) method, we are currently leasing 4 AW139 helicopters as a short-term measure to address the NURIs that have been decommissioned. Apart from GOCOM, plans are already in place to procure **24 new helicopters** to address the decommissioned NURIs from 2026 onwards with **12 helicopters to be acquired in Phase 1 (13th RMK from 2026-2030)**, and **12 more helicopters to be acquired in Phase 2 (14th RMK from 2031-2035)**.
9. I would like to emphasise that despite the economic impact of the pandemic; and working within the budget allocated to MINDEF and MAF, both the Ministry and Military are committed, working hand-in-hand, to ensure our defence and security readiness remains at an optimum level.
10. The success of DSA & NATSEC 2022 over the last 3 days also highlights the strong partnership that exists between MINDEF, MAF and the defence industry as symbolized by today's MOU & Contract signing ceremony.

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