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### WORKING VISIT TO DEFENSE & SECURITY 2022

1. On the invitation of General Prayut Chan-o-cha, Minister of Defence for the Kingdom of Thailand; I am currently on a two (2) day Working Visit to Bangkok, Thailand to attend **Defense & Security 2022** at the IMPACT Exhibition and Convention Center. The Malaysian delegation includes Dato' Sri Muez Bin Abd Aziz, Secretary General of the Ministry of Defence Malaysia (MINDEF); General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Hj Affendi Bin Buang, Chief of Defence Force; Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Reza Bin Mohd Sany, Chief of the Royal Malaysian Navy; and Lieutenant General Dato' Indera Muhamad Norazlan bin Aris, Deputy Chief of the Royal Malaysian Air Force.
2. MINDEF, together with Asian Defence Journal (ADJ) and DSA Exhibition & Conferences Sdn. Bhd, participated in *Defense & Security 2022* under the **Malaysia Pavilion**. The Pavilion is to promote the DSA and NATSEC ASIA exhibition which will be held from 6-9 May 2024 and today, I witnessed the Participation Contract Handover Ceremony where 5 companies sealed their commitment to participate, namely :-
  1. Kallman Worldwide, representing the United States Pavilion;
  2. Pexpo Services, representing the German Pavilion;
  3. Advance Defence System Sdn Bhd;
  4. MILDEF International Technologies Sdn Bhd; and
  5. Ada Vinci Global Sdn Bhd.
3. Both General Prayut and I also held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of *Defense & Security 2022* where we highlighted our strengthening bilateral defence relations, especially with the three (3) exercises conducted between the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) and the Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTARF) this year which are **Air THAMAL**, **Land THAMAL**, and **Sea THAMAL**. Both the MAF and RTARF also participated in **COBRA GOLD** this year, a multilateral exercise co-hosted by the Kingdom of Thailand and the United States of America.
4. In view of the extensive military collaboration between Malaysia and the Kingdom of Thailand, I proposed the establishment of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Defence Cooperation** to serve as a strategic platform to cement military-to-military cooperation; and explore new areas of cooperation such as our defence industries, and defence science and technology. Both General Prayut and I have tasked our senior officials to finalize this MoU before the end of the year.



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5. Importantly, I took the opportunity to convey to General Prayut that the Defence Ministers of Indonesia and Singapore have supported Malaysia's proposal to elevate the **Malacca Straits Patrol (MSP)** by introducing a **Quadrilateral Ministerial Meeting** between the participating nations. General Prayut welcomed the proposal and looks forward to hosting the Quadrilateral Ministerial Meeting in Thailand later this year.
6. Both General Prayut and I also discussed a broad spectrum of regional and international issues regarding the dynamic global security landscape such as the Russia-Ukraine Conflict; Myanmar; and Cross-Strait developments.
7. Tomorrow, I will pay a Courtesy Call on Acting Prime Minister General Prawit Wongsuwan at Government House in Bangkok to reinforce and strengthen the close ties between Malaysia and the Kingdom of Thailand before concluding my working visit.

**YB DATO' SERI HISHAMUDDIN TUN HUSSEIN**  
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