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**WORKING VISIT OF MINISTER OF DEFENCE MALAYSIA
TO ABU DHABI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

26 February – 1 March 2023

Malaysia Minister of Defence, YB Dato' Seri Mohamad bin Haji Hasan, undertook a working visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 26 February to 1 March 2023. This visit is to accompany His Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah to meet with the President of the UAE and the Ruler of Abu Dhabi, Syeikh Mohamed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan.

The Minister of Defence also accompanied His Majesty the King to the closing ceremony of the 6th Desert Tiger Exercise in Al Hamra Camp, Abu Dhabi. This exercise was part of the bilateral defence cooperation between the Malaysian Army and the United Arab Emirates Land Forces. Afterwards, His Majesty the King and the Minister met and interacted with the Malaysian Army personnel involved in the Desert Tiger Exercise.

The Minister also held a discussion with his counterpart, H.E. Mohammed Ahmed Al Bowardi, the Minister of State for Defense, UAE. Both Defence Ministers reaffirmed their commitments to further enhance the defence cooperation between Malaysia and the UAE particularly in the science, technology and defence industry.

Both sides underscored the need to boost the defence industry cooperation through smart partnerships, joint ventures and strategic business alliances between the defence companies of the two countries. The Minister also took the opportunity to invite his counterpart to visit the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA 2023) in Langkawi.

He also visited Abu Dhabi Ship Building (ADSB) and CARACAL, a world-renowned small arms manufacturer, to gain insight into how the UAE developed its indigenous defence products. Minister expressed hope that UAE's defence industry companies could explore new avenues of cooperation in Malaysia.

The visit to the UAE by Dato' Seri Mohamad bin Haji Hasan is an activity carried out under the Credible Partnerships Pillar in the defence strategy, as outlined by Malaysia's Defence White Paper. It is to strengthen and expand defence cooperation to ensure that Malaysia continues to contribute to development and stability.

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**LAWATAN KERJA MENTERI PERTAHANAN KE
ABU DHABI, EMIRIAH ARAB BERSATU (UAE)**

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Menteri Pertahanan, YB Dato' Seri Mohamad bin Haji Hasan telah mengadakan satu lawatan kerja ke Emiriah Arab Bersatu dari 26 Februari – 1 Mac 2023. Lawatan kerja ini bagi mengiringi keberangkatan Kebawah Duli Yang Maha Mulia (KDYMM) Seri Paduka Baginda Yang Di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Haji Ahmad Shah Al-Musta'in Billah bertemu dengan Syeikh Mohamed bin Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, Presiden Emiriah Arab Bersatu (UAE) dan Pemerintah Abu Dhabi.

Menteri Pertahanan telah mengiringi keberangkatan KDYMM ke Majlis Penutupan Eksesais *Desert Tiger* Ke-6 di Kem Al-Hamra, Abu Dhabi. Eksesais ini adalah merupakan sebahagian daripada kerjasama pertahanan dua hala di antara Tentera Darat Malaysia dan Tentera Darat UAE. KDYMM telah berkenan bertemu dengan anggota Tentera Darat Malaysia yang mengambil bahagian dalam Eksesais *Desert Tiger*.

Dato' Seri Mohamad bin Haji Hasan juga telah mengadakan pertemuan dengan rakan sejawat beliau iaitu Tuan Yang Terutama (TYT) Mohammed Ahmed Al Bowardi, Menteri Negara bagi Hal Ehwal Pertahanan, UAE. Kedua-dua Menteri Pertahanan mengesahkan komitmen untuk meningkatkan kerjasama pertahanan di antara Malaysia dan UAE khususnya dalam bidang sains, teknologi dan industri pertahanan.

Kedua-dua pihak menekankan keperluan untuk memacu kerjasama industri pertahanan menerusi perkongsian pintar, usaha sama (JV) dan gabungan perusahaan strategik melibatkan syarikat-syarikat pertahanan kedua-dua negara. Dato' Seri Mohamad juga mengambil kesempatan menjemput rakan sejawat beliau menghadiri *Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition* (LIMA 2023) di Langkawi.

Menteri Pertahanan turut berkesempatan melawat Abu Dhabi Ship Building (ADSB) dan CARACAL, yang merupakan sebuah syarikat pembuatan senjata kecil terkemuka dunia, bagi mendapatkan pandangan bagaimana UAE membangunkan produk pertahanan negara berkenaan. Beliau menyatakan harapan agar syarikat industri pertahanan UAE dapat meneroka peluang kerjasama dengan syarikat-syarikat pertahanan di Malaysia.

Lawatan ke UAE oleh Dato' Seri Mohamad bin Haji Hasan adalah merupakan satu aktiviti bawah Tonggak Ketiga Strategi Pertahanan Negara, iaitu Perkongsian Berwibawa, seperti yang digariskan di dalam Kertas Putih Pertahanan (KPP).

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