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**OFFICIAL VISIT OF MINISTER OF DEFENCE MALAYSIA  
TO REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA TO ENHANCE DEFENCE COOPERATION**

The Minister of Defence, YB Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad bin Haji Hasan, undertook an official visit to Republic of Indonesia on 21 February 2023. During his visit, the Defence Minister made a call on his counterpart, His Excellency Prabowo Subianto, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia.

During the call, the Ministers had a very productive discussion to enhance defence cooperation in defence through various bilateral and multilateral platforms. The defence tie between Malaysia and Indonesia has seen excellent progress under the ambit of the General Border Committee that was established in 1972, especially between the Malaysian Armed Forces and the Indonesian National Armed Forces.

Bilaterally, the defence relations between both countries includes border cooperation, defence industry cooperation and military activities particularly exercises, trainings and exchange of personnel. The defence relation has also strengthened through sub-regional initiatives namely the Malacca Straits Patrol (MSP) and the Trilateral Cooperative Arrangements (TCA).

Both Ministers also reiterated their shared commitment to constructively and progressively strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries, following the signing of Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation between Malaysia and the Republic of Indonesia on 9 August 2022. The areas of cooperation include defence science and technology, defence industry, dialogue on strategic defence and military issues and information sharing.

Both Ministers firmly believed that strong cooperation between the two countries will ensure effective implementation of all forthcoming activities. Consequently, YB Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad also extended the invitation for His Excellency to visit the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2023 (LIMA '23) which will be held from 23-27 May 2023.

Malaysia and Indonesia share a close bilateral relationship and the visit by YB Dato' Seri Utama Haji Mohamad to Republic of Indonesia is a vital step to further strengthen the existing bond of diplomacy and friendship between both countries.

The Minister of Defence was accompanied by Chief of the Defence Forces, General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Hj Affendi Buang RMAF, Defence Ministry Senior Officers and Malaysia Armed Forces representative.

Defence diplomacy especially within the region is in line with the Credible Partnership Pillar in the national defence strategy, as outlined in the Defence White Paper. It is to strengthen and expand defence cooperation to ensure that Malaysia continues to contribute to regional development and stability.

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***“MALAYSIA MADANI”***

***“BERKHIDMAT UNTUK NEGARA”***

***“PERTAHANAN NEGARA TANGGUNGJAWAB BERSAMA”***

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