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SECOND DEFENCE MINISTERS' MEETING OF ISLAMIC MILITARY COUNTER TERRORISM COALITION (IMCTC) 3 FEBRUARY 2024, RIYADH SAUDI ARABIA

His Excellency Adly bin Zahari, Deputy Minister of Defence Malaysia, attended The Second Meeting of the Ministers of Defence of the Member States of the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition (IMCTC) held on 3 February 2024, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The meeting gathered 42 member countries and discussed relevant initiatives to be steered by member countries to address the threats of extremism and violence internationally in four focus domains, restricting the spread of ideology, communication, blocking terrorist financing, and military cooperation. Malaysia has deployed two officers from the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) at the Counter-Terrorism Centre (CTC) IMCTC since 2023 to demonstrate the country's commitment to combating terrorism regionally and internationally.

Yesterday, the IMCTC member countries collectively agreed to lead initiatives in various forms including funding, training, expertise, and skills. The Second IMCTC Meeting also welcomed Malaysia's proposal to lead the Information Technology Literacy and Digital Resilience Development Program initiative, which includes developing, creating, producing, and disseminating media content related to violence and extremism among the youth of IMCTC member countries.

To manifest the strong defence cooperation between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia, the Deputy Minister of Defence, His Excellency Adli bin Zahari, also accepted the invitation from the Saudi Arabian government to visit the World Defense Show (WDS) held concurrently from 4 to 8 February 2024. The WDS 2024 is a significant platform that brings together various players in the defence industry to showcase the latest defence technology across land, air, sea, and cyber domains.

In this short-duration visit, the Deputy Minister of Defence and delegation had the opportunity to meet key international players in the defence industry to keep abreast with the latest developments in defence technology, equipment and assets. The presence of the Ministry of Defence delegation at WDS 2024 was also to promote the Defence Services Asia 2024 & National Security Asia 2024 Exhibition (DSA 2024 & NATSEC Asia 2024), scheduled to take place from 6 to 9 May 2024 in Kuala Lumpur.

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