

# Malaysia - Brunei to strengthen defence ties

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Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (left) with the Sultan of Brunei Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah during a meeting at the Istana Nurul Iman today. - Photo courtesy of PMO.

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia and Brunei have expressed their commitment to strengthen and foster closer defence ties through a collaboration between the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) and Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF).

The cooperation would centre in areas of strategic importance through regular exchanges of visits, training and military exercises, said a joint statement on the 23rd Annual Leaders' Consultation between Sultan of Brunei Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin.

The statement said His Majesty and Muhyiddin commended the continued participation of RBAF and MAF personnel in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and the International Monitoring Team (IMT) in Mindanao, Philippines as well as their contribution towards preserving regional peace and security.

"Both leaders noted the continuous involvement of defence officials to the Defence Services Asia Conference and Exhibition (DSA) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia as well as the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA) in Langkawi, Malaysia.

"The Prime Minister of Malaysia looks forward to Brunei's continuous support for the 17th DSA in March next year.

The two leaders also expressed satisfaction with the collaboration in Asean Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM), including through several initiatives such as the Asean Direct Communications Infrastructure (ADI), ADMM Logistics Support Framework, Asean Defence Interaction Programme (ADIP) and Asean Militaries Ready Group on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (AMRG on HADR)," said the statement.