

1 TO 2 MONTHS

Defence, security industry policy to be launched soon

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BANDUNG: The national defence and security industry policy is expected to be launched in a month or two, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob.

He said the policy would strengthen the country's defence industry, which is one of the main focuses of the Defence Ministry.

Ismail Sabri was speaking to the media after his visit to military equipment production fa-

cility PT Pindad, which has been involved in the defence industry since 1983, here yesterday.

The visit is the last event in the itinerary of Ismail Sabri's three-day official visit to Indonesia.

"So this visit is appropriate for us... in terms of cooperation with Indonesia."

He said the goal of the visit to PT Pindad was to see the development of the defence industry in Indonesia.

"Maybe after this, we will see,

in terms of opportunity, a cooperation between Malaysia and Indonesia."

The policy will provide guidance on reducing dependence on assets and equipment from abroad.

According to the 12th Malaysia Plan released by the Economic Planning Unit last September, the policy focuses on product and service development as well as talent development.

Ismail Sabri was accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah, Senior Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, and charge d'affaires of the Malaysian embassy in Indonesia Adlan Mohd Shaffieq.

Present on behalf of Indonesia were Defence Minister Prabowo Subianto, PT Pindad chief executive officer Abraham Mose, as well as Education, Culture, Research and Technology Minister Nadiem Anwar Makarim, who is also the accompanying minister.

PT Pindad is a state-owned company involved in the production of military and commercial wares including pistols, rifles,



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob and Indonesian Defence Minister Prabowo Subianto (right) visiting military equipment production facility PT Pindad in Bandung, Indonesia, yesterday. With them are Senior Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein (third from right) and Foreign Minister Datuk Saifuddin Abdullah (fourth from right). BERNAMA PIC

ammunition, special vehicles, pyrotechnic products, explosives, mechanical products, electrical optics and optoelectronics.

The company is a major supplier of armaments and ammunition to the Indonesian armed forces and other uniformed bodies to support Indonesia's de-

fence and security capabilities.

PT Pindad carries out development, engineering and fabrication activities, as well as maintenance.

The facility covers 66ha, with the largest facility in Malang, East Java, covering 166ha. **Berna-**

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