

Malaysia And Singapore Enjoy Well-established Defence Cooperation, Says Deputy Envoy
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SINGAPORE, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) and Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) have a well-established defence cooperation, said Malaysia's Deputy High Commissioner, Kamsiah Kamaruddin.

"The cooperation with Singapore is very well established. We have many bilateral exchanges, not just at the officers level but also at the more practical level," she told Bernama at the Malaysian Armed Forces Day Reception here.

The event was held on the occasion of the 79th Anniversary of Malaysia's Armed Forces Day.

Kamsiah cited among notable cooperation included the Five-Power Defence Agreement (FPDA) and the Eyes in the Sky (EiS), a concept to enhance the security in the Straits of Malacca and Singapore.

She said there had been a lot of exchanges between the armed forces of both countries and they were on-going.

Kamsiah said MAF had done very well in the past 79 years, however, she noted it was now at the cross roads because of the new generation who were not so familiar with what the army was doing, what it had done, or how it had changed the course of history of the country.

Therefore, she felt there was a need for the army to sit down and get the experts to do some thinking.

She said there was a lot that the army had done and there was still a lot that they could do in terms of being a social mobility factor.

"Not just an army which is concerned with the military hardware, there is also a component of the people because the Malaysian army is the army of the people. I think that is something that the army probably should look into," she added.

Kamsiah however noted MAF had increased the social mobility of many young men who secured employment, education through the army.

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