

Malaysia-France Five-Day Joint Exercise Underway
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 20 (Bernama) -- Multiple exercises themed, 'Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR)' are being conducted for five days during this year's Exercise Malaysia-France (EKS MALFRAN) this year.

The joint exercise involving the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) and France Armed Forces (FAF), beginning yesterday, will be held onboard the FAF ship, 'FNS Dixmude' in the waters off Mersing, Johor and in Kampung Simpang Penyabong which is located in the (Mersing) district.

Apart from strengthening relations between both armed forces, the joint exercise was aimed at, among others, becoming a platform for HADR Subject-Matter Expert to exchange views.

It was also aimed at exposing MAF personnel to the Multi National Force Standing Operating Procedure, said a statement from the Malaysian Defence Ministry here today.

It noted that the exercise would involve several phases, including Table Top Exercise (TTX) for HADR planning, Force Integration Training (FIT) involving air and ground components, as well as Field Training Exercise (FTX) for the implementation of the HADR concept.

"The FTX phase will consist of the implementation of the Engineering Civic Action Programme (Encap) and the Medical Civic Action Programme (Medcap)," it said.

The statement said a total of 106 MAF personnel from the three services (Army, Navy and Air Force) will participate in the joint exercise, whereby the personnel would undergo the TTX and FIT phases onboard the FNS Dixmude after boarding the ship in Port Klang.

A Royal Malaysian Air Forces EC725 helicopter will also be involved in the exercise, it said, adding that a tactical aircraft disembarkation training would also be held by the Malaysian Army, Encap and Medcap components.

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