



JOINT STATEMENT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF THE U.S.-INDONESIA MAJOR DEFENSE COOPERATION PARTNERSHIP

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The U.S. Secretary of War and Indonesian Minister of Defense announce the establishment of the **Major Defense Cooperation Partnership (MDCP)** between the United States and Indonesia. This announcement reflects Indonesia's important role in promoting regional stability and underscores the strength and potential of the bilateral defense relationship.

The MDCP is intended to serve as a guiding framework to advance bilateral defense cooperation. With this announcement, both nations reaffirm their shared commitment to maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific.

The MDCP features three foundational pillars implemented based on mutual respect and national sovereignty:

- (1) Military modernization and capacity building;**
- (2) Training and professional military education; and**
- (3) Exercises and operational cooperation.**

Under the MDCP framework, the United States and Indonesia will explore mutually agreed cutting-edge initiatives, including co-developing sophisticated asymmetric capabilities pioneering next-generation defense technologies in the maritime, subsurface, and autonomous systems domains, and cooperating on maintenance, repair, and overhaul support to improve operational readiness.

As a symbol of this elevated partnership, and reflective of the deep trust between their nations, both leaders have also committed to enhance joint special forces training. These engagements will advance mutual security interests and forge even stronger, more resilient bonds between American and Indonesian service members through expanded opportunities in premier professional military education and the establishment of defense alumni ties.

This partnership is representative of the continued development of the U.S.-Indonesia bilateral defense relationship, built upon decades of cooperation. Both countries recognize each other as important partners and reaffirm their commitment to cooperation based on mutual respect, sovereignty, and shared interest in regional peace and stability.

The U.S. Department of War and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Indonesia look forward to building on their longstanding partnership and investing in deeper cooperation under the MDCP framework.