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LTAT Pays Tribute to MAF Veterans with Hari Pahlawan Video

Honouring Malaysia's National Heroes Through a Story of Sacrifice, Family, and Patriotism

KUALA LUMPUR, 31 JULY 2025 – In conjunction with Hari Pahlawan 2025, Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT") unveil a special short film titled "Grandpa, What's That?" as a heartfelt tribute to the courage and sacrifices of Malaysia's national heroes who have selflessly defended the nation's sovereignty and peace.

The short film is based on the true story of Colonel (Retired) Zulkifli Dato' Hj Tahir, a veteran of the Royal Malay Regiment ("RAMD"), who lost his right leg after stepping on a landmine while leading a reconnaissance platoon of the 9th Battalion RAMD during a counterinsurgency operation in Gubir, Kedah, in 1986. His journey is a powerful symbol of unwavering bravery and sacrifice, a legacy that continues to inspire patriotism and a deep love for the country across generations.

LTAT's Chief Executive, Mohammad Ashraf Md Radzi, said, "This Hari Pahlawan, we want Malaysians not only to remember, but to truly feel the weight of sacrifice made by our heroes. Through this short film, we honour those who walked into danger so the rest of us could walk peacefully into the future. Colonel (R) Zulkifli's story reminds us that behind every uniform, there is a person, a family, and a future forever changed."

"At LTAT, our mission goes beyond planning sustainable retirement for the men and women of the Armed Forces. It is also about preserving their dignity, honouring their legacy, and ensuring their sacrifices are never forgotten. We hope this video will spark greater awareness, especially among younger Malaysians, about the true meaning of sacrifice, the spirit of patriotism, and the importance of planning for the future," he added.

Produced in collaboration with the Malaysian Armed Forces ("MAF") and the Strategic Communications Unit ("UKS") of the Ministry of Defence, the short film was shot at the Akademi Latihan Ketenteraan ("ALK") in Kem Sungai Besi, Selangor. The full video is now available on all official LTAT social media platforms.

Watch "Grandpa, What's That?" on YouTube.

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About the Armed Forces Fund Board ("LTAT")

Established in August 1972 under the Armed Forces Fund Act (also known as Act 101), the Lembaga Tabung Angkatan Tentera ("LTAT") is a statutory body which manages the retirement fund for officers and members of other ranks of the Malaysian Armed Forces ("MAF") and the veterans. For more information on LTAT, visit www.ltat.gov.my.

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