



## MEDIA RELEASE

### MINDEF and LTAT Deliver MADANI in Action

#### **Key Takeaways:**

- i. Facilities upgrade worth RM150,000 and disbursement of financial aid to 30 families under the Kem Santuni MADANI programme*
- ii. Education empowerment worth RM50,000 under Sekolah Angkat MADANI programme; and*
- iii. Empowering the Armed Forces through Financial Literacy and Importance of Health Initiatives*

**KOTA KINABALU, 21 SEPTEMBER 2025** – In conjunction with Malaysia Day and Malaysian Armed Forces Day, the Ministry of Defence ("MINDEF") and the Malaysian Armed Forces ("MAF"), through Fifth Infantry Division ("5 Div"), as well as the Armed Forces Fund Board ("LTAT"), officiated key initiatives under the Kem Santuni MADANI and Sekolah Angkat MADANI programmes at Kem Lok Kawi, Sabah, today.

The programme, graced by YB Dato' Seri Haji Mohamed Khaled Nordin, Minister of Defence, reflects the Government's Malaysia MADANI, Rakyat Disantuni aspiration of uplifting communities by ensuring that the people are cared for, empowered, and supported, with the MAF community and their families placed at the centre of these efforts.

#### **Uplifting MAF Families through Infrastructure, Education and Direct Aid**

Central to the visit was the handover of more than RM150,000.00 worth of infrastructure upgrades at Masjid As-Salam, Kem Lok Kawi, improving facilities and symbolising a renewed space for faith and unity. YB Dato' Seri Haji Mohamed Khaled Nordin, Minister of Defence, also presented a symbolic Wakaf Al-Quran to the camp leadership.

In addition, mock cheques worth RM50,000 were presented to Sekolah Kebangsaan Kem Lok Kawi, Kota Kinabalu, and Sekolah Kebangsaan Kem Tentera, Sandakan, Sabah, under LTAT's Sekolah Angkat MADANI initiative. Supported by LTAT and more than 14 of its Group of Companies, the programme now spans 38 schools located in MAF camps nationwide, strengthening education and learning resources for the children of MAF personnel, with a total allocation of RM950,000.

As part of the visit, Yayasan LTAT also disbursed RM15,000 in direct financial aid to 30 MAF families in Kem Lok Kawi, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, identified as underprivileged and/or facing critical health conditions.

"These initiatives show what the MADANI aspiration truly means: Rakyat Disantuni, their welfare uplifted, and their communities strengthened. Our Armed Forces and their families are the backbone of national security, and it is our responsibility to ensure their well-being is protected and celebrated," said Mohammad Ashraf Md Radzi, Chief Executive of LTAT.

## **Financial Empowerment and Health for the Future**

The visit also highlighted LTAT's ongoing Contributor Benefit Briefing and Financial Literacy Programme, which, since its inception in December 2023, has reached over 40,000 MAF members nationwide. The programme equips Armed Forces personnel with financial knowledge and planning skills for a secure retirement.

Complementing these efforts, LTAT's investee company, Pharmaniaga Berhad, through its Skuad Operasi Sihat ("SOS"), provided free health screening services such as blood glucose and blood pressure checks to promote a culture of preventive healthcare and healthy living among the Armed Forces community. Meanwhile, another LTAT investee company, UAC Berhad, contributed towards the infrastructure upgrades at Masjid As-Salam.

"Through Kem Santuni MADANI and Sekolah Angkat MADANI, we are honouring the sacrifices of our Armed Forces community by delivering welfare, education and financial empowerment, in line with the MADANI aspiration of a more compassionate, inclusive Malaysia," said Ashraf.

Kem Lok Kawi is one of five camps adopted under LTAT's Kem Santuni MADANI initiative, which channels RM500,000 nationwide into infrastructure, economic empowerment, financial literacy, and community support, benefitting more than 5,900 Armed Forces families.

## **Standing with Sabah in Trying Times**

Amid ongoing heavy rains and floods in Sabah, LTAT reaffirmed its solidarity with the people of the state.

"We stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of Sabah in these challenging times. LTAT prays for calm and safety, and we will continue to do our part to support Armed Forces families as well as the wider community affected. Their resilience inspires us to give back more and to ensure that no one is left behind," he added.

Also present were General Tan Sri Dato' Sri Muhammad Hafizuddean bin Jantan, Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Dato' Mohd Sofi bin Md Lepi, Army Field Commander East; Major General Dato' Haji Noorru Azril bin Ariffin, 5th Division General Officer Commanding; and Dato' Dr. Mohd Nizar bin Hj Sudin, Chief Executive of Yayasan LTAT.

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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](http://www.ltat.gov.my).

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