
INDONESIA, JAPAN DISCUSS DEFENCE TIES AFTER TOKYO UNLOCKS ARMS EXPORTS

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The defence ministers of Indonesia and Japan met in Jakarta on May 4 to sign a defence cooperation agreement, underlining the need to safeguard regional peace and stability in the face of global tumult.

Indonesian Defence Minister Sjafrie Sjamsoeddin said he would ink an agreement with his Japanese counterpart, Mr Shinjiro Koizumi, although details of the pact were not shared publicly and there was no official confirmation that they had signed it.

Japans defence ministry has said Mr Koizumi would seek to bolster exchanges in the areas of defence equipment and technology.

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