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## **Chief of Defence Force Conferred one of the Highest Indonesian Military Award**

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The Chief of Defence Force, Lieutenant-General (LT-GEN) Bey Soo Kiang was conferred the "Bintang Yudha Dharma Utama" or the War Service Star, First Class, by the Commander-in-Chief, Indonesian Armed Forces, General (GEN) Feisal Tanjung. The award was conferred on behalf of President Soeharto, at an investiture ceremony held today, 4 Oct 96, at the Indonesian Armed Forces Headquarters, Jakarta.

LT-GEN Bey is on a three-day official visit to Indonesia at the invitation of GEN Feisal Tanjung. After the investiture ceremony, LT-GEN Bey will also call on the Minister of Defence and Security, GEN (Ret) Edi Sudradjat. He will also be hosted to lunch by GEN Feisal Tanjung.

The "Bintang Yudha Dharma Utama" is the highest Indonesian military award given to foreign armed forces chiefs. Former Chiefs of Defence Force, LT-GEN (Ret) Winston Choo and LT-GEN (NS) Ng Jui Ping received the award in Oct 1986 and Jan 1994, respectively.

LT-GEN Bey will attend the Indonesian Armed Forces Day Parade on 5 Oct before he leaves for Singapore the same evening. The award of the medal to LT-GEN Bey reflects the close and warm defence ties between Indonesia and Singapore.