

# UK firm to fight cyber crime in Malaysia

**KUALA LUMPUR:** BAE Systems will open a cyber network centre here to combat cyber and financial crime, which have arguably exposed a core threat vulnerability for commercial businesses.

United Kingdom Defence Equipment, Support and Technology Minister Philip Dunne said it was part of new elements being offered to Malaysia and the region in view of increased potential attacks via cyber networks.

"The centre will look at what can be done to target suspicious behaviour before a network is compromised and how cyber and financial crime should be treated as one digital crime.

"It will also provide avenues to assess threats and discuss cyber and fraud trends, and how companies can step up their defences, particularly on business investments in defensive technologies."

Dunne said the facility was part of the collaboration with Malaysia in which Britain continuously hoped to provide cutting-edge technologies, as the former sought to develop its indigenous defence industries.

"We have to continuously upgrade our systems with new-generation assets to face challenges and threats," he said, referring to the disappearance of Malaysia Airlines flight MH370.

Dunne said the tragedy had exposed the need to beef up systems and assets, including naval and satellite technologies, in the southern hemisphere.

On another note, Dunne said Britain was keen to identify areas of future cooperation



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across a range of sectors and attract long-term joint ventures and industrial partnerships.

Meanwhile, Thales United Kingdom has offered to replace the aging Starburst ground-based air defence missile system for the Malaysian armed forces.

This follows the appointment by Thales of Malaysian company Global Komited Sdn Bhd, a subsidiary of the Weststar Group, to promote, market and distribute a wide range of such systems here and in other parts of Asia.

Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein witnessed a signing ceremony for the appointment during Defence Services Asia 2014 at the Putra World Trade Centre.