



## **SINGAPORE AND INDIA SIGN BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON JOINT ARMY TRAINING AND EXERCISES**

1. Permanent Secretary (Defence) Mr Chiang Chie Foo and his Indian counterpart Defence Secretary Mr Vijay Singh signed the Bilateral Agreement (BA) for the Conduct of Joint Army Training and Exercises in India at the Indian Ministry of Defence in New Delhi yesterday morning.
2. Mr Chiang, who is in India for an official visit from 11 to 13 Aug, also called on the Indian Defence Minister Mr A K Antony, and met the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta and the Chief of the Army Staff General Deepak Kapoor.
3. This is the second BA to be signed between Singapore and India. In Oct 07, Mr Chiang and Mr Singh signed the Bilateral Agreement for the Conduct of Joint Military Training and Exercises in India between the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) and the Indian Air Force (IAF). The conclusion of the Army BA is a further testament to the growing bilateral relations between Singapore and India.
4. Since the inaugural bilateral army exercise in Apr 05, the two armies have conducted annual bilateral armour and artillery exercises, codenamed Ex BOLD KURUKSHETRA and Ex AGNI WARRIOR respectively. The most recent armour exercise in Babina was successfully concluded in May 08, and the next artillery exercise is scheduled to be held in Devlali in Nov 08.
5. Besides the bilateral army exercises, the RSAF and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) also exercise regularly with their Indian counterparts. In addition, both defence establishments interact regularly through policy dialogues, visits and courses.

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Permanent Secretary (Defence) Mr Chiang Chie Foo with the Indian Defence Secretary Mr Vijay Singh at the signing of the Bilateral Agreement for the Conduct of Joint Army Training and Exercises in India



Permanent Secretary (Defence) calls on Indian Defence Minister Mr A K Antony at the Indian Ministry of Defence

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