



## **SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA NAVIES HOLD MINE COUNTERMEASURE EXERCISE**

1. The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Indonesian Navy (TNI-AL) are conducting a mine countermeasure (MCM) exercise, code-named Joint MINEX, from 11 to 19 Aug 08.
2. Two RSN mine countermeasure vessels, RSS BEDOK and RSS PUNGGOL, and one TNI-AL minehunters, KRI PULAU RUPAT, are participating in the exercise. They are jointly carrying out MCM operations against a simulated terrorist threat off Pulau Bintan.
3. The exercise, the eleventh in the annual Joint MINEX series, enhances the professionalism and interoperability of the two navies. It also helps to develop friendly ties and mutual understanding among the RSN and TNI-AL personnel.
4. The opening ceremony of Joint MINEX was held on 11 Aug at the Changi Naval Base. The RSN's Commander, Coastal Command, Colonel Tan Wee Beng and the TNI-AL's Commander, Western Fleet Sea Security Group, First-Admiral Sugeng Darmawan, officiated at the opening ceremony.

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RSS BEDOK (right) and KRI PULAU RUPAT clearing an underwater exercise mine during the sea phase of Ex Joint MINEX

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