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Singapore and Brunei in Joint Naval Exercise

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The Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) and the Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) will be conducting a week-long naval exercise codenamed EX PELICAN from 2 to 9 October 1997. This year's exercise is the nineteenth in the PELICAN series which was initiated in 1979 with the aim of strengthening bilateral relations and enhancing the professionalism between the two navies.

Hosted by the RBN, this year's exercise will involve 8 ships from the participating navies. The RSN will be represented by RSS Vigilance (Missile Corvette), RSS Sea Tiger (Missile Gun Boat) and RSS Courageous (Anti-Submarine Patrol Vessel). The RBN Missile Gun Boats, KDB Waspada and KDB Seteria, and Patrol Craft, KDB Perwira and KDB Pemburu, as well as Landing Craft KDB Serasa will be participating. The exercise will also be supported by a Fokker-50 Maritime Patrol Aircraft from the RSN and two helicopters from the Royal Brunei Air Force. The Commander Task Group for the exercise is MAJ (L) Joharie bin Hj Matussin from the RBN with the Deputy Commander Task Group (DCTG) being LTC Allen Fernando from the RSN.

The opening ceremony for the exercise was officiated by the RBN Commander, Yang Dimuliakan Pehin Datu Penglina COL Haji Abdul Jalil Bin Haji Ahmad, SNB, SMB, psc, pwo, and the RSN Chief of Navy RADM Richard Lim.

The Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and the Royal Brunei Armed Forces (RBAF) have a longstanding relationship. Over the years, professional interactions between the two armed forces have increased significantly, and have been enhanced in scope and depth. Not only does the RBAF send many of its personnel for courses and training programmes conducted by the SAF, the RBAF and SAF conduct many bilateral exercises which provide for even more exchanges of professional, experience and expertise

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