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Bilateral Naval Exercise between Brunei and Singapore

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The Republic Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Royal Brunei Navy (RBN) will commence a five-day bilateral naval exercise, code-named EX PELICAN from 27 Mar to 31 Mar 2000. Hosted by the RSN, the exercise, the 22nd in the series will be held at the Tactical Training Centre, Brani Naval Base. The opening ceremony of EX PELICAN was officiated by the RSN's Fleet Commander, COL Ronnie Tay and RBN's Fleet Commander LTC Jorsni Bin Haji Yaakub on 27 Mar at the Tactical Training Centre, Brani Naval Base.

A total of six command teams comprising 50 officers and men from the RSN and RBN will participate in this exercise. The exercise will involve the conduct of wargaming exercises at the Tactical Training Centre. The RSN will be represented by command teams of one Missile Corvette, one Missile Gun Boat and one Patrol Vessel. The RBN will be represented by command teams of three Missile Gun Boats namely KDB WASPADA, KDB PEJUANG & KDB SETERIA. The Commanding Officer of the RSN's 182 Squadron, LTC Foo Toon Lim, is the Exercise Commander, with MAJ(L) Awang Zaini Bin Haji Awang Damit of RBN as the Deputy Exercise Commander.

The EX PELICAN series provide another opportunity for RSN and RBN to interact on a professional level, to enhance the mutual co-operation and understanding through the development of joint operational doctrines, practices and naval tactics. The exercise will also allow the officers and men to build camaraderie and personal ties.

Besides EX PELICAN, there are frequent bilateral visits by ships and personnel. RBN personnel also attend courses conducted by the RSN like Midshipman, Naval Junior Officers and Naval Technical courses. These interactions enhance the already close ties between the RSN and RBN.

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