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## **Bilateral Exercise Between the United States and Singapore Navies**

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The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the United States Navy (USN) will be holding their sixth bilateral training exercise, from 8 Sep to 22 Sep 2000, under the annual Co-operation Afloat Readiness And Training (CARAT) series of exercises. The opening ceremony will be jointly officiated by RADM Mark Edwards (Commander, Logistics Group, Western Pacific, USN) and COL Ronnie Tay (Fleet Commander, RSN).

CARAT, which began in 1995, involves the deployment of a USN Task Group from the US Seventh Fleet to South-East Asia, for bilateral exercises with regional countries. Over the years, CARAT exercises between the USN and RSN have grown in scope and complexity. This year's exercise will involve more than 2000 USN and RSN personnel and 17 ships. There are also a submarine, diving units, and air support from the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF).

The exercise hopes to enhance interoperability in several areas, including anti-mine, anti-surface and anti-air operations, diving and salvage procedures, and medical and logistics support. This year's exercise will also include a missile test firing from the RSS Resolution on 19 Sep 00 in the South China Sea, to be observed by Minister of State for Defence and Information and the Arts, David Lim.

### **Factsheet:**

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