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Bilateral Navy Exercise Between Singapore and Malaysia

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The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) will conduct a bilateral exercise codenamed Exercise MALAPURA 12/00 from 31 Oct to 4 Nov 2000. The exercise will allow the two navies to share professional knowledge and foster understanding between them.

This year's exercise will be hosted by the RSN in Singapore, and is the 12th in the series. Nine command teams from the RSN and the RMN will participate in EX MALAPURA 12/00. The RSN will be represented by three command teams from a Missile Corvette (RSS VALOUR) and two Missile Gunboats (RSS SEA WOLF, RSS SEA DRAGON). They will be supported by the Fokker 50 Maritime Patrol Aircraft Squadron. The six RMN command teams will be from a Command Support Ship (KD SRI INDERA SAKTI), three Fast Attack Missile Craft (KD PERKASA, KD GANAS, KD PENDEKAR), two Missile Corvettes (KD LAKSAMANA HANG NADIM, KD LAKSAMANA TUN ABDUL JAMIL). The six teams will be supported by the B200T Maritime Patrol Aircraft Squadron.

EX MALAPURA is conducted on a three-year cycle consisting of shore-based war-gaming exercise in the first and second years and a sea exercise in the third year. This year is the beginning of another three-year cycle and a shore-based war-gaming exercise will be conducted at the Tactical Training Centre (TTC) in Tuas Naval Base (TNB). During the exercise, command teams from both navies will participate in joint planning and execution of naval operations plans. The lessons learnt will be useful when the two navies exercise at sea in the third year of the full exercise cycle.

RSN Fleet Commander COL RONNIE TAY officiated at the opening ceremony for the exercise at TNB today. The RMN Fleet Operations Commander, Rear-Admiral (RADM) DATO-ILYAS BIN HJ DIN will be present at the closing ceremony on 4 Nov 2000.

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