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## Singapore and Indian Navies Conduct Bilateral Exercise

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The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Indian Navy (IN) will be conducting an annual bilateral exercise in the South China Sea from 24 Feb to 5 Mar 05. The RSN will be deploying a submarine (RSS Chieftain), two missile corvettes (RSS Valiant and RSS Vengeance), a missile gunboat (RSS Sea Dragon) and an anti-submarine patrol vessel (RSS Dauntless). The IN will participate in the exercise with a destroyer (INS Ranvijay), frigate (INS Gomati) and corvette (INS Kora). Aircraft from the IN and the Republic of Singapore Air Force will also be involved in the exercise.

Ex Simbex was first started in 1999 with a focus on anti-submarine warfare training. Over the years, the exercise has expanded in scope and complexity to include anti-air and anti-surface serials. This year's exercise will feature a new component on maritime interdiction.

Singapore and India share warm and friendly defence relations. Ex Simbex is part of the regular professional interactions between the two armed forces, and has helped foster mutual understanding and friendship between the RSN and IN.