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Fact Sheet: Exercise Deep Sabre II

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Exercise Deep Sabre II, to be conducted from 27 to 30 Oct 09, involves approximately 2000 personnel from the military, diplomatic, legal, customs, immigration, police, civil defence and other agencies of 19 PSI countries. These countries are Argentina, Australia, Brunei, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and the United States.

Exercise Deep Sabre II comprises the following:

1. Table Top Exercise

Participants will hold discussions on PSI-related matters.

2. Maritime Interdiction Operation

Ships and aircraft from the following countries will be participating in a simulated maritime interdiction of a merchant vessel suspected of carrying weapons of mass destruction (WMDs) and related materials.

Singapore:

Republic of Singapore Navy

- Frigate - RSS Intrepid
- Two Landing Ships Tank - RSS Resolution and RSS Persistence
- Auxiliary Bulk Carrier - MV Avatar

Republic of Singapore Air Force

- Fokker F50 Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPA)

Australia

Royal Australian Navy

- Patrol Boat - HMAS Bundaberg

Japan

Japan Self-Defense Maritime Force

- Destroyer - JDS Murasame
- Two P3 MPA

New Zealand

Royal New Zealand Navy

- Auxiliary Tanker - HMNZS Endeavour
- P3K MPA

United States of America

United States Navy

- Guided Missile Destroyer - USS Fitzgerald
- Auxiliary Tanker - USNS Walter S. Diehl
- P3C MPA

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3. Port Search Demonstration

During the port search demonstration, a vessel suspected of carrying WMDs and related materials will be diverted back to shore and searched by civilian enforcement agencies. The Immigration & Checkpoints Authority, Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, Singapore Armed Forces, Singapore Civil Defence Force, Singapore Police Force and Singapore Customs will be involved in the demonstration.

Related Resources:

- Singapore hosts Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI) Exercise (MINDEF_20091027001.pdf)
- Opening Address by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Mr Teo Chee Hean at the Opening Ceremony of Exercise Deep Sabre II (MINDEF_20091027002.pdf)