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Singapore and Indian Navies conduct Bilateral Maritime Exercise

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RSN and IN ships exercising in the Bay of Bengal.

The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Indian Navy (IN) conducted the annual Singapore Indian Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX), from 3 to 16 April 2010, in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal. This was the 17th instalment in the series of exercises between the two navies.

The RSN deployed a frigate, a missile corvette and a maritime patrol aircraft for the exercise, while the IN participated with a destroyer, a landing ship tank, a submarine and two

corvettes, as well as air assets including a maritime patrol aircraft, a maritime reconnaissance aircraft, fighter aircraft and a naval helicopter. The exercise saw the integration of naval and air assets from the two navies.

SIMBEX has grown in scale and complexity over the years, evolving from training-oriented anti-submarine warfare exercises to advanced naval warfare exercises involving air, surface and sub-surface dimensions. The RSN and IN share a long-standing defence relationship. Aside from SIMBEX, both navies also interact regularly through professional exchange programmes, staff talks and courses.

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