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The RSN and RMN ships sailing out from Lumut Naval Base to exercise at the Malacca Strait.

The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) and the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) conducted Exercise Malapura, a bilateral maritime exercise, from 1 to 10 Mar 2011. Hosted by Malaysia, this year's exercise is the 21st in the series held since 1984. RSN Fleet Commander, Rear-Admiral Joseph Leong and RMN Fleet Commander, Vice Admiral Datuk Ahmad Kamarulzaman bin Ahmad Badaruddin were present at the closing ceremony held at Changi Naval Base, today.

During the exercise, both navies carried out joint planning and training at the Lumut Naval

Base and conducted drills in conventional naval warfare and maritime security in the Malacca Strait. The RSN took part in the exercise with a frigate (RSS Steadfast), a missile corvette (RSS Valour) and a patrol vessel (RSS Brave), while the RMN participated with a corvette (KD Lekir) and two patrol vessels (KD Pahang and KD Selangor).

The RSN and RMN interact regularly across a wide range of activities. These include professional exchanges and courses, as well as multilateral activities as part of the Five Power Defence Arrangements. The two navies have also been working closely to enhance maritime security through the Malacca Strait Patrols. These regular interactions serve to strengthen mutual understanding and professional ties among the personnel of both navies.



RSN Fleet Commander Rear-Admiral Joseph Leong(Left) and RMN Fleet Commander Vice Admiral Datuk Ahmad Kamarulzaman(Right) exchanging a handshake at the Closing Ceremony of Ex Malapura.

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