

PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

MALABAR 2021

JMSDF is to conduct a multilateral exercise “MALABAR 2021” with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), the Indian Navy (IN), and the United States Navy (USN) to further strengthen defense cooperation and contribute to a Free and Open Indo-Pacific as described below.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen the relationship with RAN, IN, and USN

2. Period

August 23 - September 10

3. Exercise Area

Guam and in the vicinity of Guam

4. Participating units

- (1) JMSDF
Special Boarding Unit
- (2) USN
USS *BARRY*, USNS *YUKON*, USNS *BIG HORN*, P-8A, C-17, and Special Operations Command Pacific
- (3) IN
INS *SHIVALIK*, INS *KADMATT*, P-8I, and Marine Commando
- (4) RAN
HMAS *WARRAMUNGA*

5. Type of exercises

Various tactical exercise, mainly special forces operation

6. Notes

- (1) Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.
- (2) Execution of further phases of MALABAR 2021 likely to be in late of August and middle of October is being coordinated among the navies concerned. Details will be officially announced following the determination.