

PRESS RELEASE

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(Announcement)

MALABAR 2021

The JMSDF conducted 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.

Additional information is underlined.

1. Objectives

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

2. Period

- (1) Phase 1-1
August 23 - September 10
- (2) Phase 1-2
August 26 - 29

3. Exercise Area

- (1) Phase 1-1
Guam and in vicinity of Guam
- (2) Phase 1-2
Western Pacific (Philippine Sea)

4. Participating Units

- (1) Phase 1-1
 - a. JMSDF
Special Boarding Unit
 - b. USN
USS *BARRY*, USNS *YUKON*, USNS *BIG HORN*, P-8A, C-17, and Special Operations Command Pacific
 - c. IN
INS *SHIVALIK*, INS *KADMATT*, P-8I, and Marine Commando
 - d. RAN
HMAS *WARRAMUNGA*
- (2) Phase 1-2
 - a. JMSDF
JS *KAGA*, JS *MURASAME*, JS *SHIRANUI*, P-1, and Submarine
 - b. USN
USS *BARRY*, USNS *YUKON*, and P-8A
 - c. IN
INS *SHIVALIK*, INS *KADMATT*, and P-8I

d. RAN

HMAS WARRAMUNGA

5. Type of exercises

(1) Phase 1-1

Various tactical exercises, mainly special forces operation

(2) Phase 1-2

ASWEX, ADEX and Replenishment at Sea

6. Notes

(1) Preventive measures against COVID-19 were implemented during the exercise.

(2) Execution of further phases (Phase2) of MALABAR 2021 likely to be in middle of October is being coordinated among the navies concerned. Details will be officially announced following the determination.