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Maritime Staff Office

(Announcement)

Japan - Malaysia Bilateral Exercise “MALPAN”

The Indo-Pacific Middle East Deployment 2025 (IMED25) unit conducted a bilateral exercise “MALPAN” with the Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) as described below in order to strengthen cooperation to realize a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific”.

1. Objectives

- (1) To improve the JMSDF’s tactical capabilities
- (2) To strengthen cooperation with the RMN

2. Date

April 14 and 15

- (1) Harbor Phase: April 14
- (2) Ocean Phase: April 15

3. Exercise Area

Straits of Malacca and Port Klang

4. Participating Units

- (1) JMSDF: JS *BUNGO*, JS *ETAJIMA*
- (2) RMN: KD *MAHAMIRU*, KD *KINABALU*, Divers (Naval Diving and Mine Warfare)

5. Type of Exercise

- (1) Harbor Phase: Diving exercise
- (2) Ocean Phase: Maneuvering exercise, COMMEX

6. Notes

JS *BUNGO*, JS *ETAJIMA* made a port visit at Port Klang, Malaysia from April 12 to 15.



Diving exercise



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KD MAHAMIRU



KD KINABALU



From the left KD *MAHAMIRU*, KD *KINABALU*, JS *ETAJIMA*



JMSDF members seeing off RMN



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