



Visit of Indian Naval Ships to Malaysia

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Recently, Indian Naval ships, **INS Delhi** and **INS Shakti**, visited Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia as part of the Indian Navy's Operational Deployment. The visit aims to strengthen the friendship and cooperation between India and Malaysia through a series of engagements and activities.

- The Indian Navy ships will participate in a [Maritime Partnership Exercise \(MPX\)/ PASSEX](#) at sea with ships of the Royal Malaysian Navy to **enhance interoperability** between the two Navies.
 - **INS Delhi** is the **first indigenously designed** and built [Project-15 class](#) guided missile destroyer, while INS Shakti is a Fleet Support Ship, both part of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet.
- **India-Malaysia Relations:**
 - Surrounded by busy sea lines of communications such as the [Strait of Malacca](#) and the [South China Sea](#), Malaysia is a key pillar of [India's Act East policy](#) and critical to [India's maritime connectivity strategies](#).
 - India and Malaysia have signed the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA). CECA is a kind of Free Trade Agreement (FTA).
 - Joint defence exercises between India and Malaysia:
 - **Army:** Exercise Harimau Shakti
 - **Airforce:** Exercise Udarashakti
 - **Navy:** Exercise Samudra Laksamana

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