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Press Release

Visit by Indian Naval Ships INS Shivalik and INS Kadmatt to Brunei



Indian Naval Ship INS Shivalik and INS Kadmatt are currently in Brunei. INS Shivalik is commanded by Captain Kapil Mehta while Commander R.K. Maharana is the Commanding Officer of INS Kadmatt.





In their first official engagement, a 'port ceremony' was held at Muara Port on 9 August 2021 in presence of the Indian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam Mr. Ajaneesh Kumar as per COVID-19 protocols and SOPs. Speaking on the occasion, the High Commissioner thanked the Government of His Majesty Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah for lending support and according timely clearances for berthing of the two ships **INS SHIVALIK** and **INS KADMATT** at Muara Port.



INS SHIVALIK, commissioned in 2010, is the first stealth warship built by India and equipped with state of the art weapon systems including Klub and the Brahmos supersonic anti-ship missiles, Shtil and the Barak anti-aircraft missiles, 90R anti-submarine missiles and DTA-53 Torpedoes. It also carries two helicopters, thus giving it three dimensional combat capability spanning sub-surface, surface and air domains. INS KADMATT, commissioned in 2016, is an Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette ship and equipped with a host of 'noise-reduction' features and an array of aerial cum underwater sensors, electronic warfare systems and Kavach decoy system along with a wide range of weapons including a 76 mm main gun, Barak-1 missile systems, torpedoes and rocket launchers.



High Commissioner added that defence ties between India and Brunei were strengthened after the signing of the MOU on Defence Cooperation in February 2016, which was renewed this year for another five years. The High Commissioner also emphasised that the ship visit comes at a time when India celebrates 75 years of its Independence as well as His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah's 75th birthday.



The Naval Ships will be in Brunei till 12 August 2021. During their stay in Brunei, the ships would conduct non-contact activities and virtual interactions without any physical disembarkation from the ships, harbour drills, passing exercise (PASSEX) and communication exercise (COMMEX) with the Royal Brunei Navy, which is aimed at strengthening mutual understanding between the navies and sharing the best practices.

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Brunei Darussalam, 9 August 2021.