

## ■ EU and India Hold Maiden Joint Naval Exercise in Gulf of Guinea

In a significant move aimed at enhancing naval maritime security cooperation in the region, India and the European Union (EU) recently conducted their first-ever joint naval exercise in the Gulf of Guinea. The exercise took place on October 24, 2023, following the third meeting of the EU-India Maritime Security Dialogue in Brussels on October 5. During the



exercise, the Indian Navy's INS Sumedha, an Offshore Patrol Vessel, collaborated with three naval vessels from EU member states in the Gulf of Guinea. Following the maritime drills, a knowledge-sharing session was held in Accra, Ghana, building upon the joint experiences at sea to enhance operational expertise. The exercises showcased the depth and vitality of EU-India collaboration on maritime security, signaling a mutual determination to uphold the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

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