

## PRESS RELEASE

## INDIAN NAVY WARSHIP INS TARKASH MISSION DEPLOYED IN GULF OF GUINEA



Reinforcing Indian Navy's commitment for safety of maritime trade at sea, INS Tarkash has been mission deployed in the Gulf of Guinea for anti-piracy operations.

2. In the ongoing Anti-Piracy Patrol in the Gulf of Guinea (GoG), INS Tarkash also undertook Joint Maritime Exercise with Nigerian Navy from 12-13 Sep 22. The exercise was conducted 15 Nautical miles off Port Lagos with Nigerian Navy Patrol Ships NNS Kano, NNS Osun, NNS Sokoto and NNS Nguru. The exercise witnessed high tempo of naval activities and included various facets of maritime operations like Anti-Piracy operations, Assistance to vessel in distress, Search and Rescue drills, engagement of surface and aerial targets, communication drills, tactical manoeuvres and traditional steam-past.

3. Besides enhancing the inter-operability between the two navies, these structured maritime exercises honed their skills for maritime interdiction and counter piracy operations. It also marks the first joint operational deployment by India and Nigeria, in support of Antipiracy operations in the GoG. INS Tarkash would continue the coordinated patrol till 18 Sep and be deployed in the GoG till end Sep 22.

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