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### **Australia to Host the Malabar Exercise**

The 31<sup>st</sup> edition of the Malabar Exercise is being held off the east coast of Australia for the first-time. Indian Navy has deployed frigate *INS Sahyadri* and destroyer *INS Kolkata* for the naval exercise. During the ten-day (August 11-21) exercise the four participating navies will test their interoperability in the East Australia Exercise Areas.

URL:<https://www.reuters.com/world/india-japan-us-australia-hold-first-malabar-naval-exercise-off-australia-2023-08-10/>

### **Two Indian Navy Ships Visits Papua New Guinea**

The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, James Marape, visited *INS Sahyadri* and *INS Kolkata* at Port Moresby. This historic visit aims to enhance and strengthen maritime partnership and bilateral ties in the maritime domain. In his address the Prime Minister talked about the paramount significance of fostering peace and cooperation in the region.

URL:<https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/pm-of-papua-new-guinea-visits-indian-warships-on-port-call-at-port-moresby/article67157400.ece>

### **First-ever bilateral Amphibious drills by Australia and Philippines**

The maneuvers also known as “Exercise Alon 2023” is part of Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2023 (IPE 23). The IPE23 is Australia’s international engagement activity in the IOR which aims to promote peace, stability, security, and stronger partnership through bilateral and multilateral engagement training and capacity building. The bilateral exercise will enhance regional security by enhancing readiness to respond to shared security challenges.

URL:<https://globalnation.inquirer.net/217793/first-iteration-of-ph-australia-amphibious-drills-kicks-off>