

## 'The Role of Navy in Maintaining Maritime Security'



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Against this background, and as a result of the rapid increase in the intensity of maritime economic activity, criminal groups become active and get profit from pirate attacks and other crimes. It's certainly undermines stability in areas and disrupts the development of States.

A challenging situation persists in such countries as the Horn of Africa, the Gulf of

Guinea and several coastal areas of the Indian Ocean and South-East Asia.

In this regard, Russia consistently stands for the uniting of the international efforts in the fight against transnational organized crime, with strict adherence to international law approved by the UN Charter.

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Last May, the training ship «Perekop» took part in the exercise Komodo-2018 on the island of Lombok (Indonesia). 35 warships and 15 aircraft from different countries took part in the exercise.

The training ship «Perekop» as part of the tactical group carried out actions to provide humanitarian assistance, joint actions to replenish the stores, cargo transfer in motion and took part in anti-terrorist exercise to repel attacks of high-speed targets and made an inspection.

In November 2018, Russia and India conducted a joint exercise «Indra - 2018». The Russian Navy cruiser «Varyag», the large anti-submarine ship «Admiral Panteleev» and the tanker «Boris Butoma» took part in the exercise. The destroyer «Ranvir», the frigate «Satpur», the corvettes «Kadmatt», «Kutar» and «Kanjar» and the tanker «Joti» took part in the exercise from the Indian side.

The issues of the protection of commercial maritime navigation and economic activities, as well as search and rescue activities at sea were worked through during the training.

On November 10, 2018, Russian-Japanese anti-piracy exercises were conducted in the Gulf of Aden to increase the operational compatibility of the forces in the anti-piracy activities.

In the exercise took part such warships as the Russian Navy large antisubmarine ship «Severomorsk» (with helicopter KA-27 ПС) and the Japanese Navy destroyer «Ikadzuti» (with helicopter SH-60J).

During the exercise, tactical techniques were worked out to release the ship captured by pirates.

It has already become a good tradition to conduct international exercises during official visits and visits of Russian Navy ships to foreign ports.

On July 10, 2019, the joint rescue exercise SAREX was conducted during the visit of the detachment Pacific Fleet ships to the port of Maizuru.

The large anti-submarine ship «Admiral Tributz», «Admiral Vinogradov», the tanker «Pechenga» and the helicopter KA-27 took part in the exercise from the Russian side.

The destroyer «Asagiri» and support ship took part in the exercise from the Japanese side.

The exercise worked out issues of tactical maneuvering and communication, a set of measures to assist the emergency ship.

Since 2014 the Russian Navy has been involved in the Turkish Navy operation "Black Sea Harmony" to curb terrorist acts against civilian shipping, illegal arms trafficking, drugs and the transport of terrorist groups in the Black Sea. In this operation the following tasks has been carried out:

- Surveillance and tracking of suspicious cargo ships;
- Demonstration of naval presence on the commercial shipping lines;
- Exchange of information between the relevant services of the Russian Federation and Turkey about cargo ships movement.

During the operation the information exchange was organized between the permanent contact center «Divnomorskoe» and the permanent coordination center «Karadeniz Eregli».

The participation of Russian Navy forces in «Black Sea Harmony» operation strengthened control over shipping in the Black Sea, increased security and effectively addressed new challenges and threats in the Black Sea.

Thank you for your attention!  
Ready to answer your questions!