

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

## 30 May 2024

### Rudram-II Air-to-surface Missile Successfully Test

- DRDO successfully flight-tested the Rudram -II air-to-surface missile from Su-30 MK-I platform of the Indian Air Force (IAF) off the coast of Odisha at around 1130 hours on May 29, 2024.
- The flight-test met all the trial objectives, validating the propulsion system and control & guidance algorithm. The performance of the missile has been validated from the flight data captured by range tracking instruments like electro-optical systems, radar and telemetry stations deployed by Integrated Test Range, Chandipur at various locations, including the on-board ship.
- The Rudram is a series of supersonic and hypersonic air-to-surface ground attack and anti-radiation missiles in development by the Defence Research and Development Organisation of India.
- The RudraM-II is an indigenously developed air-to-surface anti-radiation missile. With a range of 300 kilometres, a speed of up to Mach 5.5 and a 200 kilogramme payload, the missile is expected to play a vital role in strengthening India's air security and defence preparedness and act as a 'force multiplier'



## Indian Naval Ship Kiltan Departs Brunei

- **Indian Naval Ship Kiltan visited Muara**, Brunei as part of Operational Deployment of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet to South China Sea. The visit demonstrated India's commitment to further deepen relations between both maritime nations.
- The port call included professional interactions, cross deck visits and cultural exchanges. The ship was also open for visitors wherein, members of Indian diaspora and Royal Brunei Navy personnel visited the ship.
- The successful completion of this port call is a demonstration of India's commitment for maintenance of peace and stability in the region in consonance to its 'Act East' and SAGAR policies.



## Israeli Military Takes Full Control Of Gaza- Egypt Border

- The Israel Defence Forces said on Wednesday it was in full "operational control" of the entire Gaza-Egypt border and has so far located 20 tunnels leading into the Egyptian Sinai.
- The 14 km strip of land along the border is known as the Philadelphi corridor, a buffer zone created to prevent weapons smuggling in 2006 after Israel disengaged from the Strip. But in 2007, Hamas violently seized control of Gaza from the Palestinian Authority.
- The IDF reportedly found dozens of rocket launchers placed by Hamas along the border, a politically sensitive area. The border is technically a demilitarized zone under the terms of the Camp David Accords signed in 1978.



## 76<sup>TH</sup> International Day Of Un Peacekeepers

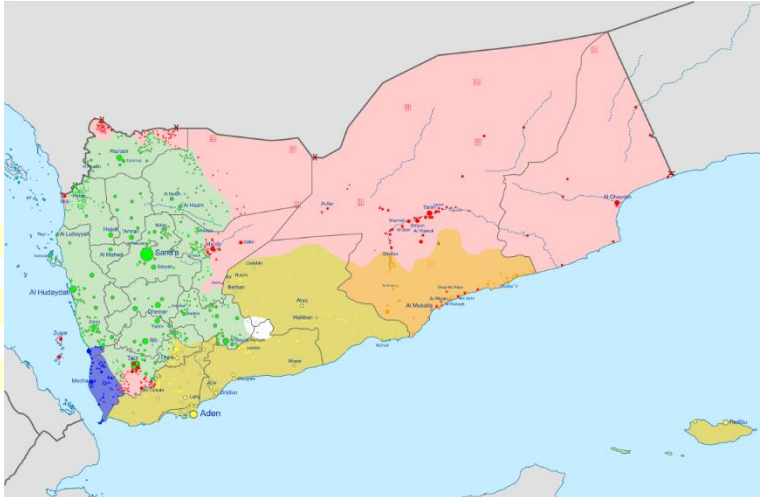
- The Indian Army commemorated the 76th International Day of United Nations (UN) Peacekeepers, on **29 May 2024**, by paying homage to the fallen comrades by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial, New Delhi.
- An Indian peacekeeper deployed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who helped establish networks for local people to voice their security and humanitarian concerns, is the winner of the **2023 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award**, the UN announced.
- **Major Radhika Sen** served in eastern DRC with the UN peacekeeping mission, MONUSCO, from March 2023 to April 2024 as the Commander of the Engagement Platoon for the Indian Rapid Deployment Battalion.
- Major Sen facilitated English classes for children, and health, gender and vocational training for displaced and marginalized adults. Her efforts directly inspired women's solidarity, providing safe spaces for open dialogue.
- **Major Sen is the second Indian peacekeeper** to receive the award, following **Major Suman Gawani**, a co-recipient for 2019. Other past honourees were from Brazil, Ghana, Kenya, Niger, South Africa and Zimbabwe.
- Radhika Sen served with the **United Nations Organisation Stabilisation Mission** in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) from March 2023 to April 2024 as the Commander of MONUSCO's engagement platoon for the Indian rapid deployment battalion (INDRDB).

- Major Radhika Sen joined the Indian Army eight years ago. She graduated with a degree in **biotechnology engineering** and was pursuing her **Master's degree** at **IIT Bombay** when she decided to join the armed forces.



## Another US MQ-9 Reaper Drone Goes Down In Yemen

- Another U.S. MQ-9 Reaper drone went down in Yemen, images online purported to show Wednesday, as Yemen's Houthi rebels continued attacks on shipping around the Red Sea over the Israel-Hamas war.
- It wasn't immediately clear what brought down the drone, but the U.S. military's Central Command acknowledged seeing "reports" of the aircraft being downed in a desert region of Yemen's central Marib province. It marked potentially the third such downing this month alone.
- Since Yemen's civil war started in 2014, when the Houthis seized most of the country's north and its capital of Sanaa, the U.S. military has lost at least five drones to the rebels. This month alone, there's been two others suspected shootdowns of Reapers that the American military hasn't confirmed.
- Reapers cost around \$30 million apiece. They can fly at altitudes up to 50,000 feet (about 15,000 meters) and have an endurance of up to 24 hours before needing to land.



## Attack on army camp in Assam: NIA files charge sheet against ULFA-I

- NIA on Wednesday filed a charge sheet against **ULFA-I chief Paresh Baruah and five others** for conspiring to target army camps as part of an anti-India agenda, the central agency said. They have been charged for various criminal offences in a 2023 case involving a terror attack on an army camp by the proscribed terrorist organisation in Assam, the NIA said in a statement.
- "Myanmar-based United Liberation Front of Asom-Independent (ULFA-I), a banned terrorist outfit, had hatched the conspiracy and planned the execution of the attack, in which two motorcycle-borne youth had lobbed two grenades at the army camp in Kakopathar in Tinsukia district of Assam on the evening of 22nd November 2023," it said.

- The charge sheet, which has exposed the deep rooted conspiracy hatched by the top leadership of ULFA-I "from across the international border", has been filed under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code, Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act and Explosives Substances Act, the NIA said.

## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. Which Indian Naval Ship visited Muara, Brunei as part of the Operational Deployment of the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet to the South China Sea?**

- A. INS Shakti
- B. INS Kiltan
- C. INS Kolkata
- D. INS Vikrant

**ANSWER: B**

**2. DRDO successfully flight-tested which missile from the Su-30 MK-I platform of the IAF?**

- A. BrahMos
- B. Nirbhay
- C. RudraM-II
- D. Prithvi

**ANSWER: C**

**3. On which date did the Indian Army commemorate the 76th International Day of UN Peacekeepers day?**

- A. 1 May 2024
- B. 10 May 2024
- C. 15 May 2024
- D. 29 May 2024

**ANSWER: D**

**4. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of BRICS?**

- A. Brazil
- B. Russia
- C. Australia

D. China

**ANSWER: C**

**4. Which missile system developed by India that can hit a target at a distance of more than 5000 kilometers?**

- A. Arjun
- B. Akash
- C. Agni - V
- D. Nag

**ANSWER: C**

**5. What is MPATGM?**

- A. India's indigenous anti-tank missile
- B. India's Advanced Multi-Role Combat Aircraft
- C. Self-Propelled Howitzer manufactured by L&T
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**6. What is the full form of MIRV?**

- A. Multiple Integrated Tactical Re-entry Vehicle
- B. Multiple Indirect Targetable Re-entry Vehicle
- C. Multiple Independently Targetable Re-entry Vehicle
- D. Multi-Integrated Tactical Re-entry Vehicle

**ANSWER: C**

**7. Joint Ex B/w The India And Singapore Is Called:**

- A. Bold Kurukshetra
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

**ANSWER: A**

**8. Quad Was Founded On**

- A. 2017
- B. 2018
- C. 2019
- D. 2020

**ANSWER: A**

**9. Where Is The Hq Of The Training Command of The IAF?**

- A. Kochi
- B. Vishakhapatnam
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Mumbai

**ANSWER: C**

**10. Air Marshal Rank of IAF Is Equivalent to which rank of the Indian Navy?**

- A. Commodore
- B. Captain
- C. Commander
- D. Vice Admiral

**ANSWER: D**

**11. 'Ex Zapad' Conducted B/W India &**

- A. Qatar
- B. Russia
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

**ANSWER: B**

**12. IBSAMAR Trilateral Naval Exercise Held Between India, Brazil And \_\_\_?**

- A. North Korea
- B. Switzerland
- C. Singapore
- D. South Africa

**ANSWER: D**

**13. The Port Duqm Is In**

- A. Yemen
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Oman

**ANSWER: D**

**14. Madrid Is The Capital Of**

- A. Spain
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. UAE



D. Maldives

**ANSWER: A**

**15. "Fit At Any Age" Book Is Written By**

A. Ajay Bhatt

B. Sitaram Yechuri

C. Vikram Sampath

D. Retd. Air Marshal PV Iyer

**ANSWER: D**

**16. Lamitye Exercise Held B/W India And \_\_\_?**

A. Thailand

B. USA

C. Qatar

D. Seychelles

**ANSWER: D**

**17. Which Of The Following Is Not Main Organ Of United Nations?**

A. International Court of Justice

B. Economic and Social Council

C. Secretariat

D. International Monetary fund

**ANSWER: D**

**18. "Badri Vishal Lal Ki Jai" Is The War Cry Of**

A. GARHWAL RIFLES

B. MARATHA LIGHT INFANTRY REGIMENT

C. THE GRENADIERS

D. PUNJAB REGIMENT

**ANSWER: A**

**19. NAMICA Stands For**

A. Nag Missile Cart

B. Nag Missile Carrier

C. Nag Missile Corn

D. None

**ANSWER: B**

**20. Akash Is A Medium-range Mobile Surface-to-air Missile System Developed By The\_\_\_\_**

- A. HAL
- B. TATA
- C. Mahindra
- D. DRDO

**ANSWER: D**

