

# Daily Defence Current Affairs

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### India, Germany Seal Defence Roadmap in Berlin

- India and Germany have taken a decisive step towards deepening their strategic defence partnership with the signing and exchange of the Defence Industrial Cooperation Roadmap and an Implementing Arrangement for Cooperation in UN Peacekeeping Training in Berlin.
- The agreements were formalised during Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's three-day official visit to Germany, underscoring the growing momentum in bilateral defence ties.
- According to the Ministry of Defence, these agreements are expected to strengthen institutional collaboration and broaden opportunities for joint training, capacity building, and capability development.
- Singh also emphasised the importance of the India-EU Security and Defence Partnership, signed earlier this year, which he said opens new avenues for deeper engagement.
- Both ministers agreed to leverage this framework bilaterally and within the wider European context to achieve tangible outcomes aimed at strengthening regional stability and enhancing joint capabilities.
- Singh further expressed India's willingness to welcome the participation of the German Air Force in **Exercise TARANG SHAKTI**, scheduled to be held in India later this year.



## QNu Labs to Deliver 1,000km+ Quantum Networks

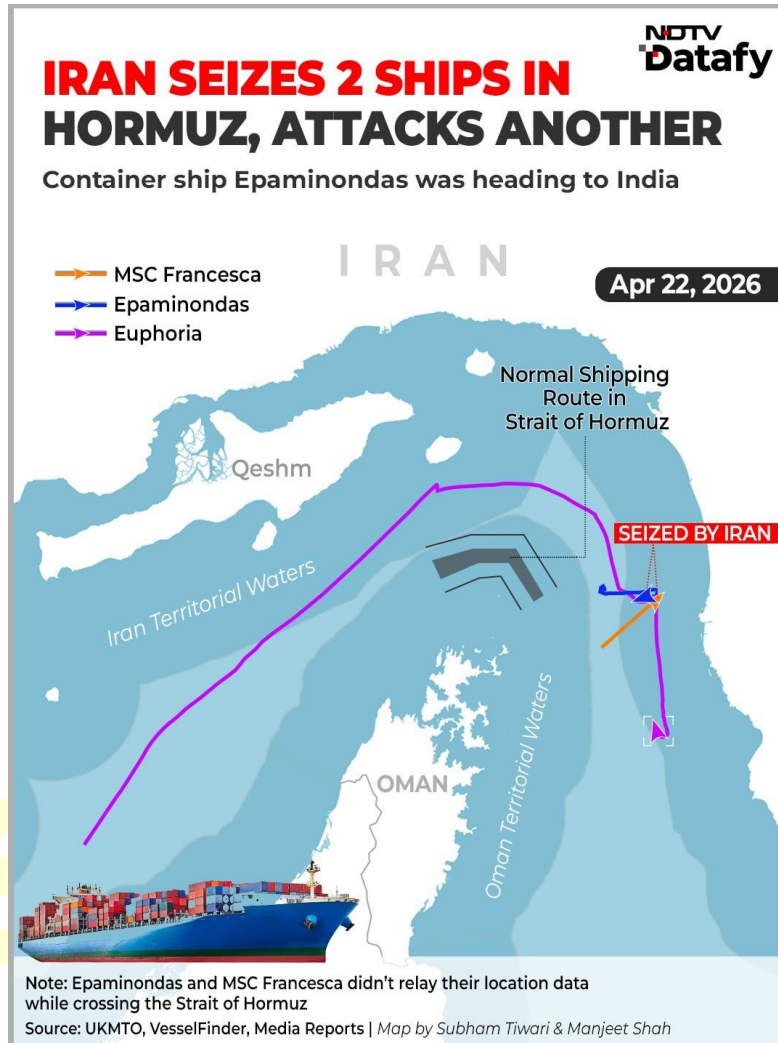
- QNu Labs, a Bangalore-based deep tech start-up, has successfully demonstrated a 1,000-km quantum communication network and is now preparing to supply even longer operational networks for the Indian Armed Forces, marking a major leap in India's defence technology and secure communications.
- QNu Labs has emerged as a pioneer in India's quantum-security landscape, developing indigenous quantum key distribution (QKD) systems that secure encryption keys using the principles of quantum mechanics rather than mathematical complexity.
- This approach ensures that any attempt to intercept communication leaves detectable traces, making hacking virtually impossible. The company's flagship products, such as Armos (QKD system) and Tropos (quantum random number generator), provide unconditional security for data in transit and high-entropy seeds for cryptographic keys.



## India-Bound Ship Among 2 Seized By IRGC

- An India-bound ship was among two vessels seized by Iran's Revolutionary Guard while transiting the Strait of Hormuz, amid looming uncertainty about the US-Iran ceasefire and proposed peace talks.
- In total, three container ships, including the one which was headed to India, were attacked by Iran's security forces in the Strait.
- All three containers crossed the Strait of Hormuz from the Persian Gulf, and two of them did not relay information about their location, destination and port of origin while crossing the waterway, ship-tracking data suggests.
- As per the UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) Centre, a "gunboat" belonging to Iran's elite paramilitary force, the IRGC, opened fire on the container ship in the Strait of Hormuz, 15 nautical miles northeast of Oman, causing heavy damage to the vessel's bridge.
- The second ship to have been attacked was Euphoria, BBC reported, quoting British maritime intelligence firm Vanguard. It set sail from the UAE's Sharjah Port on Tuesday and listed its destination as Jeddah in Saudi Arabia.





## IN-SLN DIVEX 2026

- INS Nireekshak, the Diving Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel of Indian Navy, arrived at the port of Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 21 Apr 2026 to participate in the **4th edition** of **IN-SLN DIVEX 2026**, a bilateral diving exercise scheduled from 21-27 Apr 2026.
- The joint exercise will see diving teams from both the Navies undertake a series of specialised diving operations and training aimed at enhancing interoperability, cohesion, and exchange of Best Practices.
- The week-long engagement reinforces the continued commitment towards strengthening Indo-Sri Lankan maritime ties and shared maritime interests.
- As part of India's humanitarian outreach, the ship will be presenting two BHISM (**Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri**) cubes to the Sri Lankan authorities under the Government of India's 'Aarogya Maitri' initiative.

- These state-of-the-art portable medical units capable of handling up to 200 emergency cases are designed to provide rapid response and are equipped with essential medicines and surgical tools for basic procedures.
- Further strengthening maritime security cooperation, Indian Navy will also hand over 50,000 rounds of 9 mm ammunition to the Sri Lankan Navy.
- The IN-SLN Diving Exercise (DIVEX) is a key bilateral engagement that stands as a testament to the deep-rooted maritime partnership between India and Sri Lanka.



## IAF Launches 2-Day Air Exercise on Purvanchal Expressway

- Sultanpur (UP), A two-day Indian Air Force (IAF) exercise featuring fighter-jet operations began on Wednesday on an emergency airstrip along the Purvanchal Expressway in Uttar Pradesh's Sultanpur district, with authorities tightening security and clamping traffic restrictions.
- The exercise is being conducted at the Arval-Kiri Karwat airstrip, where fighter aircraft are carrying out "touch-and-go" operations as part of preparation to use expressways as alternative runways during emergencies, officials said.
- They said an air traffic control system has been set up near the expressway to manage aircraft movement during the exercise.
- The local administration earlier intensified the security arrangements around the airstrip and appealed to residents to maintain a safe distance and avoid paying heed to rumours.
- The exercise also generated excitement in the area as people got an opportunity to witness fighter jets up close.



## REVIEW QUESTIONS

**1. India and Germany signed which key agreement to boost defence cooperation?**

- A. Nuclear Sharing Agreement
- B. Defence Industrial Cooperation Roadmap
- C. Free Trade Agreement
- D. Space Collaboration Treaty

**ANSWER: B**

**2. The quantum communication network of over 1,000 km was developed by which company?**

- A. DRDO
- B. ISRO
- C. QNu Labs
- D. BEL

**ANSWER: C**

**3. The Strait of Hormuz, recently in news, connects which two major water bodies?**

- A. Arabian Sea and Red Sea
- B. Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman
- C. Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean
- D. Black Sea and Caspian Sea

**ANSWER: B**

**4. IN-SLN DIVEX 2026 is a joint exercise between India and which country?**

- A. Maldives
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Indonesia

**ANSWER: B**

**5. INS Nireekshak is primarily associated with which role?**

- A. Aircraft Carrier Operations
- B. Missile Testing
- C. Diving Support and Submarine Rescue
- D. Coastal Surveillance

**ANSWER: C**

**6. "If a man says he is not afraid of dying, he is either lying or he is a Gorkha".  
Said By Whom?**

- A. V K Singh
- B. SHF Manekshaw
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Lt Gen J.F.R. Jacob

**ANSWER: B**

**7. CSL Hq Is In**

- A. Kochi
- B. Noida
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai

**ANSWER: A**

**8. India Conducted Vajra Prahar Exercise With\_\_.**

- A. Qatar
- B. Maldives
- C. USA
- D. Oman

**ANSWER: C**

**9. Who Is The Chairman Of The NHRC?**

- A. Chief Justice of India or a judge of the Supreme Court
- B. Governor
- C. PM
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**10. UDHR Stands For**

- A. Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- B. Universal Declaration of Human Riot
- C. Universal Declared of Human Rights
- D. None of the above

**ANSWER: A**

**11. Which one of the following statements is/are correct regarding BRICS?**

**1. It was set up with the sole purpose of countering the NATO influence and emerging as its substitute.**

**2. The New Development Bank is one of the initiatives of BRICS.**

**Choose the correct answer using the codes given below:**

- A. 1 only
- B. 2 only
- C. Both 1 and 2
- D. Neither 1 nor 2

**ANSWER: B**

**12. World Economic Forum Hq Is In**

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Lausanne, Switzerland
- C. The Hague, The Netherlands
- D. Gland, Switzerland

**ANSWER: A**

**13. Which Is Not An Asian Country?**

- A. Singapore
- B. Brunei
- C. UAE
- D. Peru

**ANSWER: D**

**14. GPMG Stands For**

- A. General Purple Machine Gun
- B. General Purpose Machine Gun
- C. General Purpose Machine Gum
- D. None

**ANSWER: B**

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

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

**ANSWER: B**

**16. Padma Vibhushan Award Was Instituted on**

- A. 2nd January 1954
- B. 2nd January 1955
- C. 2nd January 1956
- D. 2nd January 1957

**ANSWER: A**

**17. Hq Of Department of Space Is In**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Kochi
- D. Kolkata

**ANSWER: B**

**18. CAIR Stands For**

- A. Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics
- B. Centre for Artificial Intelligent & Robotics
- C. Centre for Artillery Intelligence & Robotics
- D. Centre form Artificial Intelligence & Robotics

**ANSWER: A**

**19. "An Odyssey in War and Peace" Book Written By**

- A. Shashi Tharoor
- B. SHF Manekshaw

- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Lt Gen J.F.R. Jacob

**ANSWER: D**

**20. With reference to the Project 15B warships, consider the following statements:**

- 1. They are equipped with BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and long-range Surface-to-Air Missiles.**
- 2. 'INS Surat' was the first-ever ship of Project 15B Destroyers.**
- 3. Project 15B warships are completely indigenous.**

**Which of the statements given above is/are correct?**

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 2 only
- C. 3 only
- D. 2 and 3 only

**ANSWER: A**

