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**Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, India visits Kingdom of Bahrain**

In a boost to bilateral defence cooperation between India and Bahrain, Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (DCNS) Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru AVSM, NM visited Bahrain from 26-29 July, 2022.

2. DCNS called on HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Bahrain, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and discussed the growing bilateral cooperation including in defence and maritime security domain between India and Bahrain. DCNS also called on HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, NSA of Kingdom of Bahrain, and met Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi Chief of Staff, Bahrain Defence Force and Rear Admiral Salah Mohammed Hejres, Deputy Commander Royal Bahrain Naval Force. Both sides reviewed and discussed ways to further enhance the defense and security cooperation between India and Bahrain.

3. DCNS also visited the US Central Command and Combined Maritime Force (CMF) Headquarters and held a bilateral meeting with Vice Admiral Charles B Cooper, Commander US NAVCENT regarding the initiation of Indian Navy's 'Associate Support' to CMF.

4. India joined CMF as an Associate Partner, in keeping with India's commitment to collective responsibility of Maritime Security in the Indian Ocean.

4. During the visit, INS Teg made a port call in Manama, Bahrain. A reception was hosted by Ambassador of India to Bahrain, H.E. Piyush Srivastava and Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru, on board the ship. The reception was attended by CMF Commander, Vice Admiral Charles B Cooper, Brigadier General Abdulaziz Al Azmi of Royal Bahrain Naval Force (RBNF), Hon'ble Members of Parliament of Bahrain, members of the Diplomatic corps in Bahrain, Officers and Sailors of the Indian Navy, RBNF, US Navy and CMF, as well as members of Indian and Bahraini business community and media fraternity.

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