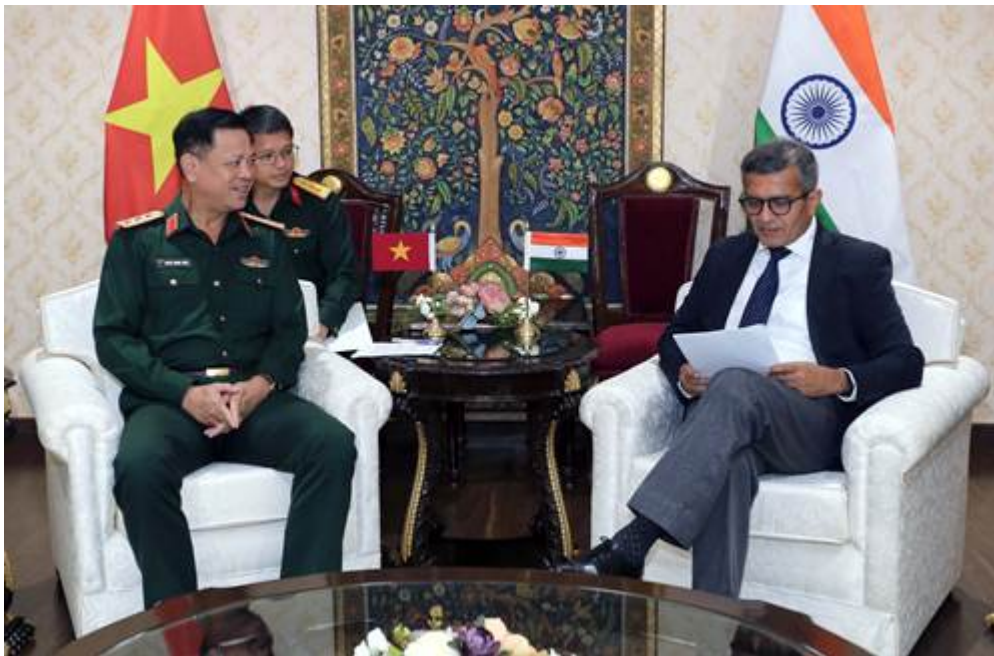


Defence Secretary meets Vietnam's Deputy Minister of National Defence on the sidelines of BRICS Summit

India and Vietnam reaffirm commitment to stronger maritime & defence ties for regional security

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Following the recent high-level bilateral meeting between the Prime Ministers of India and Vietnam on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit, Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh held a meeting with the Deputy Minister of National Defence of Vietnam Senior Lieutenant General Nguyen Truong Thang in New Delhi on September 13, 2026. The meeting focused on strengthening the bonds of friendship, advancing regional security, and deepening the bilateral Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.



The discussions centered on accelerating joint initiatives, technology sharing and defence industrial collaboration. The two sides reaffirmed their shared commitment to expanding maritime and defence ties to ensure a peaceful, stable, and rule-based regional security architecture.

India and Vietnam strongly emphasised the value of close coordination in multilateral fora to address complex security dynamics. Specifically, they highlighted the importance of active engagement under the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus) construct.

Both sides reaffirmed their joint commitment to enhancing practical defence cooperation through ASEAN-led mechanisms, noting that collaborative platforms like the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Groups are vital for maintaining regional stability and building collective security architectures in the Indo-Pacific.

They agreed on the scheduled conduct of the next Defence Policy Dialogue to be hosted in India on the sidelines of Aero India 2027.



The interaction underscores the growing momentum in defence ties between India and Vietnam, building directly on the strategic vision set forth by both Prime Ministers at the BRICS summit.

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