INDIA-MALAYSIA JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE HARIMAU SHAKTI–VI COMMENCES IN MALAYSIA

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The 6th edition of India-Malaysia Joint Military Exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI commenced today at Ipoh, Malaysia. The exercise is scheduled to be conducted from 19 to 30 November 2026.

The contingent of both countries comprises of 120 personnel each. Exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI is a bilateral military training event conducted alternately in India and Malaysia.

The aim of the exercise is to jointly rehearse the conduct of sub-conventional operations under Chapter VII of the United Nations mandate, with particular emphasis on synergising responses during counter-terrorism operations. The exercise will focus on coordinated operations in jungle and semi-urban terrain, incorporating joint planning, tactical coordination and the employment of emerging technologies to enhance interoperability and operational effectiveness.

The exercise will be conducted in progressive phases, beginning with cross-training and familiarisation with each other's operational procedures, followed by joint tactical drills. Training activities will include establishment of a Joint Command Post and Surveillance Centre, counter-terrorism operations, raids, cordon-and-search operations and combat engineering drills. Special emphasis will be placed on the integrated employment of Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) for reconnaissance and surveillance, along with Counter-Unmanned Aerial System (C-UAS) capabilities to detect and neutralise hostile drones.

The exercise will culminate in a joint validation exercise involving a simulated Counter-Terrorism scenario, incorporating coordinated ground operations, integrated surveillance and employment of unmanned systems.

Exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI will provide an opportunity for both Armies to exchange best practices in tactics, techniques and procedures, while enhancing interoperability and mutual understanding. The exercise will further strengthen defence cooperation and bilateral military relations between India and Malaysia, contributing to regional peace and stability.





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