

The Times of India, 2 May 2008

Navy to take cadets out of NDA in 2 yrs

New Delhi: There has never really been "jointness" in the middle and top-rungs of the army, Navy and IAF. And now, the Navy is all set to part ways with the other two forces at the entry-level itself. The Navy wants its cadets to train at the National Defence Academy (NDA) in Khadakwasla for only two years now and that too with a separate syllabus from the Army and IAF cadets for an eventual B.Tech degree...

The Indian Express, 4 May 2008

Antony blasts Navy for pulling off last-minute USS Cole surprise

New Delhi: Cautious not to give the slightest impression of any "alliance building" by India, Defence Minister A K Antony has pulled up the Navy for not giving details well in advance about the presence of USS Cole in the recently concluded Indo-UK naval exercises. Antony, sources said, was upset with the Navy for holding back such information till the last minute when clearances were needed...

The Indian Express, 4 May 2008

Chinese n-submarines: Cabinet security panel to meet, Navy chief to brief NSA Narayanan

New Delhi: Caught on the backfoot over the extent of development of Sanya strategic facilities by China on Hainan Island in South China Sea, the UPA government is expected to convene a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) shortly with Navy Chief Admiral Sureesh Mehta preparing a detailed brief for National Security Advisor M.K. Narayanan...

The Indian Express, 6 May 2008

China fleet in mind, Navy chief says number of n-subs cause for concern

New Delhi: Days after satellite images revealed Beijing's newest Naval base to the world, India has said that it is concerned about the increasing number of nuclear-submarines in its neighbourhood. In an indication that New Delhi is taking the matter seriously, the Government sources confirmed that the high powered Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) is set to discuss the matter during its next meeting...

The Hindu, 9 May 2008

Jalashwa figures in war games

New Delhi: The recently acquired U.S. warship Trenton (now renamed INS Jalashwa) figures in war games with an international navy from Thursday. The Jalashwa, along with guided missile destroyer Ranjit, guided missile corvette Kirch and the submarine Vagli, will participate in the tenth "Varuna" exercise with the French Navy off the east coast. The acquisition of the ship has been mired in a controversy with the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) criticising the government for cost overruns and buying it on the basis of a visual inspection...

The Asian Age, 9 May 2008

Op-Ed: Red alert in blue waters

The revelation of the naval headquarters that China has been developing a powerful

nuclear submarine base in Hainan Island in the South China Sea should only add to the anxiety over the real intent of that country vis-a-vis India and the rest of Southeast Asia. The reports are that New Delhi is set to assess the impact of the subterranean nuclear submarine base there at the Cabinet Committee on Security level. As usual the pro-China lobby in India is already trying to dumb down the alarm raised by Naval Headquarters...

The Indian Express, 10 May 2008

India to acquire six more submarines: Naval Chief

Mumbai: Days after the world discovered China's growing naval prowess, including a new generation of submarines, the Indian Navy announced to float tenders for six conventional submarines. "We will soon float tenders for conventional submarines to join the six French Scorpenes under construction at the Mazgaon Docks," Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sureesh Mehta said on Friday...

The Times of India, 10 May 2008

France pulls out ship from joint exercise

New Delhi: France has pulled out its huge amphibious transport ship, Mistral, from the ongoing Indo-French Varuna naval combat exercise being conducted off Vishakapatnam in order to dispatch disaster relief to cyclone-hit Myanmar. The 21,300-tonne Mistral was in Indian waters to take part in the exercise with India's similar landing platform dock, INS Jalashwa, along with other warships, when the French government took the decision to divert it to Myanmar...

The Times of India, 10 May 2008

India needs N-submarines, says navy chief

Mumbai: Naval chief Sureesh Mehta on Friday said India was in need of nuclear submarines and that apart from building them, it would also be ordering another six conventional nuclear submarines from outside. Speaking on the eve of the 10th anniversary of India's second nuclear weapons tests, Mehta clarified there were two types of nuclear submarines - one equipped with nuclear weapons and the other with conventional weapons and a nuclear propulsion system...

The Asian Age, 13 May 2008

New missile-decoy system for Navy soon

Hyderabad: The Defence Electronics Research Laboratory here is developing a hi-tech decoy system which will be able to "seduce" missiles away from their legitimate targets. The decoy, meant for the Indian Navy, will be equipped with the most modern electronic warfare system. The laboratory is planning to collaborate with international firms to develop the technology...

The Hindu, 20 May 2008

I went by Navy chief's suggestion: Fernandes

New Delhi: The Central Bureau of Investigation has recently questioned George Fernandes, Defence Minister in the NDA government, in connection with alleged irregularities in the purchase of seven Barak missiles worth Rs. 1,150 crore from Israel. CBI officials visited the ailing Fernandes at his residence on two occasions and

questioned him why the government went ahead with the purchase of the Barak Missile Systems despite reservations expressed by the then Cabinet Committee on Security, official sources said here on Monday...

The Indian Express, 20 May 2008

First-ever visit of S Korean Navy Chief

New Delhi: Admiral Jung Ok-Keun arrived here on Monday to mark the first-ever visit of a South Korean Navy Chief to India. The visiting military head, who was given a traditional guard of honour at South Block, met his Indian counterpart Admiral Sureesh Mehta and interacted with the Navy brass. While their discussions were not made public, it is learnt that the two sides talked about common security concerns and identified areas of mutual interest for maritime cooperation in the future...

Hindu, 24 May 2008

Navy readied ship to take on pirates

NEW DELHI, MAY 23: Just before the Indian sailors onboard hijacked ship MV Victoria were released on Friday, India had readied a frontline guided missile destroyer, complete with a crack marine commandos (MARCOS) team, for a rescue mission to the Somalia coast. The strike mission was called off after the issue got resolved, but it has come to light that the Navy had prepared for any extreme eventuality and readied one its most modern warships, the guided missile destroyer INS Delhi, for a fast dash to the Somali coast