

AL-Mohed Exercise-2021

AL-Hindi

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In news-Recently, **the maiden Al-mohed Al-hindi Exercise** began between Indian Navy and Saudi Arabia Navy.

About the Exercise

- As part of the exercise, Officer Commanding Western Fleet (FOCWF) visited Fleet Cdr of the Royal Saudi Navy's Eastern Fleet.
- This was held at King Abdul Aziz Naval Base, which is the Headquarters for Saudi Eastern Fleet.
- The sea phase of the three day long maiden bilateral exercise 'Al-Mohed Al – Hindi' between Indian Navy and Royal Saudi Naval Force commenced recently off the coast of Al Jubail.
- INS Kochi is the Indian warship participating in the exercise.
- It saw the two navies undertake co-ordinated action against asymmetric threat, replenishment at sea procedures, anti-piracy and boarding operations.
- Complex and collaborative exercises including weapon targeting drills beyond the horizon were also conducted to enhance synergy and interoperability between the two navies.

India-Saudi Arabia relations

- Formal diplomatic relations between contemporary India and Saudi Arabia were established soon after India gained independence in 1947.
- Relations between the two nations are generally strong and close, especially in commercial interests.
- Indo-Saudi bilateral trade reached US\$27.
- Saudi Arabia is one of the largest suppliers of oil to

India, who is one of the top seven trading partners and the fifth biggest investor in Saudi Arabia.