

INTEGRATED BILATERAL EXERCISE OF INDIAN NAVY AND INDIAN AIR FORCE WITH US NAVY CONCLUDES IN INDIAN OCEAN REGION

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