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Visit of Indian Navy's Western Fleet Ship INS Tarkash to Qatar (22 April, 2021)



In the framework of the excellent relations and multi-faceted and growing cooperation between India and the State of Qatar, Indian Navy's Western Fleet Ship, INS Tarkash arrived in Qatar today 22nd April 2021.

Indian Naval Ship Tarkash, the second ship of the Teg Class stealth frigates, was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 9th November 2012. The ship is commanded by Captain Happy Mohan, forms part of the Western Naval Command. With an overall

length of 125 m, width of 15.5 m and a standard displacement of over 3300 tons, the ship is capable of speeds in excess of 31 knots.

The Embassy deeply appreciates the support of the Government of Qatar and Qatar Emiri Navy in arranging the visit of Indian Naval ships.

India has an ancient maritime tradition and maritime interaction with the Gulf and Qatar in particular. The Indian Navy has multi-dimensional capability comprising aircraft carriers, modern ships, submarines, aircraft and marine commandos. A notable feature of the Indian Navy's force structure is the fact that the overwhelming majority of its ships are designed and constructed in India.

The Indian Navy has close and friendly ties with all navies in the Gulf. The Indian Naval ships have been involved in combating piracy off the coast of Somalia since October, 2008 and also supporting safety and security of maritime trade in the Gulf region under operation Sankalp since 2019.

The growing naval cooperation between India and Qatar is demonstrated by the high-level visits, training of naval officers, port visits by naval ships and Joint Exercises. The visit of INS Tarkash would further strengthen the deep-rooted bonds of friendship between India and Qatar, and defence cooperation between the two countries.

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