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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of the Naval Staff visits Indonesia**

The Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC is paying an official tour to Indonesia from 09-13 August 2016. He was received at the airport by Maj Gen Agus Heryana, ASPAM KASAL and Mr Manish, Deputy Chief of Mission and other senior officials from Embassy and TNI.

The visit of Admiral Lanba aims to consolidate existing Maritime Cooperation initiatives with Indonesia as well as explore new avenues in accordance with India's 'Act East Policy'. During the visit, Admiral S Lanba is scheduled to hold discussions with the Indonesian Defence Minister, Chief of Defence Forces, Chief of Indonesian Navy, besides other Senior Dignitaries and Naval Officers.

India and Indonesia have historical linkages which date back centuries. In the modern era, India and Indonesia have been co-founders of the Non Aligned Movement besides mutually beneficial collaborations in multilateral forums such as, ARF, ADMM+, G20, WTO etc. Defence co-operation between India and Indonesia is robust and has seen ascendancy through regular ships, aircraft and military delegation visits, training exchanges etc. Both countries had also signed the Defence Cooperation Agreement in 2001.

Indian Navy and Indonesian Navy are partners in the Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS), a maritime cooperation construct conceptualised and pioneered by Indian Navy in 2008. Both countries have been conducting Coordinated Patrols along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) since 2002 and 27 editions of coordinated patrols have been completed till date. Both countries had also conducted the first Bilateral Maritime Exercise in Oct 2015. Warships of both countries visit each other's ports regularly. Navies of Indonesia and India participated in International Fleet Reviews held earlier this year in Vishakhapatnam (India) and Padang (Indonesia) respectively.

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