



IONS PREPARATORY WORKSHOP AND WORKSHOP ON ANTI-PIRACY CONCEPTS HOSTED BY THE INDONESIAN NAVY AT JAKARTA FROM 18 – 19 OCTOBER 2011

Background

As part of the IONS events for 2010-12, the Indonesian Navy hosted an Anti Piracy and Preparatory Workshop from 18-19 Oct 11 at Jakarta. The workshop was attended by representatives from Australia, Bangladesh, Bahrain, France, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Qatar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Seychelles, Thailand and UAE. US and Japan were also represented.

Day 1

The event was opened by Admiral Soeparno, Chief of Naval Staff, Indonesian Navy in the main conference hall of Hotel Sultan located in central Jakarta. The Admiral was greatly appreciative of the IONS initiative and of the significance of such a forum to bring regional navies together on a common platform to discuss issues related to maritime safety and security.

The first half of the day belonged to the speakers from Indonesia who gave general presentations on anti piracy measures taken in Malacca Strait and brought out the need to have a cooperative strategy between affected states to combat this menace. The coordinated patrol 'MALSINDO' was rated to be hugely successful towards this cause. R Adm Bob Mangindaan (Rtd), Chairman to the Centre for Defence and Maritime Studies, Jakarta was one of the prominent speakers and he focused on the need to have operational protocols for information sharing plus cooperation at operational levels amongst nations to combat piracy. He emphasized that new Rules of Engagement (ROEs) would have to be put in place to eradicate piracy in Gulf of Aden.



Indonesian Navy presentations focused on measures adopted in Malacca Strait/MALSINDO and also mentioned about their recent covert operation into the territorial waters of Somalia to free their hijacked cargo ship MV Sinar Kundus. They also strongly recommended a strategic partnership for maritime security and highlighted the need to have a dedicated Coordination Centre. The Indian Navy presented a paper on 'Cooperative Engagement for Establishment of Order at Sea. The paper highlighted, in general, the existing cooperative mechanisms, the regional and global arena, focused on the key enablers for a cooperative approach and apprised the audience of the maritime situation in the IOR. An insight was also provided on the *IN* initiatives to combat piracy in the Gulf of Aden as well as the Arabian Sea. In conclusion, it was brought out that Collaborative and Consultative approach remained critical in optimizing *IN* efforts in GoA. A global cooperative mechanism under the flag of United Nations was suggested as the ideal framework to combat piracy related issues.

Day 2

First half of day two of the Symposium was marked by presentations from Royal Malaysian Navy - **Inter Agency Cooperation in Managing Maritime Security**, UAE Navy – **Flash on Western Indian Ocean**, Republic of Singapore Navy – **Enhancing Security Awareness through Information Sharing** and French Navy – **International Fusion Centre and Shipping Engagement**. The concluding session saw Royal Australian Navy presenting the draft amended Charter of Business forwarded by UAE Navy and thereafter the house was open for discussions. It was unanimously accepted that each country would refer to the amended draft as prepared by Royal Australian Navy and post their comments to the UAE Navy (Secretariat) prior to the IONS 2012.



The workshop adopted its schedule as a basis for their discussion with a view to giving recommendations for the IONS meeting to be held in UAE in March 2010.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following issues have been recommended for discussion in the IONS Conclave of Chiefs of the IONS due to be held in South Africa from 10 to 14 Apr 12:-

- (a) Charter of Business.
- (b) Observer status for nations in IONS forum – TBD in 2012 Summit.
- (c) Counter Piracy Cooperative Mechanisms and the Way Ahead.
- (d) Subjects/Additional Agenda Points if any for 2012 Summit may be forwarded to the Secretariat (UAE Navy) prior to IONS 2012.