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I.N.S. VIKRANT ON WAY TO INDIA

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On completion of her successful four-day goodwill visit to Egypt, I.N.S. <u>Vikrant</u>, Navy's first aircraft carrier, left Alexandria on October 20, for Aden, <u>enroute</u> to India.

Thousands of people, young and old, men and women, visited the carrier on October 19, when the ship was opened to the public. As a momente of their goodwill wisit, token presents wore exchanged between the visiting ships, I.N.S. <u>Vikrant</u> and <u>Rajput</u> and the U.A.R. Navy. I.N.S. <u>Vikrant</u> is due to arrive in Bombay on November 3.

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