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PRESS NOTE

There is no truth in the report, published in a section of the Pakistan daily press recently, that "the Indian Navy and U.S. Navy are scheduled to stage a joint naval exercise in the Pacific Ocean in the near future".

During the forthcoming summer exercises, held annually by the Indian Navy, some ships including I.N.S. Vikrant will be carrying out exercises in the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal and in the waters off Malaya. During this period they will utilise the training facilities provided by the Royal Navy at Singapore.

There is no programme for I.N. ships for an exercise in the Coral Sea Area and no exercises with U.S. Naval ships have been arranged.

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