



'Udarashakti' Exercise

Why in News?

Recently, a contingent of the [Indian Air Force](#) left for Malaysia to participate in a bilateral exercise named 'Udarashakti'.

- While **Harimau Shakti is Joint military exercises** which are held annually between the two countries.



What are the Highlights of the Exercise?

- **About:**
 - The Indian Air Force is **participating in the air exercise with Su-30 MKI and C-17 aircraft** while Malaysian Air Force will be flying **Su 30 MKM aircraft**.
 - The four days of exercise will witness the conduct of various aerial combat drills between the two Air Forces.
- **Background:**
 - The first bilateral Air Force exercise that **staged frontline Sukhoi-30 combat aircraft was conducted in 2018**.
 - From 2008 to 2010, the Indian Air Force Training Team was deployed in Malaysia to give training to Malaysian pilots on the SU-30SKM aircraft.

What is the Significance of the Exercise?

- Exercises will **strengthen long-standing friendships** and enhance defense cooperation

between both armies. As a result, regional security will be strengthened.

- IAF will have an **opportunity to share and learn best practices** with the Royal Malaysian Air Force through this exercise. It is also likely that they will discuss mutual combat capabilities.

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