

PRESS BRIEF

HIGH LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN ICG AND ROYAL OMAN POLICE COAST GUARD **30 OCT 17**

1. DG Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM, Director General Indian Coast Guard is hosting a four member delegation of the Royal Oman Police Coast Guard led by Officer Commanding, Brigadier Badar Khalfan Khamis Al Zadjali at New Delhi from 29 Oct 17 to 03 Nov 17.
2. A High Level Meeting (HLM) between the Indian Coast Guard and Royal Oman Police Coast Guard was held at Coast Guard Headquarters, New Delhi on 30 Oct 17 under the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two agencies in 2016. The Indian delegation for the HLM was led by Director General Rajendra Singh, PTM, TM. The HLM focused on augmenting the operational level interaction and capacity building in areas of Search and Rescue, Pollution Response and Maritime Law Enforcement.
3. Relations between the two Coast Guards go back a long way with ICG ships calling on ports in Oman for professional interactions since 2005. This meeting and visit is in continuation of the efforts by the governments of the two countries to enhance cooperation between the two Coast Guards in the field of marine crime prevention at sea.
4. During the meeting, both sides agreed to strengthen the mutual cooperation in accordance with the provisions of the MoU. A point of contact between the two agencies will be established for information sharing. Both sides also agreed to exchange best management practices based on lessons learnt during exercises and operations.
5. In his visit to India, the Brigadier also called on senior officials of the Ministry of Defence and External Affairs. The meeting was significant in providing added impetus to the already existing professional relationship between the Coast Guards of India and Oman.

