

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NAVAL SYMPOSIUM ON ANTI-PIRACY  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a meeting under the aegis of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium of Navies of 35 countries was held in the country recently to chalk out action plan for anti-piracy operation in the Gulf of Aden;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the detailed strategy chalked out to curb the menace of piracy in the seas?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Indian Ocean Naval Symposium was held in Abu Dhabi from 10-12 May 2010. No action plan for anti-piracy operation in the Gulf of Aden was decided upon. However, there were some discussions on existing modalities of coordination in Anti-piracy patrol as well as better sharing of capacities and expertise for Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR).