



BRICS Plus Naval Exercise



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- > India skipped the BRICS Plus naval exercise "Will for Peace 2026" hosted by South Africa, opting out entirely despite holding the BRICS chair this year.
- > India clarified that such naval drills are not institutionalised activities of BRICS, but ad-hoc initiatives, and therefore participation is not automatic or obligatory.



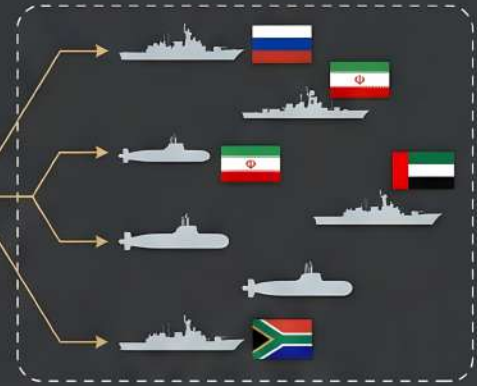
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- > BRICS Plus naval exercises are **ad-hoc maritime drills involving BRICS members and selected non-BRICS partner countries.**
- > They are **not mandated under the BRICS framework** and do not form part of official BRICS mechanisms.
- > **Led by China**, the exercise features active **naval participation from Russia, Iran, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and South Africa.**



Led by China



Ad-hoc Initiative



BRICS



> It is an acronym for the grouping of the world's leading emerging economies, namely Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (included in 2010)



- > **Founded in - 2009**
- > **HeadQuarters - Shanghai**



> **Origin -** The term "BRIC" was coined by the British Economist Jim O'Neill in 2001 to describe the four emerging economies of **Brazil, Russia, India, and China.**



> **Member Countries:** - The group includes the five original members (**Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa**) and six members admitted during the 2024-25 expansion (**Egypt, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates**).



> Share of BRICS



BRICS brings together five of the largest developing countries, representing **41% of the global population**



24% of the global GDP



16% of the global trade



(By 2028, BRICS is expected to make up 35 percent of the global economy)



Financial Arm: The New Development Bank (NDB) acts as the group's primary international financial organization to support infrastructure and sustainable projects.