

India, Saudi Arabia Hold First-Ever Joint Army Exercises

The Indian Defense Ministry announced this week that it had begun a joint army exercise alongside Saudi Arabia named “Sada Tanseeq,” or “Forever in Coordination,” expected to run through February 10.

The event is the first of its kind uniting the armies of Saudi Arabia and India.

India is hosting the exercises in the northern state of Rajasthan, which borders Pakistan and hosts a military complex used for desert terrain training. The exercises are small; the Indian Defense Ministry stated that each country is sending 45 service members each from the Royal Saudi Land Forces and Indian Army. While the two nations have engaged in naval exercises in the past, “Sada Tanseeq” represents a significant elevation in defense cooperation and indicate that Riyadh and New Delhi are seeking to dramatically expand their friendship beyond economic and technology cooperation.

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