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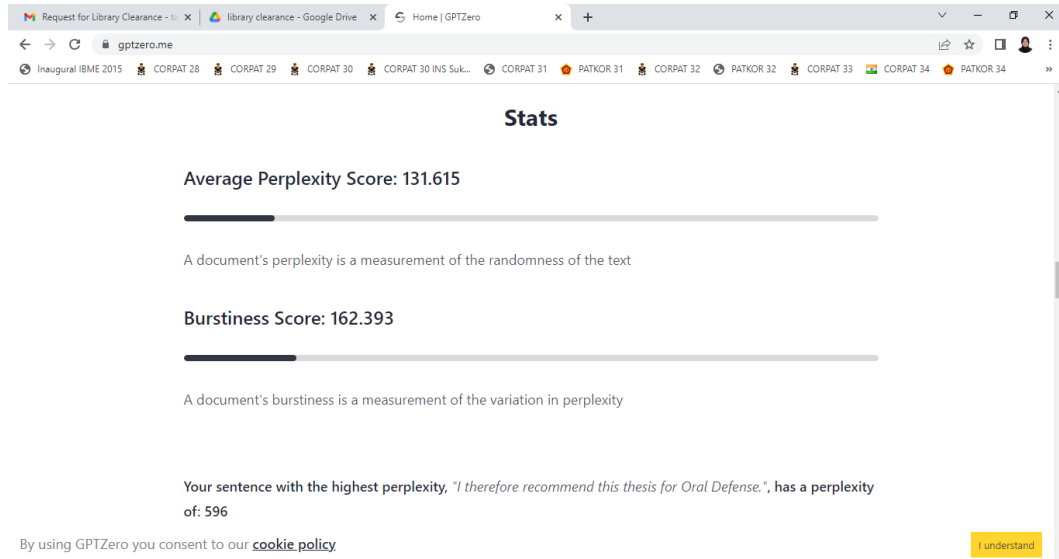
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Thesis Title: “India-Indonesia Bilateral Cooperation: A Study on The Implementation of Maritime Diplomacy Practices of India and Indonesia in The Indo-Pacific Region (2016-2022)”

The Indo-Pacific Region (IPR) gained momentum as an important region for international politics and the world's economic lifelines of the 21st century. As the coastal states, India and Indonesia strongly rely on Indo-Pacific's seaborne trade and SLOCs to transport goods, energy resources, and commodities throughout the region. Making the two leaders, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joko Widodo, explore the convergence of common strategic interests between India's AEP and Indonesia's GMF in the region. Thus, as India and Indonesia recently established maritime cooperation under the new elevated Comprehensive Strategic Partnership's framework, this research study discusses how India and Indonesia implemented bilateral cooperation on maritime diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific Region from 2016 to 2022 with the conceptual framework of Maritime Diplomacy proposed by Christian Le Mière. This study uses qualitative methods with library research and in-depth personal interviews for data collection techniques. This research study found two leading maritime agencies representing India and Indonesia that frequently conduct maritime diplomacy in the Indo-Pacific Region: Navies and the Coast Guards. Based on the data found in this research, from the period 2016 to 2022, both countries implemented cooperative maritime diplomacy practices and carried out all four forms of activities, namely Goodwill Visits, HA/DR, Training and Joint Exercise, and Joint Maritime Security operation.

Keywords: Bilateral Maritime Cooperation, India, Indonesia, Act East Policy, Global Maritime Fulcrum, Cooperative Maritime Diplomacy, Indo-Pacific Region

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Judul Thesis: “Kerjasama Bilateral India-Indonesia: Kajian Implementasi Praktik Diplomasi Maritim India dan Indonesia di Kawasan Indo-Pasifik (2016-2022)”

Kawasan Indo-Pasifik saat ini mendapatkan momentum sebagai kawasan penting bagi politik internasional dan kehidupan ekonomi dunia abad ke-21. Sebagai negara pesisir, India dan Indonesia sangat bergantung pada perdagangan laut dan SLOC di Indo-Pasifik untuk mengirim barang, sumber daya energi, dan komoditas ke seluruh kawasan. Hal tersebut membuat kedua pemimpin, Perdana Menteri Narendra Modi dan Presiden Joko Widodo, mengeksplorasi konvergensi kepentingan strategis bersama antara kebijakan AEP India dan kebijakan PMD Indonesia di kawasan. Dengan demikian, karena India dan Indonesia baru-baru ini menjalin kerja sama maritim di bawah kerangka Kemitraan Strategis Komprehensif yang baru ditingkatkan, penelitian ini membahas bagaimana India dan Indonesia mengimplementasikan kerja sama bilateral dalam diplomasi maritim di Kawasan Indo-Pasifik dari tahun 2016 hingga 2022 dengan kerangka kerja konseptual Diplomasi Maritim yang diusulkan oleh Christian Le Mière. Penelitian ini menggunakan metode kualitatif dengan studi kepustakaan dan wawancara untuk teknik pengumpulan datanya. Studi penelitian ini menemukan dua lembaga maritim terkemuka yang mewakili India dan Indonesia yang sering melakukan diplomasi maritim di Kawasan Indo-Pasifik: Angkatan Laut dan Penjaga Pantai. Berdasarkan data yang ditemukan dalam penelitian ini, dalam kurun waktu 2016 hingga 2022, kedua negara mengimplementasikan praktik diplomasi maritim kooperatif dan melaksanakan keempat bentuk kegiatannya, yaitu Goodwill Visits, HA/DR, Training and Joint Exercise, dan Joint Maritime Security operation.

Kata Kunci: Kerjasama Maritim Bilateral, India, Indonesia, Kebijakan Act East, Poros Maritim Dunia, Diplomasi Maritim Koperatif, Kawasan Indo-Pasifik

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ADEX	Air Defense Exercise
AEP	Act East Policy
ANC	Andaman and Nicobar Command
AOIP	ASEAN Outlook on The Indo-Pacific
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nation
ASW	Anti-submarine Warfare
B2B	Business-to-Business
BAKAMLA	Badan Keamanan Laut
BME	Bilateral Maritime Exercise
BOB	Bay of Bengal
CBM	Confidence-Building Measures
CORPAT	Coordinated Patrol
CSP	Comprehensive Strategic Partnership
DCA	Defense Cooperation Agreement
DSRV	Deep Submergence Rescue Vessel
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
ENC	Eastern Naval Command
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FOIP	Free and Open Indo-Pacific
G2G	Government-to-Government
GDP	Gross Domestic Product

GMF	Global Maritime Fulcrum
HADR	Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief
IAF	Indian Air Force
ICG	Indian Coast Guard
ICGS	Indian Coast Guard Ships
IND-INDO	India Indonesia
INS	Indian Navy Ship
IMSS	Indian Maritime Security Strategy
IOR	Indian Ocean Region
IPOI	Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative
IPR	Indo-Pacific Region
ISL	International Shipping Lines
IUU	Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated
LANTAMAL	Pangkalan Utama TNI Angkatan Laut
LEP	Look East Policy
LIMO	Low-Intensity Maritime Operations
KAL	Kapal Angkatan Laut
KRI	Kapal Republik Indonesia
KOARMADA	Komando Armada Republik Indonesia
MDA	Maritime Domain Awareness
MEA	Ministry of External Affairs
MOD	Ministry of Defense
MOFA	Ministry of Foreign Affairs

MOOTW	Military Operation Other Than War
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	Maritime Patrol Aircraft
NSS	National Security Strategy
OPV	Offshore Patrol Vessel
P2P	People-to-People
PASSEX	Passing Exercise
PIB	Press Information Bureau
PLAN	People's Liberation Army Navy
SAGAR	Security and Growth for All in the Region
SAR	Search and Rescue
SCS	South China Sea
SLOC	Sea Lanes of Communication
SMEE	Subject Matter Expert Exchange
TNI AL	Tentara Nasional Indonesia Angkatan Laut
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
VBSS	Visit Board Search and Seizure