

Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)

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INS Talwar, operating in support of the Canadian-led Combined Task Force (CTF) 150, seized 453 kg of methamphetamines, 416 kg of hash and 71 kg of heroin from a dhow as part of Focused Operation Crimson Barracuda.



[ref-IndiaExpress]

Combined Maritime Forces (CMF):

- CMF is a **multinational maritime partnership** dedicated to upholding the **Rules-Based International Order (RBIO)**.
- Its mission includes **countering illicit non-state actors** on the **high seas** and **fostering security, stability, and prosperity** across approximately 3.2 million square miles of **international waters**, which include **vital shipping lanes**.
- It has **42 member and partner nations** including **India**.
- CMF is commanded by a **U.S. Navy Vice Admiral**, with a **United Kingdom Royal Navy Commodore** serving as **Deputy Commander**.
- **HQ: Bahrain**

Focus:

- CMF's primary focus areas include **counter-narcotics, counter-smuggling, piracy suppression, regional cooperation promotion**, and engagement with partners to enhance capabilities, thereby **enhancing security and stability**.
- It aims to **foster a safe maritime environment free from illicit non-state actors** and, when needed, CMF assets respond to environmental and humanitarian incidents at sea.
- CMF has **five Combined Task Forces**:
 - CTF 150 (Maritime Security Operations outside the Arabian Gulf)
 - CTF 151 (Counter-Piracy)
 - CTF 152 (Maritime Security Operations inside the Arabian Gulf)
 - CTF 153 (Red Sea Maritime Security)
 - CTF 154 (Maritime Security Training)