

**High Commission of India,
Abuja

Press Release

India and Benin Discuss Enhanced Defence and Security Cooperation

The Ambassador of India to the Republic of Benin, H.E. Abhishek Singh, held a bilateral meeting with H.E. Fortunet Alain Nouatin, Honourable Minister of National Defence of Benin, to review ongoing defence cooperation and explore avenues to further strengthen bilateral engagement.

Both sides reaffirmed their shared commitment to addressing the evolving threat of terrorism, recognising it as a significant global security challenge. Discussions focused on enhancing counter-terrorism collaboration through capacity building, professional exchanges, joint training and the sharing of best practices. The importance of coordination at multilateral platforms was also underscored.

Training and human resource development remain key pillars of cooperation. Approximately fifty personnel from the Benin Armed Forces attend professional courses annually at premier Indian military institutions, strengthening institutional linkages. India expressed readiness to expand training opportunities and share expertise in specialised counter-terrorism and doctrinal development through tailored engagements aligned with Benin's priorities.

The two sides also exchanged views on emerging security challenges and explored avenues for defence capability enhancement, reaffirming the commitment of both countries to deepen defence and security cooperation as part of their broader bilateral partnership.

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Presentation of Credentials by H.E. Amb Abhishek Singh to H.E. President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

The High Commission of India in Abuja is pleased to announce that H.E. Amb Abhishek Singh formally presented his Letter of Credence to H.E. President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, at the Presidential Villa in Abuja on 4 December 2025.

President Tinubu graciously received Amb Singh and extended his congratulations & best wishes for the assumption of his duties.

“Marking the assumption of his duties, Amb Singh reiterated India’s commitment to further strengthen its strategic partnership with Nigeria and expressed confidence in the continued advancement of bilateral cooperation across diverse sectors.”

The High Commission of India remains committed to fostering and strengthening the strategic partnership between India & Nigeria in the days to come.

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Amb. Abhishek Singh assumed charge as the High Commissioner of India to Nigeria on 9th October 2025.

He was warmly welcomed by the Mission officials, staff and representatives of the Nigerian government. He reaffirmed India's strong commitment to deepening the Strategic Partnership and bilateral ties with Nigeria across trade, energy, defence, security, health, education, development cooperation and people-to-people engagement.

The High Commissioner acknowledged the vital role of the Indian diaspora in Nigeria as a connect between the two friendly nations. He looks forward to engaging closely with the Indian community through outreach events, cultural initiatives, and consular services, and to celebrating their contributions to Nigeria's development and India-Nigeria relations.

High Commissioner Amb. Abhishek Singh looks forward to working closely with Nigerian government, the Indian diaspora, and development partners to further strengthen the long-standing friendship between India and Nigeria.

09 October 2025

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