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RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA, May 24, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Middle East navies and coast guards, together with the wider international maritime security community, will converge in Riyadh this October, to discuss how they can work together to bring security to the region's seas.

Serving as an international summit for naval officers and the entire defence industry, the 7th edition of the OPV Middle East conference is being hosted in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the first time and will be held under the



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Organised under the theme of 'Importance of securing strategic maritime communication and sea routes', the event will provide a forum to enable cooperation and discourse on overcoming the challenges of maritime security whilst providing a chance for navies and coast guards to network with the wider defence industry.

The 3-day event will touch upon various aspects of maritime security including enhancing maritime communication and infrastructure, modernising naval platforms, improving naval ISR capabilities across regional waters as well as a dedicated focus day on Saudi Arabia to showcase their plans of developing a ship building industry, with a home-grown manufacturing infrastructure as well as enabling certification, testing and commissioning of vessels in Saudi Arabia.

Some of the key dignitaries involved with the event include Commander of the Royal Saudi Naval Forces, Vice Admiral Fahad Bin Abdullah Al Ghofaily, who will be the opening keynote speaker and UAE Navy's Former Chief of Naval Staff, Rear Admiral Ahmed Al Sabab Al Teneiji, who is the Chairman of OPV Middle East.

In addition to the conference, the event will see an exhibition of leading companies in the maritime security fields including Eraf Marine Industries, Navantia, RAM-System GmbH and L3 Technologies who are some of the early-confirmed exhibitors.

OPV Middle East will be held from 9-11 October in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. For more information, please visit the event website at: <a href="http://bit.ly/EINPROPV2018">http://bit.ly/EINPROPV2018</a>

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Press are invited to attend this important industry forum. If you would like a complimentary press pass please email Shrutika Shetty at shrutika.shetty@iqpc.com.

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