

14 Indian fishermen arrested in Pakistani waters

Sixteen Indian fishermen have been arrested by Pakistan Maritime Security Agency officials for illegally fishing in Pakistani waters.

'Three Indian fishing boats were also impounded,' a press statement from Pakistan's Maritime Security Agency said Wednesday.

It said Indian fishermen have repeatedly intruded into Pakistan's exclusive economic zone despite frequent warnings and tried to benefit from rich fish resources at the mouth of Indus Delta.

The 14 arrested Wednesday fishermen were handed over to the Karachi Docks police station for further legal action, the press statement said.

The two sides regularly arrest each other's fishermen who unintentionally violate the poorly demarcated naval boundaries.

The two rival nuclear neighbours have a long history of mutual tension since they gained independence from Britain in 1947. They have fought three wars since.

They engaged in peace process in 2004 and released hundreds of each others prisoners, many of them fishermen. But dozens still languish in prisons.

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