

Exercise Red Flag 2024

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About:

- This was the **second edition of Ex Red Flag 2024**, which is an advanced aerial combat training exercise, held four times a year by the **US Air Force**.
- **Participation** of the Indian Air Force along with the Republic of Singapore Air Force (**RSAF**), Royal Air Force (**RAF**) of the United Kingdom, Royal Netherlands Air Force (**RNLAF**), German Luftwaffe, and the US Air Force (**USAF**).
- Red Flag is an **air combat exercise** featuring **realistic combat scenarios**. Forces are divided into **Red Force** (simulating Air Defence, primarily with USAF Aggressor Squadron's F-16 and F-15 aircraft) and **Blue Force** (simulating Offensive Composite elements).
- This year marked the **debut of the Indian Air Force's Rafale aircraft** in the exercise, operating alongside RSAF and USAF F-16s, F-15s, and A-10s.

The missions included **Beyond Visual Range combat** exercises in Large Force Engagements, focusing on Offensive Counter Air and Air Defence roles.

Q1: What are Rafale fighter jets?

The Dassault Rafale is a French twin-engine, canard delta wing, multirole fighter aircraft designed and built by Dassault Aviation. Equipped with a wide range of weapons, the Rafale is intended to perform in-depth strike, anti-ship strike and nuclear deterrence missions. Introduced in 2001, the Rafale is being produced by the French Air Force and has been selected for purchase by the Indian Air Force, the Egyptian Air Force, and the Qatar Air Force.

Source: [iaf contingent completes successful participation in exercise red flag 2024](#)

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