

DAMAGE ASSESMENT - 1971 INDO-PAK NAVAL WAR

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TABLE 1.1 - Indian Navy Ship to Ship kills (Western Theatre 1971)

Date	Ship	Weapon	Victim	Victim type	Status
3 Dec,1971	INS Rajput	Depth charges	PNS Ghazi	Submarine	Sunk
4 Dec,1971	INS Nirghat	Styx ASM	PNS Khaibar	Destroyer	Sunk
4 Dec,1971	INS Nipat	Styx ASM	PNS Shahjahan	Destroyer	Sunk*
4 Dec,1971	INS Veer	Styx ASM	PNS Muhafiz	Minesweeper	Sunk
4 Dec,1971	INS Nipat	Styx ASM	Venus challenger	Merchant***	Sunk
8 Dec,1971	INS Talwar	4.5 " + 40mm		Patrol craft**	Sunk
8 Dec,1971	INS Vinash	Styx ASM	Harmattan	Merchant	Sunk
8 Dec,1971	INS Vinash	Styx ASM	SS Gulfstar	Freighter	Sunk
8 Dec,1971	INS Vinash	Styx ASM	PNS Dacca	Tanker	Damaged
8 Dec,1971	INS Brahmaputra	4.5 "		4x Patrol Craft	Sunk ¹

** Communications Relay Craft equipped with high power transmitter.

* Claimed by some Pakistani sources to be damaged beyond service and disputed by others. Engagement confirmed by Sqn. Cdr. (K-25) BB Yadav.

*** American vessel carrying ammunition for Pakistan.

1. At Chittagong, Eastern Theatre.

TABLE 1.2 - Indian Navy Air to Ship kills (Eastern Theatre 1971) (Incomplete list)

Date	Aircraft	Weapon	Victim	Victim type	Status
4 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk^^	20 mm	PNS Comilla	Gun Boat	Sunk
4 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk^^	20 mm	PNS Rajshai	Gun Boat	Dmg^
5 Dec, 1971	Alize'	Rockets	PNS Salamat	Gun Boat	Sunk
5 Dec, 1971	Alize'	Rockets	PNS Shahbaz	Gun Boat	Sunk
6 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	Rockets	PNS Sylhet	Gun Boat	Sunk
6 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	20 mm		Gun Boat	Sunk
6 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	Mixed	Ondarda	Merchant	Sunk
6 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	Mixed	Thetic Charlie	Merchant	Sunk
9 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	?	PNS Balaghat	Gun Boat	Sunk
9 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	Mixed	Mustali	Merchant	Sunk
9 Dec, 1971	?	Rockets		2x LCT	Sunk
9 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	Mixed	Makran	Merchant	Sunk
10 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	Mixed	Nordpol	Merchant	Sunk
11 Dec, 1971	Alize'	Rockets	PNS Jessore	Gun Boat	B&D*
12 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	Bombs	Al Abbas	Merchant	Sunk
12 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	Mixed	Anisbaksh	Merchant	Sunk
12 Dec, 1971	Sea Hawk	Bombs	Avlos	Merchant	Sunk

* Beached and destroyed in attack.

^ Only one to escape from East Pakistan to Malaysia. Serves in the Pakistan navy till date.

^^ Eyewitnesses claim that the aircraft were Hunters but evidence and credit point to Seahawks from the Vikrant.

Indian Navy accounts make no mention of IAF Hunters and the area of interception was clearly assigned to the Vikrant.

TABLE 1.3 - Indian Navy losses

Date	Victim	Weapon	Claimant	Victim type	Status
9 Dec,1971	INS Khukri	2x Torpedo	PNS Hangor	Frigate	Sunk
10 Dec,1971	Alize' (IN-203)	Aim-9B	PAF F-104A	Aircraft	SD

TABLE 1.4 - Other

Date	Victim	Weapon	Claimant	Victim type	Status / Comment
9 Dec,1971	MV Zoe	Karachi Port Guns		Greek Merchant	Sunk in Panic Fire
10 Dec,1971	PNS Zulfiqar	900 hits of 0.5 "	PAF	Frigate	Damage / Fratricide

TABLE 1.5 - Estimation of some of the damage inflicted on Enemy by Indian Airstrikes:

The following Wrecks were estimated:

SHIP	GRT
Karnapuhli	6876
Surma	5890
Ocean Enterprise	5909
Unidentified - 1	1800
AnisBaksh	6273
Al-Abbas	9142
Maihar	5983
Materan	1198
Star Altair	8962
Ondarda	8259
Thetic Charlie	2276
Lightning	7046
Mastro Stelios	8823
Chrysovalandou	8151
Rangamati	5888
Comilla	
Jessore	345
Sylhet	
Unidentified - 2	8000

Unidentified - 3	
TOTAL	100,776 TONS

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