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Deployment of P-8Is in Goa

Recently, the Indian navy with the responsibility of keeping a watch on the western front deployed a squadron of P-8Is in Goa. The aircraft provides vigilance against the increasing Chinese naval presence in the IOR. P-8I is referred to as the guardian or the game changer aircraft as it has played a critical role in carrying out surveillance for instance, during the Doklam crisis it revealed the level of Chinese build-up along the Sikkim-Bhutan area.

<u>URL:https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/no-warship-submarine-can-pass-through-indian-ocean-without-being-detected-top-navy-officer/articleshow/104013900.cms</u>

Quad countries should work together: S. Jaishankar

The External Affairs Minister of India S. Jaishankar at the Council on Foreign Relations asserted that the concerns in the IOR will be addressed if the Quad countries work together and it is "very reasonable" for India to "actually prepare" for a greater Chinese presence in the region.

<u>URL:https://www.msn.com/en-in/news/other/reasonable-for-india-to-prepare-for-china-presence-in-indian-ocean-jaishankar/ar-AA1hmR2z</u>

Indo-Pacific Army Chiefs Conference

The Indian Army chief said that the country is committed to maintaining a stable and free Indo-Pacific region, where the territorial integrity and sovereignty of all nations is respected. The Conference this year is hosted by the U.S. and India focusing on boosting collaboration and military diplomacy and promoting peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

<u>URL:https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2023/09/26/india-and-us-army-chiefs-call-for-free-and-stable-indo-pacific/</u>