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Typhoon Gaemi Devastates the Indo-Pacific

The Chinese official Xinhua news agency reported, that more than 27,000 people were evacuated in northeast China and hundreds of factories were ordered to suspend production as Typhoon Gaemi brought heavy rains. The news agency also reported, the storm killed dozens as it swept through Taiwan and worsened seasonal rains in the Philippines. Hundreds of mining and chemical companies across the Liaoning province have suspended operations and nearby residents have relocated.

[URL:https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/typhoon-gaemi-forces-evacuation-factory-suspension-in-northeast-china/article68453418.ece](https://www.thehindu.com/news/international/typhoon-gaemi-forces-evacuation-factory-suspension-in-northeast-china/article68453418.ece)

US Lawmaker: China making inroads into key chokepoints in Indian Ocean

It is now established that China is making inroads into key choke points across the Indian Ocean, posing a threat to the economic interests and national security and hindering free maritime passage of both the US and its allies in South Asia. Congresswoman Young Kim, who is the chairperson of the subcommittee on Indo-Pacific, also said, “We cannot forget the significance of Indo in the Indo-Pacific”. She also added South Asian region holds “immense significance” for the US national security interests and foreign policy, and how the region faces a geopolitical landscape that presents challenges for the US policy objectives.

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Former Australian PM Scott Morrison stresses preserving sovereignty of Indian Ocean at Colombo meet

The former PM of Australia Scott Morrison while delivering a talk on “Australia and the Indian Ocean” said there is a need to preserve the sovereignty and the need to resist coercion in the IOR in the face of increasing influence from major powers. He also discussed the significance of regional cooperation, within the framework of the Quad, and the need for strategic, humanitarian, and economic collaboration in the Indian Ocean.

[URL:https://www.theweek.in/wire-updates/international/2024/07/22/fgn61-lanka-indian-ocean-morrison.html](https://www.theweek.in/wire-updates/international/2024/07/22/fgn61-lanka-indian-ocean-morrison.html)