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Tropical Storm ILAY

The metrological department of Kenya has warned of enhanced rainfall over the western half of the country due to a tropical storm over the South West Indian Ocean. The department said, “Strong southerly winds are anticipated over the eastern sector of the country. Heavy rainfall off the coast of Kenya may occasionally propagate inland” and “The heavy rainfall is predicted to intensify to more than 40mm in 24 hours over the Rift valley, Highlands West and East of the Rift Valley including Nairobi area”.

[URL:https://www.kbc.co.ke/tropical-cyclone-ialy-raises-concern-as-weatherman-predicts-heavy-rainfall/](https://www.kbc.co.ke/tropical-cyclone-ialy-raises-concern-as-weatherman-predicts-heavy-rainfall/)

Indian Warships reach Philippines on SCS(South China Sea) tour

Three Indian warships have reached Manila amid increasing tensions between China and the Philippines. Anti-submarine warfare corvette *INS Kiltan*, Guided-missile destroyer *INS Delhi*, and fleet tanker *INS Shakti*, under the command of Eastern Fleet chief Rear Admiral Rajesh Dhankar were docked at Manila. Rear Admiral said, “India and the Philippines share common interests particularly in maintain peace and order in the Indo-Pacific region. The two navies share strong bonds of friendship, and both have endeavoured to participate in maritime partnership exercises at every available opportunity”. During the visit personnel from the two navies will engage in exercise as well as in wide range of professional interactions.

[URL:https://www.oneindia.com/international/indian-warships-arrive-in-manila-as-part-of-south-china-sea-deployment-3829659.html](https://www.oneindia.com/international/indian-warships-arrive-in-manila-as-part-of-south-china-sea-deployment-3829659.html)

U.S. lawmakers to introduce legislation to formalise Indian Ocean Strategy

The members of U.S. House of Representatives’ Foreign Affairs Committee will introduce legislation requiring the U.S. administration to present a “cohesive” and formal Indian Ocean strategy across main departments. The Indian Ocean Region Strategic Review Act is based on a recommendation of the Security Review Commission and Bipartisan US-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The commission’s November 2022 report had recommended the administration to submit an IOR strategy that would include plans to defend freedom of navigation, develop U.S. economic interests in the region, promote cooperation with India, Japan, Australia, France, and U.K. among others.

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