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India, Italy seek to enhance ship-tracking cooperation in Indian Ocean to counter China (April 16)

The Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh was on a two-day visit to Rome, and co-chaired the 11th India-Italy annual bilateral Joint Defence Committee meeting with Secretary General of Italian Defence Luisa Riccardi. They discussed a wide range of cooperation, security, defence and industrial issues, including information-sharing arrangements and maritime cooperation between India and Italy. The situation in the Western Indian Ocean and Red Sea was also part of discussions. The representatives signed MoU between SIDM (Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers) and AIAD (Italian counterpart).

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Indian Navy to Deploy Underwater Sensor Network to Monitor Chinese Submarines In Indian Ocean (April 18)

The Indian Navy in collaboration with the DRDO, plans to deploy underwater sensors to detect submarine movements in the Andaman and Nicobar islands, the Bay of Bengal, and the Ninety East Ridge. A senior defence official said, “India faces significant challenges from the PLAN (People’s Liberation Army Navy) expanding its submarine operations in the region. The four-week survey of the Ninety East Ridge by China’s ‘silent’ research vessel *Dong Fang Hong 3* last month has heightened concerns about mapping underwater environments for submarine operations”. Hence, this move is crucial for India’s economic and geopolitical interests amid the growing presence of foreign submarines.

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Navy’s IOS SAGAR wraps up Mozambique visit with joint drills, medical camps and community outreach (April 20)

The Navy said, the IOS (Indian Ocean Ship) SAGAR carried out a range of cultural and professional activities during its visit to Mozambique. A post on X said, “#IOS_SAGAR in Mozambique, engaged in a wide spectrum of professional and cultural engagements. Key activities included joint training with #Mozambique Armed Forces on VBSS, firefighting, damage control & diving operations. Medical camp for local populace, community outreach at the local orphanage in Nacala, maritime awareness quiz for local schools and visit onboard the ship for the local population including Indian diaspora. The visit underscores #IndianNavy’s commitment to strengthening regional partnerships for #maritimesecurity, fostering deeper cultural bonds and social responsibility to the community.”

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