



## **SIOS NEWS BRIEF (20-26 January)**

### **Indonesia key pillar of India's Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific Vision: President Murmu (Jan 26)**

Indonesian President Prabowo was on his first state visit to India and President Murmu hosted a banquet in honour at the Rashtrapati Bhawan. She said, "This is a historic occasion, as 75 years ago on our first Republic Day in 1950, we had the President Sukarno of Indonesia as the Chief Guest. This is a reflection of the long-standing ties and strong democratic tradition between our two countries" and added, "I recall the millennia-old civilisation links between India and Indonesia, including the 'Bali Jatra' observed in Odisha, which commemorates the journeys undertaken by Indian seafarers and traders in ancient times from India to Bali and other regions of the Indo-Pacific. Indonesia is a key pillar of India's 'Act East' policy and Indo-Pacific Vision."

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### **U.S. top diplomat vows to ensure stability in Indo-Pacific: Japan FM (Jan 23)**

Following the ministerial meeting of the Quad, Japan's foreign minister hailed Marco Rubio, the new U.S. secretary of state, saying he made it clear that U.S. will work to maintain deterrence in the Indo-Pacific. The four foreign ministers released a joint statement saying that "the rule of law, democratic values, sovereignty, and territorial integrity" should be upheld, where China is seen engaging in assertive behaviour.

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### **India and France for coordinated surveillance in IOR (Jan 21)**

The 7<sup>th</sup> India-France Maritime cooperation dialogue was held in Delhi and was co-chaired by Pavan Kapoor (Dept National Security Adviser: India) and Alice Rufo (DG for IR and strategy: France). The Ministry of External Affairs said in a statement, "Both sides agreed to strengthen existing mechanisms of cooperation such as implementation of the agreed framework of exchange of information through enhanced information exchange between Information Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region, Gurugram and Regional Coordination Centre, Seychelles and Regional Maritime Information Fusion Centre, Madagascar in the IOR".

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