



## **SIOS NEWS BRIEF (24 February- 1 March)**

### **Four dead as Cyclone Garance wrecks France's La Reunion island (March 1)**

Authorities said, at least four people have been killed as Cyclone struck La Reunion island the French overseas territory. More than 950 people were staying in temporary accommodation centres and around 160,000 people were without electricity. The Central Government representative on the island, Patrice Latron, said “a lot of work” would be needed as “roads are flooded, roads are cut off and some washed away”.

URL:<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/3/1/three-dead-as-cyclone-garance-wrecks-frances-la-reunion-island>

### **India looks to formalise defence cooperation with EU in Indo-Pacific (Feb 28)**

The visiting European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and PM Narendra Modi will look to boost ongoing efforts for an India-EU FTA (Free Trade Agreement), and are likely to discuss ways to formalise security and defense cooperation in the Indo-Pacific. Official sources said the EU is showing interest with India in defence cooperation and the two sides have had “informal coordination” between their forces so far.

URL:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-looks-to-formalise-defence-ties-with-eu-in-indo-pacific/articleshow/118609765.cms>

### **Secretary-General of ASEAN meets with Canada's Special Envoy for the Indo-Pacific(Feb 25)**

On the sidelines of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Future Forum, Secretary General of ASEAN, Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, met with Canada's Special Envoy for the Indo-Pacific Ian McKay, where they discuss ASEAN-Canada cooperation in alignment with ASEAN-Canada's mutual interests and AOIP (ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific).

URL: <https://asean.org/secretary-general-of-asean-meets-with-canadas-special-envoy-for-the-indo-pacific/>