



SIOS NEWS BRIEF (27 January-1st February)

Indian, Indonesian Navy Chiefs hold talks to deepen maritime cooperation (Jan 28)

Admiral Muhammad Ali, Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy, in line with the growing ties between India and Indonesia, was on an official visit to India. The Ministry of Defence in a statement said, “During his visit, Adm Muhammad Ali and Adm Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of the Naval Staff, held bilateral interactions to deepen maritime cooperation and strengthen ties between the two-close maritime neighbours”. The MoD added, “The key areas of discussion between the two naval leaders included advancing joint initiatives like Exercise Samudra Shakti, strengthening operational collaboration, and addressing shared maritime challenges, including piracy and other illegal activities at sea”.

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Iranian Navy task force deployed to the Indian Ocean, Gulf of Aden (Jan 27)

Deputy Commander of the Navy, Rear Admiral Hamzeh Ali Kaviani, and other officials and commanders attended their deployment. This task force, consisting of logistic support ships Lavan and Bushehr, will conduct patrols in the Gulf of Aden and the northern Indian Ocean. These missions demonstrate Iran’s commitment to foster international cooperation within the region and to enhance maritime security.

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Union Budget 2025: Eye on Ocean, funds hiked for Maldives (Feb 1)

There was substantial increase in aid for the Maldives with the government earmarking Rs 600 crore for the Indian Ocean neighbour. An official said, “Guided by the ‘Neighbourhood First’ policy, 64% of our schemes portfolio is earmarked for our immediate neighbours towards implementation of a variety of demand-driven initiatives ranging from large infrastructure projects such as hydroelectric plants, power transmission lines, housing, roads, bridges, integrated check-posts, to small-scale grass-roots level community development projects as well as training and capacity building programmes”.

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