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US defense secretary Hegseth warns Indo-Pacific allies of China's growing military threat (June 1)

The US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, speaking for the first time at the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, underlined that the Indo-Pacific is a priority for the Trump administration. He warned that the threat from China was potentially imminent and real as he pushed allies in the Indo-Pacific to spend more on defence needs. He added that any attempt by the Communist nation to conquer Taiwan “would result in devastating consequences for the Indo-Pacific and the world”.

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‘We can’t move north due to China’: CDS Chauhan says India must embrace Indian Ocean as its strategic future (May 31)

Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan said that, “Now, shifting attention to the IOR, especially the northern Bay of Bengal, our geopolitical reality means we cannot move north due to tensions with China, nor can we move east because of the instability in Myanmar”. He further added, “We’re politically connected to Central and West Asia, but geographically cut off. Therefore, the sea is our only viable pathway. That’s why the ocean is not just important, it's our destiny”.

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India-EU naval exercise in Indian Ocean on June 1-3 (May 30)

The EU and India will conduct a joint naval exercise in the Indian Ocean. The exercise will focus on tactical manoeuvres, interoperability, enhanced communication protocols, and advanced counter-piracy operations reflecting the increasing maritime security cooperation among the two sides. The EU said in a statement, “The exercise will involve Indian Navy ships and two frigates of the European Union Naval Force Operation ATLANTA”. It further added, this is in line with their commitment to open, inclusive, free, and rules-based maritime order in the Indo-Pacific region.

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