



## **SIOS NEWS BRIEF (3-8 March)**

### **India concludes massive naval combat exercise amid growing China-Pak maritime collusiveness(March 7)**

The Indian Navy's TROPEX (Theatre Level Operational Exercise) conducted across the IOR has concluded amid increasing maritime collusiveness between China and Pakistan. The Navy spokesperson Captain Vivek Madhwal said, "The exercise provided a valuable evaluation of the Navy's ability to respond to multifarious challenges in a synchronised and integrated manner to defend national maritime security interests. It helped validate many concepts of operations".

URL:<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/india-concludes-massive-naval-combat-exercise-amid-growing-china-pak-maritime-collusiveness/articleshow/118787896.cms>

### **Five Indo-Pacific nations begin Exercise Sea Dragon 25 (March 7)**

Exercise Sea Dragon has been held annually since 2019. The officer-in-charge for the U.S. Navy detachment from VP 16 said, "I am eager for the opportunity to further develop our partnerships with Australia, India, Japan, and the Republic of Korea during Sea Dragon 2025". Further added, "The continued growth and increasing complexity of this exercise affords an opportunity to practice ASW tactics, techniques, and procedures with allies and partners".

URL: <https://www.pacom.mil/Media/NEWS/News-Article-View/Article/4113513/five-indo-pacific-nations-begin-exercise-sea-dragon-25/>

### **'Impossible' for US to give up Indo-Pacific, Taiwan defence minister says(March 4)**

The Defence Minister of Taiwan Wellington Koo said The U.S. cannot abandon the Indo-Pacific because the region is part of its "core national interests". The minister was asked by reporters whether the U.S. is still a reliable security partner for Taiwan amid the concerns about U.S. security commitments to Taiwan, in reply he said, "I think it is impossible for the US to retreat from the Indo-Pacific because it is its core national interest."

URL: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/impossible-us-give-up-indo-pacific-taiwan-defence-minister-says-2025-03-04/>

### **Russia's Pacific Fleet conducts exercises in Indian Ocean (March 3)**

The Defence Ministry reported that the naval units of the Russian Pacific Fleet has conducted firing drills in the IO eastern region. A Ka-27M helicopter was deployed for designated targets, search and reconnaissance mission, and served as a spotter for artillery. The report further stated that the ships used a jamming system to evade a simulated enemy missile attack.

URL: <https://www.plenglish.com/news/2025/03/03/russias-pacific-fleet-conducts-exercises-in-indian-ocean/>