



SIOS NEWS BRIEF (5-11 May)

Joint Press Statement for the 26th Korea-U.S. Integrated Defense Dialogue (May 5)

On May 1-2, 2025, the U.S. Department of Defense and the ROK Ministry of National Defense, in D.C., held the 26th KIDD (Korea-U.S. Integrated Defense). During the meeting, both the sides had in-depth discussions on policy directions, and assessed the defense cooperation of the U.S.-ROK alliance. They also assessed that the KIDD laid a framework for cooperation to solidify the alliance and deepen cooperation to achieve shared security goals across the Indo-Pacific region.

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Quad Concludes Simulation Exercise to Advance Indo-Pacific Logistics Network (May 7)

The Quad Partners convened at the Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies in Hawaii, for a Tabletop exercise, a simulation to launch the Quad IPLN (Indo-Pacific Logistics Network). The IPLN is an initiative that reflects Quad's commitment to leverage shared logistics capabilities in the Indo-Pacific to support response to natural disasters more efficiently and rapidly across the region.

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IOS SAGAR returns to Kochi after landmark deployment (May 9)

After a landmark month-long deployment of INS Sunanya, operating as IOS Sagar, across the southwestern Indian Ocean, it returned to Kochi. The ship's mission was a first-of-its-kind initiative jointly crewed by sailors from nine IOR nations, under the Indian Navy's larger MAHASAGAR vision for regional cooperation and security. The key highlights included interoperability drills and community engagements with Mauritius and Mozambique navies and participation in Africa-India Key Maritime Engagement 2025(a multilateral naval exercise hosted by India and Tanzania).

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Karachi among targets as Indian Navy stayed combat-ready in Arabian Sea: Vice Admiral Pramod on Operation Sindoor (May 11)

In the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack, Vice Admiral AN Pramod said the Indian Navy mobilised its carrier battle group into the northern Arabian Sea, adopting a "decisive and deterrent posture". He further added, "In the aftermath of the cowardly attacks on innocent tourists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir by Pakistani-sponsored terrorist on 22nd April, the Indian Navy's Carrier battle group, surface forces, submarines and aviation assets were deployed at sea with full combat readiness".

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