



SIOS NEWS BRIEF (7-13 April)

New Zealand seeks stronger US role in Indo-Pacific, says Foreign Minister Peters (April 13)

The New Zealand Prime Minister Winston Peters, following his trip to Washington stated, that his country wants US to be an “active” partner in the Indo-Pacific. Speaking in Hawaii, on a week-long Pacific trip, the Minister said the message he took to US was “New Zealand wants, indeed needs, for the United States to remain an active, engaged and constructive partner in the Indo-Pacific”.

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A regional revival: On the BIMSTEC summit (April 9)

The sixth BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) summit was held in Bangkok. The summit proved useful given the areas of cooperation and number of agreements for eg. a BIMSTEC chamber of commerce and work on the IMT (India Myanmar Thailand) Trilateral Highway, billed a BIMSTEC “hub”, all the way to the Pacific Ocean. The summit also provided opportunity to the leaders for bilateral meetings. Bangladesh Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus and PM Narendra Modi aired their grievances over border killings, treatment of minorities, and former PM Sheikh Hasina’s stay in India.

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Commissioner Kadis in La Réunion to open the 29th Indian Ocean Tuna Commission meeting (April 11)

The meeting, hosted by EU in La Réunion plays a significant role in overseeing the conservation of tuna and tuna-like species. The IOTC (Indian Ocean Tuna Commission) promotes cooperation for optimal utilisation and conservation of the tuna stocks and establishment of sustainable fisheries in the IOR. The members of IOTC, meet annually, to adopt and discuss measures for the management and conservation of tuna and tuna-like species.

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