



SIOS NEWS BRIEF (9-14 December)

Cyclone Chido Leaves Hundreds Dead in the French Territory of Mayotte

According to the Mayotte island's top government official the death toll from cyclone chido maybe close to 1000 in the French territory of Mayotte. The cyclone has made landfall on the east coast of Africa, it blew through the southeastern Indian Ocean, affecting the islands of Madagascar and Comoros. Prime Minister François Bayrou, said public infrastructure had been severely destroyed on Mayotte, including the main hospital and the airport.

URL: <https://time.com/7202355/cyclone-chido-death-toll-french-territory/>

UK officially joins Indo-Pacific Trade Bloc

The UK became the first European nation to join Indo-Pacific trading bloc, and is now officially 12th member of the CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership). The bloc, accounts for about 15% of global GDP, and will give British businesses access to a market of more than 500 million people. The alliance includes Canada, Japan and G7 members, plus long-standing allies Australia and New Zealand, Chile, Mexico, Singapore, Brunei, Malaysia, Vietnam, and Peru.

URL: <https://www.barrons.com/news/uk-officially-joins-indo-pacific-trade-bloc-ffeb10a8>

India Gets Its Latest Multi-Role Stealth Frigate: INS Tushil

The 125-metre long warship, INS Tushil was commissioned into the Indian Navy at Russia's coastal city of Kaliningrad. INS Tushil has been constructed in Russia, as a part of \$2.5 billion deal, that India had inked with Russia in 2016 for four stealth frigates. The warship is expected to bolster the Indian Navy's operational capability in the IOR. The Defense Minister of India described the commissioning as a "proud testament" to increasing maritime strength of India.

URL: <https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/india/missile-frigate-ins-tushil-inducted-in-india-here-s-how-it-will-boost-indian-navy-in-indian-ocean-12886963.html>