



## **SIOS NEWS BRIEF (9-15 March)**

### **China, Iran and Russia to hold ‘Security Belt’ exercise in Indian Ocean (March 9)**

To promote trilateral cooperation and security in the Indian Ocean, China, Iran and Russia will launch a joint military operation called “Security Belt 2025”. The Chinese Defense Ministry said, “The aim is to strengthen military mutual trust and foster pragmatic cooperation among the naval forces of the participating countries”. The exercise is scheduled to take place on the Gulf of Oman coast in the Iranian port of Chabahar.

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### **Mauritius, a key partner in Indian Ocean, will open new chapter: Modi (March 10)**

The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi was in Mauritius on March 11-12 and was the chief guest at the National Day celebrations in Port Louis, at the invitation of Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam. Ahead of his departure Modi said, “Mauritius is a close maritime neighbour, a key partner in the Indian Ocean, and a gateway to the African continent. We are connected by history, geography and culture”. Further he added, “I look forward to the opportunity to engage with the Mauritius leadership to elevate our partnership in all its facets and strengthen our enduring friendship for the progress and prosperity of our peoples, as well as for security and development in the Indian Ocean Region, as part of our vision SAGAR.”

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### **US Intelligence chief Tulsi Gabbard to visit India, talks to include strengthening Indo-Pacific ties (March 11)**

The US Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard’s first visit to India since being sworn in as the eighth Senate. She posted on X, “I am #WheelsUp on a multi-nation trip to the Indo-Pacific, a region I know very well having grown up as a child of the Pacific. I’ll be going to Japan, Thailand, and India, with a brief stop in France en route back to DC”. Her visit aims to reinforce Washington’s commitment to allies in the region.

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