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Cyclone hits Kenya and Tanzania

Many shops and beaches were closed and deserted as winds and heavy rains from a tropical cyclone buffeted coastal areas of Kenya and Tanzania. Both the countries have gone on alert for Tropical Cyclone Hidaya after weeks of floods and torrential rains and have wreaked havoc in many parts of East Africa and claimed more than 400 lives.

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Rajnath Singh on its operations to assist merchant ships in strategic sea lanes: Navy performed ‘miracle’

In an interview the Defence Minister said that the Indian Navy has performed a “miracle”, heaping wholehearted praise for the force’s operations in IOR where it assisted several merchant ships threatened by pirates. He further stated the force deserves praise on its operations in the strategic waterways, “The Indian Navy has done miracles. Congratulations to the Navy (Indian Navy ne Karishma kiya. Navy ko Badhai)”.

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DRDO successfully tests anti-submarine missile system

The DRDO carried out a successful trial of SMART (Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo) anti-submarine missile system off the coast of Balasore, Odisha. This will enable the Navy to enhance its warfare capabilities and eliminate submarine threats deep under the sea. The SMART system has a range more than the conventional system.

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