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Maritime safety and security is of primordial importance to Indian Ocean Region: Secretary-General (May 11)

Amidst the ongoing crisis in West Asia, navigating maritime security will be at the top of the agenda at the 23-IOA, with a leaders summit next year, said Sanjiv Ranjan the organisation's Secretary-General. The government is expected to focus on the challenges arising from the war in West Asia, including the Hormuz Strait blockade by Iran and the U.S. and violence in the region.

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Indian naval ship arrives in Sri Lanka for operational deployment (May 16)

Indian Naval Ship Sunayna arrived at the port of Colombo for a three-day visit as part of operational deployment in the IOR. The Sri Lankan Navy said, the ship, arrived at the port under IOS-SAGAR (Indian Ocean Ship-Security and Growth for All in the Region). According to a statement by the Ministry of Defence, IOS SAGAR, with a multinational crew from 16 countries will participate in media interactions highlighting the objectives of its 2026 deployment. Upon departure, the sailors will conduct a joint passage exercise with the Sri Lankan Navy.

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India, Netherlands upgrade ties to 'strategic partnership', deepen defence, chip and Indo-Pacific cooperation (May 17)

During PM Modi's visit to Netherlands, both sides elevated their bilateral relationship to a "Strategic Partnership", signalling deep cooperation across trade, defence, and Indo-Pacific security. In a joint statement issued after talks among Dutch PM Dick Schoof and PM Modi, both sides agreed to establish structured and regular cooperation across different sectors, including cyber security, artificial intelligence, agriculture, semiconductors, quantum technologies, education and water management.

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