



SIOS NEWS BRIEF (16-20 March)

Iran targeted Diego Garcia Base with Ballistic Missiles (March 20)

According to several U.S. officials, Iran fired two ballistic missiles at the U.S.-U.K. base Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. The move marks Iran's attempt to reach beyond the Middle East and threaten U.S. interests. While neither of the two ballistic missiles reached the island, but this was the first time that Iran deployed and disclosed intermediate-range ballistic missiles.

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EAM Jaishankar speaks to Australian counterpart Penny Wong on West Asia conflict Indo-Pacific (March 20)

Amidst the increasing global concerns over fresh attacks on West Asian gas hubs, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar spoke to his Australian counterpart Penny Wong and discussed the situation in Indo-Pacific. An Israeli attack on Iran's South Pars gas fields resulted in Iranian retaliation on main energy infrastructure in several Gulf nations including Qatar's LNG hub of Ras Laffan.

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'Deadly retaliation' awaits enemies over killing of sailors in Indian Ocean, warns Iran Navy chief (March 17)

Following the deaths of crew members from the IRIS Dena warship, the commander of the Iranian Navy has issued warning stating that the nation's adversaries will encounter "deadly retaliation". The commander was quoted saying, "We will not forget the enemy's crime, and we will exact retribution for the blood of our martyrs". He further emphasised that the timing and nature of the response would catch their opponents off guard.

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US Secures \$57 billion energy deals to boost Indo-Pacific Security (March 17)

During the Indo-Pacific Energy Security Forum in Tokyo, Asia-Pacific allies agreed to \$57 billion in 22 deals with American companies, Interior Secretary Burgum said this is part of a push to strengthen allies' energy security. He said, "This is President Trumps' energy dominance policy, which is about that we need to sell energy to our friends and allies so they don't have to buy from adversaries, so they don't have to be dependent on sources of energy that can be controlled or constrained by a terrorist regime".

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