



SIOS NEWS BRIEF (19-24 April)

Indian Navy lists Hormuz as ‘primary area’ of interest, one of the key ‘choke points’ (April 24)

Recently, Navy Chief Admiral D K Tripathi, made public its maritime security strategy amid the ongoing blockade of Hormuz Strait, which mentions Hormuz as “primary area” of interest. Choke points in the IOR constitute main nodes that exert influence over global energy and trade security. As India’s strategic and economic engagement across the seas continues to increase, the scale and intensity of external influences on its national interests are expected to increase significantly, necessitating for a broader operational footprint for the Indian Navy.

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Top military leadership of India and US engage to discuss common concerns in the Indo-Pacific (April 23)

Chief of Defence Staff held discussions with a senior US Indo-Pacific Command official, reinforcing the increasing strategic alignment among the two nations in terms of regional security. The HQs of Integrated Defence Staff posted on Social Media, mentioned that both sides articulated a “clear intent to expand and operationalise” the complexity, scope, and frequency of bilateral and Tri Service engagements. It added, “Recognising technology as a defining determinant of modern power, the partnership continues to evolve with enhanced synergy, capability and strategic foresight.”

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Indian Ocean Ship SAGAR departs Phuket, Thailand (April 19)

On completion of a high-tempo 3 day OTR (Operational Turnaround), INS Sunayna (IOS SAGAR) departed Phuket, Thailand, marking the successful culmination of her second port call and has proceeded to Jakarta, on her mission to strengthen maritime cooperation in the Southeast IOR. The Ministry of Defence said, “During the visit to Phuket, IOS SAGAR undertook a series of professional, strategic and cultural engagements with the Royal Thai Navy, significantly strengthening bilateral naval cooperation. Commander Siddharth Chaudhary, Commanding Officer, INS Sunayna called on Rear Admiral Sathaporn Wajarat, Chief of Staff of the Third Naval Area Command, RTN, reaffirming shared commitment towards maritime cooperation.”

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