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Indian Ocean security gets a boost as EU warships join Indian Navy in high-stakes war games (June 2)

To enhance maritime security cooperation, two warships from EUNAVFOR (European Union Naval Force), Spanish Navy (ESPS Reina Sofia) and Italian Navy (ITS Antonio Marceglia) arrived in Mumbai. The visit follows high-level talks between PM Narendra Modi and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen. Both sides agreed to deepen cooperation in the military domain. The historic visit reflects the outcomes of the 4th India-EU Maritime Security Dialogue and marks an increasing multi-domain partnership between India and the EU.

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UK defence review acknowledges India's role on global stage and Indian Ocean (June 3)

The UK's Strategic Defence Review 2025 sets out the increasing threats faced by Britain, including from China, the report says is "increasingly leveraging its economic, technological, and military capabilities" to establish dominance in the Indo-Pacific. According to the UK government's defence overhaul to meet new threats and challenges, Britain is developing bilateral defence relationship with India, in the IOR. The report added, "Recognizing the role that India plays on the global stage, the UK continues to develop the bilateral defence relationship across a range of shared interest, including in the IOR and through capability cooperation".

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U.S., Philippines, Japan and the Republic of Korea conclude KAMANDAG 9 (June 6)

Elements of I & III MEF (Marine Expeditionary Force) concluded Exercise KAMANDAG 9, capping weeks of training across the Philippine archipelago, advancing maritime, air, and littoral capabilities and reaffirming the vision of peace and prosperity among U.S., Japan, the Philippines, ROK, U.K., Thailand, Australia, and France. KAMANDAG, an acronym for "Kaagapay ng Mandirigma ng Dagat" or "Cooperation of Warriors of the Sea", stands as a testament to eighty years of alliance under the 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty.

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