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India's vision is to make Indian Ocean an Ocean of Opportunity: PM Modi in Seychelles (June 28)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 8th National Assembly and became the first Indian PM to address the Parliament of Seychelles, where he underscored the importance of the IO and reiterated India's commitment to maritime security in the IOR. He said, India envisions an Indian Ocean where maritime security is ensured alongside economic prosperity and where partnership is not based on size, but on trust and mutual respect and added, "Our vision is to make the Indian Ocean an Ocean of Opportunity".

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Indian Navy's INS Ikshak reaches Seychelles on Operational Deployment (June 27)

The Indian Navy's indigenously built Survey Vessel, INS Ikshak, has reached Seychelles , and will participate in the National Day celebrations and engage in a series of professional interactions with Seychelles Defence Forces aimed at increasing maritime interoperability and cooperation. The Ministry said the deployment reaffirms India's commitment to strengthening maritime partnerships with friendly nations advancing security, peace and stability in the IOR, in line with the vision of MAHASAGAR.

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2 senior U.S. officials visit Sri Lanka amid growing focus on Indian Ocean region (June 22)

Two senior U.S. officials have begun separate visits to Sri Lanka for talks on security, defence, and trade. According to the US embassy, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs S Paul Kapur arrived in Colombo. The U.S. embassy described the trip as reflecting the "growing strength of the US-Sri Lanka defence partnership" and the "latest milestone in expanding bilateral relationship built on joint exercises, military exchanges, and consistent senior-level dialogue". The back-to-back engagements signal U.S.'s sharper push in the IO amidst increasing regional competition.

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