



## **SIOS NEWS BRIEF (23-29 June)**

### **Post Op Sindoor, India to fast-track launch of 52 defence surveillance satellites (June 29)**

With the need for 'persistent' and 'deep' surveillance, India plans to fast-track the launch of 52 satellites for the armed forces. A source told TOI that, "Work is underway to compress these timelines to launch the satellites faster into the LEO and geostationary orbit. The three private companies that have got the contracts have been told to speed up building of the satellites". Under Phase 3 of the SBS (Space-based Surveillance) initiative, the ISRO will launch 21 satellites, while three private firms will deploy the remaining satellites.

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### **Indian Ocean navies push for regional response mechanism, discuss joint operational guidelines (June 26)**

The Indian Navy hosted the IONS (Indian Ocean Naval Symposium) from 24 to 25 June in Delhi. The event brought representatives from 13 IONS member nations, Australia, Bangladesh, France, India, Kenya, Mozambique, Oman, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Thailand. The Indian Navy said, "Discussions focused on enhancing information-sharing frameworks, advancing Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA), and adopting collaborative approaches to mitigate emerging threats." The IONS, established in 2008, is a forum for collaboration and cooperation among navies of littoral states of IOR.

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### **Top U.S. allies in Indo-Pacific are no-shows at NATO summit (June 25)**

The leaders of the Australia, South Korea and Japan did not join President Trump at this year's NATO summit. The leaders of three key U.S. allies in the Indo-Pacific are not members of the NATO, but their leaders have attended the annual summits since 2022 by special invitation. None of them accepted the NATO'S invitation this year, although each nation gave different reason of absence, but experts pointed to Washington's "America First" agenda as the reason.

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### **USS Tripoli arrives in Japan for new Indo-Pacific duties (June 25)**

The U.S. Navy's new America-class amphibious assault ship arrived in Japan. The commanding officer of the Tripoli Capt. Eddie Park said, "The Tripoli is ready to defend U.S. interests abroad and strengthen our long-standing partnership with Japan". He further added, "I am extremely proud to lead this hard-working and motivated team of Sailors and Marines overseas to support security, stability and prosperity in this vital region."

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