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ASEAN Summit 2025 Highlights: Jaishankar, Rubio meet in Kuala Lumpur; discuss India-US ties (Oct 27)

The 47th ASEAN summit was held in Malaysia under the theme “Inclusivity and Sustainability”. PM Modi addressed the summit virtually and he welcomed the addition of Timor Leste into the group and said, “Almost one-fourth of the world’s population is represented by us. ASEAN is a main pillar of India’s Act East Policy. India supports ASEAN centrality and its outlook”.

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Kenya’s Navy Seizes \$60M Worth of Meth in Indian Ocean (Oct 27)

Under the Safe Seas Africa Program a stateless dhow was intercepted loaded with 1,024 kg of meth off the Kenyan coast. Six Iranian crew members arrested now face drug trafficking charges and the consignment is one of the largest intercepted by Kenyan authorities. The Interior Cabinet Secretary said, “We remain steadfast in our commitment to strengthen inter-agency cooperation, enhance maritime and border security, and reinforce partnerships with regional and global allies to combat the production, movement and financing of illicit substances”.

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U.S., Indian Navies Conduct Bilateral Training Near Diego Garcia (Oct 27)

For a bilateral detachment and training in vicinity of Diego Garcia, a multi mission MPRA (Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance Aircraft) P-8A, CTF (Commander Task Force) 72 joined an Indian Navy MPRA P-8I. The Commodore of CTF 72 said, “Maritime domain awareness, which the global network of P-8 aircraft contribute to, is a critical aspect of identifying threats, traditional and non-traditional, that could threaten the stability and security in the region. By working with our allies and partners, we increase our shared maritime awareness to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific”.

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7th Edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue highlights contemporary maritime challenges (Oct 28)

The IPRD 2025 was held from 28 – 30th October, this year’s theme was ‘Promoting Holistic Maritime Security and Growth: Regional Capacity-Building and Capability-Enhancement’. The highlight of the first day was the address by Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, where he said that PM’s vision of MAHASAGAR places capacity building at the core of collective maritime progress and added, “Together, let’s build a safer, stronger and more prosperous maritime order.” The event brought together policymakers, leaders, academia, practitioners, and maritime experts from Indo-Pacific and beyond to address pivotal problems of the region.

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