



SIOS NEWS BRIEF (28 July-3rd August)

Magnitude 6.5 earthquake jolts Andaman and Nicobar Islands (July 28)

According to the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey), a magnitude 6.5 earthquake struck the IO, but no tsunami advisories or warnings were issued. The earthquake was centred near India's Andaman and Nicobar Islands. An impact assessment from the USGS indicated up to 25,000 people may have experienced light or weak shaking.

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India's ties with IOR nations strong, comprehensive: MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh (August 2)

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha MoS for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh said that India's relations with countries of IOR are strong, and investment and trade ties are being augmented. He further said, countries such as Mauritius, Maldives, and Sri Lanka occupy a key place in MAHASAGAR vision and India's Neighbourhood First Policy. He said, the Government closely monitors all key developments in the IOR impinging on India's economic and security interests.

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Exercise TALISMAN SABRE 2025 Concludes (August 3)

Talisman Sabre, the largest joint military exercise between the U.S. and Australia is conducted biennially since 2005. The eleventh iteration of the Exercise will conclude on 4th of August at a closing ceremony in Lae, PNG(Papua New Guinea). The exercise witnessed participation from 19 nations, the deployment of next-generation ATACMS missiles and advanced weapon systems such as HIMRAS (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System). The exercise demonstrates the increasing resolve of the international community to a secure, open and free Indo-Pacific.

[URL:https://www.pacom.mil/Media/NEWS/News-Article-View/Article/4262980/exercise-talisman-sabre-2025-concludes/](https://www.pacom.mil/Media/NEWS/News-Article-View/Article/4262980/exercise-talisman-sabre-2025-concludes/)

Philippines President Marcos Jr's India Visit: Focus on ASEAN Ties, Trade and Indo-Pacific Cooperation (August 3)

From August 4-8, Philippines President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr is set to visit and hold talks with PM Modi and President Droupadi Murmu. This would be the first visit of Marcos to India since the assumption of office, diplomatic relations between both the nations established in November 1949. India and the Philippines have since developed a strong partnership across several areas such as defence and security, maritime cooperation, trade and investment, healthcare, digital technologies, and agriculture.

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