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India reiterates commitment to peaceful, stable Indian Ocean region under MAHASAGAR vision at 10th IOD (May 9)

India hosted the 10th edition of the Indian Ocean Dialogue in Delhi under the theme “Indian Ocean Region in a Transforming World”. The MEA said the dialogue was organised by ICWA (Indian Council of World Affairs) and IORA Secretariat in collaboration with MEA. The statement by MEA added, “India reiterated its commitment to a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indian Ocean region, guided by its vision MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) and Neighbourhood First policy”.

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India, Vietnam Upgrade Ties to ‘Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership’, Set A Trade Goal (May 6)

The Vietnamese President To Lam, was on a three day visit to India, and after talks with PM Narendra Modi, both the countries elevated their bilateral relationship to an ‘Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership’. A main outcome of the meeting was to increase bilateral trade to \$25 billion by 2030, rise from current trade level of \$ 16.46 billion. The two leaders also announced the linkage of Vietnam’s fast payment system and India’s UPI, by streamlining financial connectivity, the two countries are weaving their economies together at the grassroot level.

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Japan PM says Iran war oil crisis having ‘enormous impact’ in Asia Pacific (May 4)

During a visit to Australia, Japan’s PM warned, about the global oil supply squeeze from shipping disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz is having an “enormous impact” across Asia Pacific. Both the countries signed agreements to boost cooperation on critical minerals and energy. Japan’s PM said, “We affirmed that Japan and Australia will closely communicate with each other in responding with a sense of urgency”. Australia is the country’s largest market for LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) and provides 1/3rd of Japan’s energy supplies.

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