



## **SIOS NEWS BRIEF (5-9 January)**

### **India calls to “exercise restraint” in Indo-Pacific after China’s military exercise around Taiwan (Jan 9)**

Following the conclusion of the Chinese PLA (People’s Liberation Army) Eastern Theatre Command’s “Justice Mission 2025” military drills around Taiwan Island, India urged all parties to “exercise restraint” and resolve disputes through peaceful means. During a press briefing, Randhir Jaiswal, MEA spokesperson said, “India closely follows developments across the Indo-Pacific region. We have an abiding interest in peace and stability in the region in view of our significant trade, economic, people-to-people and maritime interests. We urge all concerned parties to exercise restraint, eschew unilateral action and resolve all issues through peaceful means without threat or use of force”.

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### **India committed to ensuring peace and stability across Indo-Pacific region, says Rajnath Singh (Jan 6)**

At the commissioning of the ICGS (Indian Coast Guard Ship) ‘Samudra Pratap’, the pollution control vessels built by GSL (Goa Shipyard Limited), the Defence Minister said no single country can claim ownership over marine resources, and India is committed to ensure peace and stability across the Indo-Pacific region. He added, “We believe that marine resources are not the property of any one country, but a shared heritage of humanity. And when the heritage is shared, the responsibility for its protection is also shared. This is why India stands firmly on the world stage today with the principles of peace, stability, and environmental responsibility”.

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### **BRICS at Sea, But No India: Why New Delhi Skipped the Indian Ocean Naval Drill off South Africa (Jan 6)**

India opted to stay away from the Indian Ocean naval exercise which began off the coast of Durban last week, involving BRICS nations-China, Iran, Russia, and South Africa due to strategic considerations regarding Beijing. The exercise involves three Chinese ships, two Russian warships, in the IO as part of the 48<sup>th</sup> Anti-Piracy Escort Task Force, three South African vessels and two Iranian frigates. India’s absence from the exercise reflects a deliberate political choice.

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