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UK Carrier Strike Group strengthens partnership with India (Oct 6)

The navies of the UK and India started exercise Konkan in the western Indian Ocean to boost military ties. It will be the first time that Indian and British Carrier Strike Group will conduct maritime exercise together. The British High Commissioner, Lindy Cameron, said, “The UK and India believe in an Indo-Pacific that is free and open. We share an ambition for a modern defence and security partnership, a fundamental pillar of UK-India Vision 2035, agreed by our Prime Ministers this year. The engagements between the Carrier Strike Groups of our two navies demonstrate our commitment to maintain the rules-based international order in the region and lay the groundwork for future cooperation.”

URL: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-carrier-strike-group-strengthens-partnership-with-india>

Australia, India to boost submarine rescue, defence industry cooperation (Oct 9)

During the first annual defence ministers dialogue in Canberra, a joint statement said, India and Australia will strengthen defence industrial cooperation and maritime security, signing an agreement on mutual submarine rescue. Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh became the first to visit Australia since 2013. Defence Minister Richard Marles said, “Australia and India are top-tier security partners and our defense cooperation delivers practical effects to uphold Indo-Pacific stability.” Both the counterparts signed an agreement that included a forum for staff talks between two militaries and submarine rescue cooperation.

URL: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/australia-india-boost-submarine-rescue-defence-industry-cooperation-2025-10-09/>

US Ambassador-designate to India meets NSA Doval, says both nations “remain committed to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific” (Oct 11)

US Ambassador-designate to India, Sergio Gor, held talks with Ajit Doval (National Security Advisor), highlighting the commitment of United States’ to a free and open Indo-Pacific. The US Embassy in India, in a post on X said, “A pleasure to spend time with National Security Advisor Doval today. The US and India remain committed to working together to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific.” Gor added he looked forward to deepening the relationship between the US and India.

URL: <https://www.aninews.in/news/world/asia/us-ambassador-designate-to-india-meets-nsa-doal-says-both-nations-remain-committed-to-advance-a-free-and-open-indo-pacific20251011235909/>