



SIOS NEWS BRIEF (7-12 July)

India says 10 rescued, one missing after vessel attacked off Oman (July 12)

Indian Foreign Ministry, confirmed that ten of eleven Indian citizens on board the commercial vessel GFS Galaxy had been rescued after it came under attack in waters east of Oman; one Indian national remains missing. The attack coincided with Iran's announcement that it was closing the Strait of Hormuz and deploy missiles and drones at Gulf neighbours in retaliation for new US strikes. The closure of Hormuz, a critical choke point for oil and gas moving from the Persian Gulf into the Indian Ocean, poses immediate risks to India's energy imports and broader IOR shipping routes, forcing potential rerouting and delays for tankers and cargo vessels.
URL:<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/world/asia/india-gfs-galaxy-vessel-attacked-oman-rescue-operations?amp=1>

India's expanding maritime footprint in the Indo-Pacific (July 12)

The July 2026 visits of PM Narendra Modi to Indonesia and Australia were more than a diplomatic itinerary across the Pacific and the eastern Indian Ocean. Indonesia represents ASEAN's maritime gateway and political centre connecting the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Whereas, Australia is a key member of QUAD and a trusted strategic partner in the southern Indo-Pacific. As geopolitical; competition intensifies, India's success will depend on building enduring partnerships based on trust and less on balancing rival powers.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissions indigenous stealth frigate INS Mahendragiri; Says, India building a strong, self-reliant and future-ready defence force (July 11)

The Indian Navy successfully commissioned INS Mahendragiri, sixth Project 17A indigenous stealth frigate, into the Eastern Fleet at Visakhapatnam. Over 75% of the ship was indigenously sourced and developed by local MSMEs under 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'. INS Mahendragiri is equipped with BrahMos cruise missiles, superior air defence, and electronic warfare suites and is seen to play an important role in expanding India's operational blue-water reach in the Indian Ocean Region. Mr Rajnath Singh said the Government is expanding shipbuilding capacity and modernising the maritime sector under the Maritime India 2030 vision.

URL:<https://newsonair.gov.in/indian-navy-to-commission-indigenous-stealth-frigate-mahendragiri-in-visakhapatnam-today/>

Roundup: IMB warns vessels off Somalia coast amid piracy resurgence (July 10)

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) warned shipmasters to maintain high vigilance off the Somali coast and in the Gulf of Aden, citing a slight resurgence in piracy during the first six months of 2026. Between April and May, four vessels were hijacked, with further attacks and suspicious approaches in June. "IMB reiterates the need for continued patrols and regional cooperation to deter criminal activity and safeguard life at sea". The incident underscores the renewed threat to shipping lanes critical for Indian Ocean trade and India's energy supplies.

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