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Attacks on vessels with Indian seafarers, Iranian ‘service fee’ may feature in IORA meet (June 13)

At the 28th meeting of the committee of Senior officials of the IORA (Indian Ocean Rim Association) grouping, all eyes will be on new Delhi, which may put forth concerns over the U.S.’s recent attacks on four vessels with Indian seafarers on board. India is the current chair of the grouping; although the charter of IORA bars members from raising issues that do not concern regional cooperation. India in the broader scheme of things, could look to utilise the forum for airing concerns in the maritime space.

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Canada, Philippines sign defence agreements to deepen military cooperation in Indo-Pacific (June 12)

During talks in Ottawa, Philippine Defence Secretary Gilberto Teodoro and Canadian Defence Minister David McGuinty formalised a Statement of Intent and a Mutual Logistics Support Arrangement on strengthening defence cooperation. During the meeting, both sides also exchanged views on the evolving security environment and reaffirmed support for the rule of law in the Indo-Pacific. The Canadian Defence Minister in a statement said, “these initiatives will strengthen interoperability between our armed forces, facilitate greater collaboration, and reinforce our shared commitment to a secure, stable, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region”.

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PM Modi to embark on three-nation Indo-Pacific tour next month covering Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand (June 8)

Next month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to undertake a three-nation tour across the Indo-Pacific, with visits planned to Australia, Indonesia, and New Zealand. The tour, would mark Indian PM’s first visit to New Zealand in 40 years, the last being in 1986 by late Rajiv Gandhi. Discussions amongst Indian EAM Jaishankar and Indonesian FM Sugiono in Delhi on June 7th focused on preparations for Modi’s Jakarta visit. Following Indonesia, the Indian PM will arrive in New Zealand, where preparations are underway for diaspora event in Auckland dubbed ‘Kia Ora Modi’.

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