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PM speaks to Mauritius PM Ramgoolam, reaffirms commitment to Indian Ocean Stability (Feb 9)

Indian PM Narendra Modi said he held a telephonic discussion with his Mauritian counterpart Ramgoolam, and on social media he described the PM of Mauritius as a “friend” and said , “Happy to receive a phone call from my friend, PM Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam. We reviewed progress in the wide-ranging cooperation between India and Mauritius since our memorable meeting in Varanasi last year”. He added, “India and Mauritius will continue to work together to achieve shared objectives of peace and stability in the Indian Ocean Region”.

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Tropical Cyclone *Gezani* hits Madagascar and kills at least 9 on the Indian Ocean island (Feb 11)

The Disaster Authority in the Indian Ocean island, said cyclone *Gezani* made landfall, hitting the island’s main port, Toamasina. There was “total chaos” the disaster management office said, and reported that houses collapsed in the impact zone. The National Office for Risk and Disaster Management said at least 19 people were injured and 9 people died in the city of Toamasina. *Gezani* is the second cyclone to hit the island nation, after cyclone *Fytia* displaced over 31,000 people and killed 14, according to the UN’s humanitarian office.

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India approves Rafale jet purchase in \$40 billion defence package ahead of Macron visit (Feb 12)

Ahead of the French President’s visit to the country, India approved the purchase of Rafale fighter jets from France. The approval was part of India’s \$39.7 billion defence spending package covering several acquisitions across the armed forces. The French President will be in India from 17-19 February, is scheduled to meet Indian PM, the leaders will discuss on increasing bilateral cooperation across sectors. According to India’s external affairs ministry, “The leaders will discuss regional and global issues of mutual interest, including cooperation in the Indo-Pacific”.

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