



SIOS NEWS BRIEF (9-14 June)

Indian Navy Rescues 18 Crew Members from Blaze-Hit MV Wan Hai 503 in High-Stakes Operation; Singapore Thanks India (June 10)

The Indian Navy on June 9, in a swift and high-stakes SAR (Search and Rescue) operation, rescued 18 crew members from the Singapore-flagged container vessel MV Wan Hai 503, which caught fire in the Arabian Sea. In an official statement, the MPA (Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore) said, “We are thankful to the Indian Navy and all associated agencies for their quick response and professionalism in rescuing the crew of MV Wan Hai 503. Singapore appreciates the strong maritime cooperation with India and the unwavering commitment to ensuring safety at sea.”

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2025 Regional Meeting of the ISLANDS Indian Ocean Project Organized in Seychelles (June 11)

The UNDP, in collaboration with the IOC (Indian Ocean Commission) and the Government of Seychelles, has organized the 2025 ISLANDS IOR Meeting in Seychelles from 9 to 11 June 2025. The ISLANDS Programme aims to protect fragile ecosystems, support national actions to reduce risks associated with hazardous waste and chemicals, and promote non-toxic circular economies across four participating SIDS (Small Island Developing States): Comoros, Mauritius, Maldives, and Seychelles.

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‘Glimmer of hope’ for marine life at UN Ocean Conference (June 13)

The 2025 UN Ocean Conference, co-hosted by France and Costa Rica, is focused on SDG 14: conserving and sustainably using seas, oceans, and marine resources. The Nice 10 Ocean Action seeks to convert bold commitments into measurable action. The world’s seas are facing threats from plastic pollution to climate change. Ahead of the conference Sir David Attenborough said that he was “appalled” by the damage from fishing methods and hoped leaders attending the event would “realise how much the oceans matter to all of us”.

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