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Iranian Envoy: “Indian Ocean has connected two friendly countries together”

On the occasion of Iran Army Day which was celebrated in Delhi the Iran’s ambassador to India Iraj Elahi said, “The Indian Ocean has connected two friendly countries together and has provided the basis for mutual cooperation between the two sides to ensure maritime security”. He further added that “In today’s turbulent world, where the global equations are not based on ethics, humane and just principles, but, based on force and double standards, in a world where insecurity and war threaten human life more than ever, having a strong military power to deter and deal with threats is not only inevitable but of utmost importance”.

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India delivers supersonic cruise missiles to Philippines

India has begun the delivery of supersonic cruise missiles to the Philippines as the two countries strengthen strategic and defence ties amid rising threats between China and the East Asian nation over maritime disputes in the South China Sea. The Prime Minister of India said, “Now we are also exporting BrahMos missile. The first batch of this missile is going to the Philippines today”. India and Philippines have increased defense cooperation as concerns over an assertive China deepen in both the countries.

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Houthis again attack ships in the IOR

The Houthis have again targeted two ships in the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean to protest against the ongoing Israel’s war in Gaza. An Israeli ship *MSC Veracruz* was targeted with drones in the Indian Ocean and against an American vessel *Maersk Yorktown* which was attacked with missiles in the Gulf of Aden.

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