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Australia, Britain sign 50-year AUKUS nuclear submarine partnership treaty to counter China (July 26)

The UK Defence Secretary John Healey and Australia's Defence Minister Richard Marles and Deputy PM signed the Collaboration Treaty (Geelong Treaty) and bilateral Nuclear-Powered Submarine Partnership in Victoria. In a joint statement Healey and Marles said, "The Geelong Treaty is a historic agreement, the commitment for the next 50 years of UK-Australian bilateral defence cooperation under AUKUS Pillar I." The US has announced a review of the partnership to determine whether the trilateral security partnership aligns with the "America First" Agenda.

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PM Modi in Maldives highlights: India announces ₹4,850 crore Line of Credit to Maldives (July 25)

During a joint press conference in Male the Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu and PM Modi, announced the beginning of negotiations for a FTA (Free Trade Agreement) between both the countries. India extended the LoC (Line of Credit) of ₹4,850 crore to Maldives, and reduced the annual debt payment obligations of Maldives. PM Modi said in a media statement, "For us, it is always friendship first", and added the, "roots of our relations are older than history, and as deep as the ocean." Highlighting the Colombo Security Conclave's role in maritime security the PM said, "Peace, stability, and prosperity in the Indian Ocean Region are our shared goals."

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PM Modi in UK today to sign key free trade deal, meet King Charles (July 24)

The UK and India signed a trade deal to boost two-way trade by removing tariffs on whisky, cars, textiles, and other products as PM Modi and his UK counterpart Keir Starmer firmed up the 'Vision 2035' strategy. The Indian PM met King Charles III and as part of the environmental initiative "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" he presented a tree sapling. In his departure statement PM Modi said, "Our collaboration spans a wide range of sectors, including trade, investment, technology, innovation, defence, education, research, sustainability, health and people-to-people ties."

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