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# **SUN MEDIA** NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Sun Media Singapore weekly e-newsletter! Your go-to source for the latest news and insights on key markets that include Central Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia. In this edition, we'll be taking a closer look at the latest bilateral developments in Singapore, India, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, and Malaysia with a focus on the economy, and business. So whether you're a business professional, investor, or just interested in keeping up with the latest news from these dynamic regions, this newsletter is for you. Let's dive straight in!

### SINGAPORE

MFA SPOKESPERSON'S COMMENTS **ON THE SITUATION** IN ISRAEL AND THE GAZA STRIP

#### Singapore MFA on Israel-Gaza Trip Situation

Singapore has expressed deep concern over rising civilian casualties and a worsening humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip and has called for compliance with international law amidst ongoing conflict.

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#### Singapore Media Splash at Cannes' MIPCOM 2023

LARGEST-EVER SINGAPORE DELEGATION TO MAKE Singapore made a significant impact at the 2023 Marché International des Programmes (MIPCOM) Communication with its largest-ever delegation, showcasing over 700 hours of content from more than 30 Singapore-based media companies to the global market. Held in Cannes, France MIPCOM is renowned as the world's largest entertainment trade event for television, digital, and content

### WAVES AT MIPCOM 2023

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### **AFRICA**



#### Rwanda and Singapore Sign Wide Ranging Agreements

The New Times online report that on 30th September 2023 Rwanda's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MINAFFET) and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise (SCE) signed a MoU that covered ICT (including cybersecurity), carbon trading and urban masyer planning of Rwandan cities, special economic zones, technical advisory in infrastructure and transport development, and

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### INDIA



### India Organised Most Successful P20 Summit in History

The G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) in October was a "monumental success" declared India's Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla, who highlighted the record turnout and was able to achieve global consensus on many key declarations. This included unanimous consensus on the Joint Declaration, a testament to India's leadership on the global stage.

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## **INDONESIA**

MALAYSIA

### Indonesia Serious in Leading the World in Handling Marine Plastic Debris

#### Indonesia's Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment stated on 16th October 2023 in an ANTARA news agency report that it is committed to play an active role in handling marine plastic debris. It highlighted during Indonesia's ASEAN chairmanship, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs and Investment Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan expressed his initiative to handle marine plastic debris.

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#### FTAs signed by Malaysia FTAs nted by Mala 1993 ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) 9 2003 ASEAN-China (ACFTA) 2006 ASEAN-Korea (ANTTA) 2006 Malaysia-Japan (MJEPA) 2009 ASEAN-Japan (AJCEP) 2010 ASEAN AUS 2008 Malaysia-Pakistan (MPCEPA) C 2010 Malaysia-New Zealand (MNZFTA) 2010 ASEAN-India (AFTA) BILATERAL 2019 ASLAN 2011 Malaysia-India (MICECA) -2022 2012 Malaysia-Chile (MCFTA) 2013 Malaysia-Australia (MAFTA) \* 2022 2015 Malaysia-Türkiye (MTFTA)

#### Why Malaysia is the Preferred Investment Hub

MALAYSIA has once again established itself as a top investment destination, attracting US\$15.36 billion in approved investments during the first quarter of 2023, according to Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim. These investments, spanning across the manufacturing, services, and primary sectors, are set to bring prosperity and create 23,977 job opportunities nationwide.

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### PERU



#### Visit of The BAP Union – A Special Bon Voyage for The Ambassador

BAP Union, currently the world's second largest naval training vessel, scored several diplomatic distinctions in its maiden visit to Singapore. The stop over was the only made in Southeast Asia during its 10-month trip round the world. Peruvian ambassador to Singapore H.E. Carlos Vasquez, highlighted some of the diplomatic as well as some of personal facets related to the visit that coincided with the approaching end of his tenure here

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