

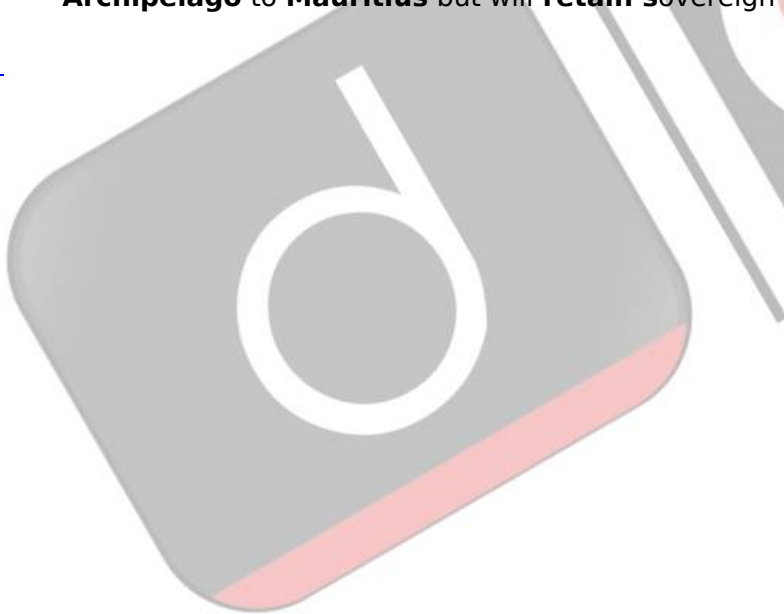


## Indian Fishermen Detained by British Navy

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- **15 Indian fishermen** were **detained** by the **British Navy** near **Diego Garcia** for allegedly **crossing the maritime boundary**.
- This is part of a **broader issue** where **Tamil Nadu fishermen** are frequently detained by both the **Sri Lankan navy** and the **British navy**, affecting their livelihood and safety.
- **About Diego Garcia:**
  - Diego Garcia is located in the **Indian Ocean** and it is the **largest island** of the **Chagos Archipelago**.
  - The **Chagos Archipelago** was once part of **Mauritius** but was separated in **1965** to create the **British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT)**.
    - It is administered by Britain but **leased** to the **US** in **1966 for military purposes**. It became a fully operational **military base in 1986**.
  - It was a key location in the **US overseas war on terror** operations following **al-Qaeda's September 11 attacks on the US in 2001**.
- In **October 2024**, **Britain** agreed to **cede sovereignty** of the **Chagos Archipelago** to **Mauritius** but will **retain** sovereign rights over **Diego Garcia**.

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