



Maldives Ends India's Hydrography Agreement

The current Maldives's government, steering away from the '**India First**' policy, has **opted not to renew the hydrography agreement with India** citing national security concerns and the safeguarding of sensitive information.

- The **hydrographic survey agreement was signed on June 8, 2019**, during the Indian Prime Minister's visit to the Maldives.
 - Under the agreement, India was allowed to conduct a comprehensive study of the island nation's **territorial waters, which includes reefs, lagoons, coastlines, ocean currents, and tide levels**.
- The third Joint hydrographic survey by the **Indian Navy and the Maldives National Defense Force (MNDF)** was carried out by an **Indian Naval Ship Investigator (INS Investigator)** from 19th January to 26th February 2023.
- Earlier, the current Maldives's government also **requested India to withdraw its military personnel from the island**.



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