



Should the UK cede control of the Chagos Islands?

This paper makes the urgent case for the Government not to cede control of the Chagos Islands. In November 2022, the Foreign Secretary announced that the UK was entering into negotiations with Mauritius about the exercise of sovereignty over the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT), one of the United Kingdom's fourteen overseas territories.

What happened to the British Indian Ocean territory?

After almost 59 years of controversial existence, the last vestige of the British Empire in the Indian Ocean, the British Indian Ocean Territory, is set to be wound up.

Does Mauritius have sovereignty over the Biot?

The exercise of sovereignty over the BIOT since it was created as a legal entity by the UK in 1965, detaching the Chagos Archipelago from its colony Mauritius. From the 1980s onwards, Mauritius advanced its claims to sovereignty over the islands in international forums.

Why is the British Indian Ocean territory important?

Since the British Indian Ocean Territory's creation, Britain has used the islands to maintain close ties with the United States. For instance, U.S. access to Diego Garcia was deployed as a bargaining chip three times during the Cold War to further Britain's nuclear weapons capabilities.

What is the October 2024 agreement between the UK and Mauritius?

This briefing focuses on the October 2024 agreement between the UK and Mauritius concerning the British Indian Ocean Territory/Chagos Islands and the US/UK military base on Diego Garcia, including the reaction to the agreement, and how it may be scrutinised by Parliament

Will UK negotiate with Mauritius over Chagos Islands?

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It is good indeed to discuss the sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory. I understand the hon. Member undertook a visit to the islands back in 2020???maybe even further back???after claims that the UK's exit from the European Union could hinder the sovereignty of the British Indian Overseas Territory. The hon.



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Euan Graham. Senior Analyst, Australian Strategic Policy Institute. The rationale for the UK establishing and maintaining sovereignty over BIOT begins and ends with the joint British-American military base on Diego Garcia, which plays a critical part in maintaining a favourable balance of military power in the Indian Ocean and beyond.



Formerly administered as part of the British Crown Colony of Mauritius, the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) was established as an overseas territory of the UK in 1965. A number of the islands of the territory were later transferred to the Seychelles when it attained independence in 1976. GOVERNMENT Chief of State Queen ELIZABETH II

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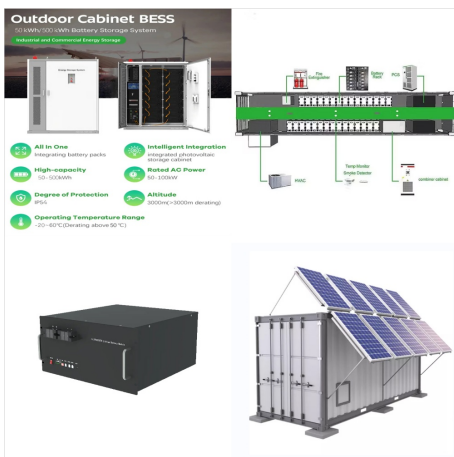


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