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Chagos Islands

Britain has agreed to transfer sovereignty of the Chagos Islands, a group of over 60 islands in the Indian Ocean, to Mauritius.

This deal ensures the future of the UK-US military base on Diego Garcia, the largest island, with its status now undisputed and legally secure for the first time in over 50 years.

The Chagos Archipelago is located in the central Indian Ocean, about 500 kilometers south of the Maldives and roughly 1,600 kilometers southwest of India.

The Chagos archipelago comprises of 58 islands, with Diego Garcia being the largest and most significant.

Significance of Chagos

Geostrategic Location: The archipelago's location in the central Indian Ocean makes it strategically valuable for monitoring major shipping lanes, ensuring security in the region, and projecting military power across a wide area.

UK-US Military Base: Diego Garcia, the largest island, hosts a major UK-US military base, which is crucial for operations in the Indian Ocean and surrounding regions.