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Will the UK give up sovereignty of Mauritius in a 'historic' move?

More info The UK is set to give up sovereignty of a remote group of islands in a 'historic' move. Negotiations with Mauritius commenced last year over the Chagos Islands, also known as the British Indian Ocean Territory, culminating in an arrangement that entrusts Mauritius with sovereignty.

How did Mauritius become part of the British Indian Ocean territory?

The British Indian Ocean Territory was established through a statutory instrument, which legally detached the islands from Mauritius without requiring parliamentary oversight. Britain paid Mauritius £3 million as part of the agreement. Mauritius, however, has consistently maintained its claim to the Chagos Islands.

When was the British Indian Ocean Territory created?

The British Indian Ocean Territory was created in November 1965. It encompassed seven atolls in the Chagos archipelago, which were legally separated from Mauritius along with three islands -- Aldabra, Desroches and Farquhar -- that were later ceded to the Seychelles when it gained independence in 1976.

What is the British Indian Ocean territory (Constitution) Order 2004?

The British Indian Ocean Territory (Constitution) Order 2004 defines the territory as comprising the following islands or groups of islands: These islands and associated coral reefs lie between 4°44' and 7°41' south and 70°47' and 72°47' east.

How many islands are in the British Indian Ocean territory?

Map of the British Indian Ocean Territory since 1976. The territory is an archipelago of 58 islands covering 56 square kilometres (22 sq mi). The largest island is Diego Garcia, which at 32.5 square kilometres (12.5 sq mi) accounts for about half of the territory's total land area.

How much did Britain pay Mauritius for the Chagos Islands?

Britain paid Mauritius £3 million as part of the agreement. Mauritius, however, has consistently maintained its claim to the Chagos Islands. It lodged formal complaints with the British government, but the UK maintained that the islands would only be returned when they were no longer needed for defence purposes.

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The British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) is an Overseas Territory of the United Kingdom situated in the Indian Ocean, halfway between Tanzania and Indonesia. The territory comprises the seven atolls of the Chagos Archipelago with over 1,000 individual islands, many very small, amounting to a total land area of 60 square kilometres (23 square ...

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