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Greetings Colleagues,

The Consortium is pleased to share its latest newsletter for the Indo-Pacific. Press reply button for your feedback and comments.

Indo-Pacific region remains the Top Priority for the U.S.



Figure 1: 2+2 Dialogue in Delhi

Top officials from the Biden Administration are currently on a trip to the Indo-Pacific region. Secretary Blinken is visiting Japan, South Korea, and India, while Secretary Austin is traveling to India, S. Korea, and Indonesia on [his ninth official visit](#) to the region. Furthermore, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Charles Q. Brown is also [in the region on his maiden visit](#) after taking the charge.

Despite the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine, Secretary Blinken emphasized the importance of prioritizing the Indo-Pacific region during his visit to Japan. He [stated](#), “We are engaged very effectively on really what is one of our most important core interests, and that is the Indo-Pacific. For us, it really is the future.” During his recent trip, he attended the [G-7 FMs meeting](#) in Japan and also met with Prime Minister Kishida. He emphasized that the upcoming events would focus on the Indo-Pacific region and [mentioned his subsequent visits](#) to South Korea and India, followed by APEC leaders gathering in California. He made a strong case for the importance of the Indo-Pacific region, stating that it is evidence of their focus on this region and that they will continue to do so.

Later, the Secretary of State reached Seoul as this year marks the 70 years of U.S.-Korea relations and partnership. In a [joint press conference](#) with S. Korean Foreign Minister Park Jin, Blinken said. "Even as we engage intensively on the crisis in the Middle East, the United States remains clear-eyed and focused on advancing our interests, our values, and our vision of a free and open, prosperous, secure, and resilient region in the Indo-Pacific." Interestingly, he also mentioned that the Indo-Pacific partners Korea, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand are now regular and active participants in NATO meetings." He reiterated President Yoon's statement that "European and Indo-Pacific security are now truly indivisible." [Read More](#)

U.S.-India 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue Hold in New Delhi

The fifth annual India-U.S. Ministerial dialogue took place in Delhi on Nov. 10. During the meeting, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, and External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar discussed various topics with Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III. The two sides focused on strengthening the U.S.-India partnership [across different domains](#) such as defense, science, technology, trade, and health. Overall, the discussions highlighted the deepening relationship between the two countries. During the meeting, ministers from both sides engaged in substantial discussions regarding the Indo-Pacific, Middle East, and Ukraine. They expressed their solidarity against the terrorist attack on Israel and supported the safe release of hostages. Additionally, they supported the humanitarian pauses for the civilians in the region. Lastly, they stressed the importance of the Quad and other dialogues in establishing a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific. It is important to note that India will host the next Quad summit in 2024. [Read More](#)

Myanmar's Civil War Deepens

Myanmar's military regime has been facing the worst-ever challenge from the "Brotherhood Alliance" since the military coup in Feb. 2021. The worst fighting has been going on between rebel's groups and the Junta forces in the Northern Shan state that borders with China. [As per reports](#), the ethnic armed groups have taken many military outposts and towns in recent weeks. The crisis worries China as [China has major investments](#) in the region and seeks peace and security in its border area of Myanmar. Notably, China-Myanmar shares a border of more than 2000 Kilometers in the rebel-hit region.

It is important to note that the decision of Myanmar's military Junta to prolong a state of emergency and delay the process of new elections, coupled with their use of force to quell the resistance movement, is causing a severe crisis that could result in the country's disintegration and instability in the Indo-Pacific region. [Read More](#)

Albanese Meets Xi Jinping in Beijing

Australian PM Anthony Albanese visited China, and his meeting with Xi has been seen as an important step to mend the strained relations between Australia and China. He is the first Australian leader to visit China since 2016. Recently, China has lifted the ban on Australian products, the [main cause of diplomatic tension](#) between the two countries since 2021. [Read More](#)

Indo-Pacific Quiz

How many Countries border with Myanmar?

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| a. 4 | b. 5 |
| c. 6 | d. 7 |
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CIPR International Conference 2023 Highlights

CIPR's 2nd International Conference, November 1st - 4th, 2023
Plenary Session: The Emerging World Order and Ukraine War
Chair(s) & Speakers
Nov 3rd, 2023 11:00 AM EST

Dr. Jacob Solovick, The Center for Futures Intelligence, National Intelligence University, Washington D.C., USA	Prof. Simon Reich, Rutgers University, Newark, USA	Prof. (Mrs) Chintamani Mahapatra, Director, KIPS, India	Prof. Nagalakshmi M. Ramani, Director & Head, AIS, Jaiody University, Noida, India	Prof. R. Evan Ellis, PhD, U.S. Army War College, Strategic Studies Institute, USA	Dr. Mehmed Ali, Chief Learning Officer, U.S. Space Force, USA	Dr. Indu Saxena, Senior Fellow, CIPR, USA	Dr. Mohammad Zahidul Islam Khan, Academic Visitor, University of Reading & Registrar, AIUB Bangladesh

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U.S.-Japan-Korea: Trilateral Security Alliance and Regional Challenges
Chair(s) & Speakers
Nov 1st, 2023 8:00 AM EST

Dr. G. Srinivasan Raghavan, Fellow, CIPR, USA	Dr. K. H. Kim, Vice President, University of Ulsan, Korea	Dr. G. Srinivasan Raghavan, Fellow, CIPR, USA	Assoc. Prof. Parkyoung Gwang, Tongguk University, Korea	Prof. G. Srinivasan Raghavan, Fellow, CIPR, USA	Prof. Yoshitaka Sakai, University of Yamaguchi, Japan

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