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Greetings Colleagues,

The Consortium is pleased to share its latest newsletter for the Indo-Pacific.
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G-7 Foreign Ministers Meet in Canada



Figure 1: G-7 countries foreign ministers gather in Niagara, Ontario, Canada /Image/g7.Canada.ca/

Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Anita Anand, hosted G-7 countries' foreign ministers in Niagara, Canada. The G-7 countries, comprising France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and the European Union- their foreign affairs leaders discussed topics including security, prosperity, and economic resilience. Furthermore, the leaders reaffirmed their unwavering support for Ukraine's territorial integrity, sovereignty, and independence. At the same time, they called for heightened economic pressure on Russia and advocated for assessing measures targeting countries and entities contributing financially to Russia's war efforts.

It is noteworthy that United States President Donald Trump imposed a 25% extra tariff on India in response to its purchase of Russian oil, citing concerns that such financial transactions support Russia's war machine in Ukraine. India continues to face a 50% tariff from the United States, a policy that has notably affected the nation's textile and pharmaceutical industries. India has justified its ongoing purchases of Russian oil as necessary to meet the energy demands of its 1.4 billion population. Additionally, India is preparing to host Russian President Vladimir Putin next month.

In their joint statement, the G-7 leaders emphasized the importance of maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific and expressed firm opposition to any attempts to alter the status quo through force or coercion, including in the East China Sea and the South China Sea. The leaders also took note of the situation in the Middle East and expressed their strong support for President Trump's Comprehensive Plan to End the Gaza Conflict.

Furthermore, the Foreign Ministers of Brazil, India, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, and Ukraine participated in discussions on maritime security and prosperity, critical minerals, economic resilience, and energy security. [Read More](#)

Japan-China Row on Remarks over Taiwan

A statement A statement made by Japan's new Prime Minister Sane Takaichi regarding Taiwan, in response to a question, led to a diplomatic spat between the two countries. In a question on the scenario if China takes military action against the self-governed island of Taiwan, Takaichi replied: "If warships are used, accompanied by the exercise of military force, then however you look at it, it could be a situation posing an existential threat to the country."

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said that Takaichi's remarks damaged the foundation of diplomatic relations between Japan and China, and the Prime Minister should retract her "wrongful remarks on Taiwan."

As per the report, after the verbal exchange, a Chinese drone was detected near the Southern Island of Japan, which is close to Taiwan. Japan's Prime Minister Takaichi met with Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the APEC summit in Canada this month. And she might see senior leaders from China in the upcoming G-20 meeting in South Africa. [Read More](#)

Twin Blasts Prompt Confrontations in South Asia

A car explosion near the Historical [Red Fort](#) in Delhi, India, killed 13 people and injured many this week. The next day, a bomb exploded near the court complex in Islamabad, Pakistan, killing a dozen people. With the twin blasts, tension is high among neighboring rivals, who accuse each other of being responsible for the explosion. This incident follows Operation Sindoor, which took place between India and Pakistan in May of this year. This marks the first instance since 2013 in which perpetrators have come in close proximity to India's most secure area in the capital, New Delhi.

India initially suspected that assistance and support originated from border areas and terrorist organizations on the other side of the border of the country were collaborating with radical individuals within its borders. Pakistan accused India and Afghanistan of the explosion. Meanwhile, India's National Investigating Agency (NIA) [arrested the co-conspirator](#) of the suicide bomber of the Red Fort blast from India's Northern state, Jammu and Kashmir (J&K). Authorities say the men they arrested had links to the banned Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) militants, known to be based in Pakistan. However, the investigation thus far indicates that homegrown extremists and radical groups were responsible for carrying out the entire blast. [Read More](#)

India and Bhutan Strengthen Ties

India and Bhutan strengthen bilateral ties as Indian Prime Minister Modi visits the Himalayan Kingdom. Modi signed several joint agreements on energy, trade, and technological cooperation. He inaugurated the 1,020 MW Punatsangchhu-II Hydroelectric Project, which would help India reduce its reliance on fossil fuels for clean energy and electricity.

The visit highlights India's initiative to strengthen relations with Bhutan, strategically positioned between India and China, as Beijing asserts its position in the Northern region of the Himalaya. The 2017 military standoff on the Doklam Plateau was the most serious confrontation between India and China in that region.

Additionally, India and Bhutan maintain spiritual and cultural ties through Buddhism and aim to strengthen spiritual unity and peace in the region, as exemplified recently by [India's exposition of sacred relics of Piprahwa](#) of Lord Buddha from India. On his trip, PM Modi also addressed an event marking the birthday celebrations of Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck's father. [Read More](#)

Indo-Pacific Quiz

Where was the Conference of the Parties (COP 30) climate summit held?

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| a. South Africa | c. Brazil |
| b. France | d. Canada |

Which former Prime Minister of a South Asian nation has received a death sentence from its International Crimes Tribunal?

- a. Bangladesh
 - b. Afghanistan
 - c. Sri Lanka
 - d. Pakistan
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Consortium Highlights

- ❖ Podcast: India-China at Odds in the Asian Century, Nov. 14, 2025, @ 9:30 PM EST. [Recording Link](#)
 - ❖ Podcast: South Korea's Leadership in APEC: Navigating Regional Diplomacy Amid Great Power Rivalry, Nov. 1, 8:30 AM EST [Podcast Link](#)
 - ❖ Webinar: Examining U.S. Grand Strategy and Euro-Atlantic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, Oct. 27, 2025 @10:30 AM EST. [Video Link](#)
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Indo-Pacific Quiz Key

Here are the **Answers** for November 9 Newsletter Quiz

Q. Where is Hanwha Ocean located?

- d. South Korea

Q. What is Fung Wong?

a. A name of Typhoon

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