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Greetings Colleagues,

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

US and Iran Signed Historic Peace Deal



Figure 1: The Strait of Hormuz

US President Donald Trump [posted on social media](#), "the Deal with the Islamic Republic of Iran is now complete." Trump stated, "I hereby fully authorize the toll-free opening of the Strait of Hormuz, and, simultaneously herewith, authorize the immediate removal of the United States Naval blockade. Ships of the World, start your engines. Let the oil flow!" The major announcement came just hours before a UFC event at the White House, marking his 80th birthday and celebrating the United States' 250th anniversary.

The deal will end the US naval blockade of the Persian Gulf, and Iran will reopen the Strait of Hormuz. The Iran conflict started on February 28 when a US airstrike killed Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khomeini and his close associates. According to the peace agreement, all warfare between the parties would cease "immediately and permanently from tonight" and that the naval blockade would end. As per reports, the deal signing would take place in Switzerland on Friday.

As per the draft memorandum, it has 14 points that include the end of war, including Israel-Lebanon (Hezbollah-led,) unfreeze the Frozen Iranian funds estimated at \$24 billion, fully reopen the Strait of Hormuz, and Iran will reaffirm its commitment under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and abstain from nuclear weapons. The White House has not released the details of the MOU yet.

The peace accord declared by President Trump on Sunday evening has offered a momentary reprieve to the global community, and specifically to

people across the Middle East who have endured the loss of lives and infrastructure. Nonetheless, the transition from diplomatic rhetoric to tangible implementation remains fraught with uncertainty; should the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) or Hezbollah and Israel initiate further hostilities, the precarious nature of this ceasefire will likely collapse. [Read More](#)

Xi Visits North Korea, Deepens Cooperation

Chinese President Xi Jinping visited North Korea for the first time in 7 years to strengthen cooperation. Both leaders discussed expanding practical cooperation and underscored the mutual nature of strategic relations between the two countries. Following a shift in its earlier stance on efforts to denuclearize North Korea, Xi Jinping didn't mention it in the recent summit in Pyongyang.

Having hosted Trump and Putin in Beijing earlier this month, Xi's meeting with the North Korean leader demonstrates China's effort to balance its relationship with North Korea vis-à-vis Russia and Washington.

China and North Korea share a border of 880 miles, and both are nuclear-armed countries in East Asia. Both countries had a historical enmity and signed the border treaty in 1962. Xi's visit has been seen as strategically significant due to the enhancement of relations between North Korea and Russia. North Korea provided support to Russia with troops and weapons in

the Ukraine War in exchange for financial assistance, food, and fuel. North Korean leaders also met Putin in Moscow. How the meeting between two shapes regional dynamics and will impact other countries in the region remains to be seen. [Read More](#)

India Advances in Defense Technology

India's Defense Research Development Organization (DRDO) has successfully tested multi-layered ballistic missile defense system (BMD) capability to intercept long and medium-range missiles. India's defense minister Rajnath Singh noted via a social media post said, "These tests have put India in the elite group of nations having ballistic missile defense capabilities to engage ballistic missiles up to ICBMs." The maiden flight-test of the Naval Anti-Ship Missile-Medium Range (NASM-MR) was also carried out successfully.

India has been developed advanced capabilities and layered defense architecture with emerging technologies to counter evolving missile threats from the region. This strategic push is largely a response to the evolving security challenges emanating from Pakistan and China. The development is particularly consequential given that China has provided extensive assistance to [Pakistan's missile program](#) and Pakistan relies on Chinese air defense networks. [Read More](#)

Malaysia and Japan Strengthen Energy and Maritime Cooperation

Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim held talks with Japan's Prime Minister Sane Takaichi in Tokyo. Both leaders held a Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) and reviewed the comprehensive strategic partnership between the two countries. In a joint press conference, Takaichi stated that Japan and Malaysia's partnership is crucial to advancing the shared fundamental values of realizing the updated Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP). Both leaders agreed to continue joint exercises between the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the Royal Malaysian Navy, as well as capacity-building assistance through the Official Security Assistance (OSA) framework. Japan and Malaysia signed an MOU for the Coast Guard authorities to enhance maritime cooperation through joint exercises.

Both Countries will work together under Japan's "POWER Asia" initiative to strengthen energy and resource security and the critical mineral supply chain. [Read More](#)

Indo-Pacific Quiz

Which country has been mediating US-Iran conflict 2026?

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| a. Pakistan | c. Qatar |
| b. United Arab Emirates | d. India |

Where is the Yellow River located?

- a. India
 - b. Malaysia
 - c. China
 - d. Vietnam
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Consortium Highlights

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 - ❖ [Commentary](#): Tehran to Taiwan: How will the Two Superpowers Negotiate
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Indo-Pacific Quiz Key

Here are the **Answers** for June 7, 2026, Newsletter Quiz

Q. Which South Asian country has the largest measles outbreak?

- b. Bangladesh

Q. Where was the youth protest held on June 6, 2026, under the banner of Cockroach Janta Party?

- a. India
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