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## **Stability in the Indo-Pacific region is the central concern of the U.S.-India Partnership: PM Modi in U.S. Congress.**

Indian Prime Minister Mr. Modi was on a State visit to the United States from June 21 – 24' 2023. In his address to U.S. Congress, Modi warned that "dark clouds of coercion and confrontation" cast their shadow in the region and reiterated the shared vision of a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific. He also said the US-India shared vision is "connected by secure seas, defined by international law, free from domination, and anchored in ASEAN centrality." Without naming China, Modi advocated for small and debt-ridden states to be 'free and fearless' to make their choices without fear. He also emphasized the importance of not using connectivity as a tool for "strategic purposes." He also affirmed that the shared vision does not seek to "contain or exclude" but rather "to build a cooperative region of peace and prosperity and the Quad has emerged as a major force of good for the region."

The convergence between two countries in bilateral relations is a reality. At the same time, both countries committed to supporting the rule-based international order with a free and open Indo-Pacific. However, two factors are still creating turbulence in the U.S.-India partnership. One is the way of managing China. At the same time, U.S.-India bilateral convergence doesn't necessarily mean convergence on managing China in the Indo-Pacific, despite the growing tension between India and China. [Read More](#)

## **U.S. Secretary Blinken Visited China: A Step towards De-risking the U.S. China Rivalry**

Blinken's visit to China on June 18 -19' 2023, was seen as a positive move towards reducing tensions between the United States and China. This was the first time a high-ranking official from the United States had visited China since 2018. Blinken said he had 'candid', 'substantive', and 'constructive' discussions on bilateral relations and regional and global issues. [Read more](#)

## **Southeast Asian Nations set to participate in Navy drills outside the nine-Dash Line.**

Naval exercises will take place in the South China Sea from Sept. 18-25, and several Southeast Asian countries are preparing to participate. Indonesia has

declared a joint exercise in the North Natuna Sea, which is within its Exclusive Economic Zone. This decision was reached after a meeting of ASEAN defense officials in Bali. Myanmar and Cambodia have opted out of the joint exercise due to their strong relationship with China. [Read More](#)

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1. Which war anniversary is being observed this week?
  - a. Korean War
  - b. Vietnam War
  - c. Russia-China war
  - d. China- Japan war
2. After how many years a top U.S. diplomat official visited China?
  - a. 5 Years
  - b. 3 Years
  - c. 4 Years
  - d. 1 Year

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