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## **Indo-Pacific Weekly Mail July 10 - 16, 2023**

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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 Matters for NATO**



The NATO Vilnius Summit from July 11-12, 2023, was largely overshadowed by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine. However, NATO received praise for its efforts to strengthen its presence. The Communique emphasized the importance of the Indo-Pacific region and expressed concern over China's coercive policies, which threaten the

rule-based order. It was noted that "the Indo-Pacific is important for NATO, given that developments in that region can directly affect Euro-Atlantic security."

It is worth mentioning that the heads of the Indo-Pacific partners- Japan, South Korea, Australia, and New Zealand, attended the summit and were commended for their contributions to Euro-Atlantic Security and unwavering support for Ukraine. Notably, S. Korean President have made a surprise [visit](#) to Ukraine after attending the NATO summit to reiterate its support to the U.S. and allies in the fight of free Ukraine. However, the Seoul has not provided weapons to Ukraine even after the NATO Secretary Stoltenberg's call for the direct military support to Ukraine when he visited the country in January 2023. NATO aims to collaborate with its Indo-Pacific partners on cyber defense, technology, and hybrid warfare to tackle shared security challenges and uphold the rule-based international order. [Read More](#)

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### **Myanmar's Military Junta is a Bad Guy as ASEAN FM's gather in Jakarta.**

On July 13, 2023, the foreign ministers of ASEAN gathered in Jakarta to denounce the violent actions of Myanmar. They called upon all involved parties to take decisive action to put an end to the violence and facilitate dialogue and aid for those affected. It is important to note that since the coup in February 2021, Myanmar's military junta has been engaged in violent conflict with pro-democracy activists. In addition, Myanmar's military ruler has declined the five-point peace plan, which calls for ending violence and the recommencement of discussions with all involved parties. [Read More](#)

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## **4<sup>th</sup> round of IPEF Negotiations Talks in Busan, South Korea, July 9-15**

The 4<sup>th</sup> round of negotiation on Indo-Pacific Economic Framework is held in Busan, South Korea. Thirteen participating member countries are working towards achieving concrete results in Pillars I (Trade), III (Clean Economy), and IV (Fair Economy) by the end of this year, building on the momentum they have gained. A talk is also organized on the effective implementation of the supply chain and the monitoring issues. [Read More](#)

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## **Paraguay's President Santiago Pena Visits Taiwan, July 11, 2023.**

President Pena has recently visited Taipei to enhance trade and economic relations with Taiwan. Paraguay is currently the sole South American country that maintains diplomatic ties with Taiwan, which contrasts with China's desire. China has been successful in expanding its economic influence and implementing Border Road Initiative projects in other South American countries, ultimately leading to their allegiance to China and termination of diplomatic relations with Taiwan. Taiwan President Tsai said, "Taiwan and Paraguay collaborated during the epidemic and anticipate standing together on the forefront of free democracy. They aim to contribute to global stability and development while facing expansionism and authoritarianism." [Read More](#)

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## **Indo-Pacific Quiz**

Which South American country has recently ended its diplomatic relations with Taiwan?

- a. Brazil
- c. Panama

- b. Mexico
- d. Honduras

Which country is not NATO's Indo-Pacific partner?

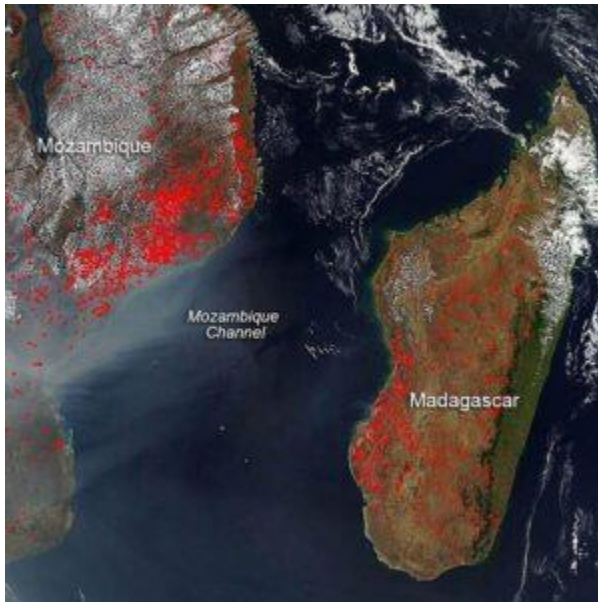
- a. Australia
- c. S. Korea

- b. Japan
- d. Vietnam

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