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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.

U.S. and Chinese Military Leaders Hold Talks



Figure 1: Michael S. Chase, deputy assistant secretary of defense for China, Taiwan and Mongolia, hosts delegates from China for meetings at the Pentagon, Jan. 9, 2024. IMAGE/ Dept. Secretary of the Air Force International Affairs.

The U.S. Department of Defense delegation headed by Michael S. Chase, Deputy Assistant Secretary of defense for China, Taiwan and Mongolia, [hold talks with its Chinese counterpart](#) in Beijing. The U.S. delegation also met with the military officials of regional partner and allies to strengthen the shared vision of free and open Indo-Pacific, at the sidelines of Xiangshan Security Forum in Beijing. A senior defense official said, "Those include respect for sovereignty, adherence to international law, belief in transparency and openness, freedom of commerce and navigation, equal rights for all states and resolution of disputes through peaceful means, not through coercion or conflict." As per reports the United States is concerned about China's aggressive behavior in the South China Sea and the Taiwan Strait. On the contrary, Chinese officials [criticized](#) the West for shifting the conflict in the region and condemned the transit of two German warships in the Taiwan Strait. The Beijing officials said China seeks to strengthen its relationships with neighboring countries and developing nations.

Furthermore, the U.S. has consistently raised alarm about China's ongoing collaboration with Russia, emphasizing its role in perpetuating Putin's war against Ukraine as per reports the partnership is a source of significant concern for the West, and it directly impacts the ongoing conflict in the region.

Earlier, Admiral Sam Paparo, head of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, [held](#) a telephone call with his counterpart Wu Yanan of the Southern Theater Command of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) to maintain the open channel of regular military talks and avoid misperception. In addition, [the U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan traveled to China in August 2024](#) and met Chinese President Xi to emphasize responsibly managing bilateral relations and maintaining open lines of communication.

Notably, both countries reinitiated their military-to-military discussions in November 2023. This resumption followed the Biden-Xi summit, which took place during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Woodside, California.

India and China Agree to Withdrawal of Troops

India's National Security Advisor met with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in St. Petersburg, Russia, on the sidelines of the BRICS high-ranking officials' meeting. The meeting highlights that China and India have agreed to disengagement of troops from the four locations along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The withdrawal of both sides includes the

Galwan Valley where the Indian and Chinese forces had face-off in June 2020. [As per Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson](#) Mao Ning, two militaries have withdrawn from border areas in the Himalayan region and “the China-India border situation is generally stable and under control.” Earlier India’s External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said there is “some progress” on India-China border issue and approximately 75% of disengagement “problems are sorted out.” [Read More](#)

U.S. Sanctions Pakistan’s Missile Program

The U.S. Department of State has announced new sanctions against suppliers to Pakistan's ballistic missile program, which includes five entities, and one individual involved in the proliferation of ballistic missiles and controlled missile equipment and technology.

The Department of State has taken a significant step by imposing sanctions on the Beijing Research Institute of Automation for the Machine Building Industry (RIAMB) under Executive Order 13382. This action is part of a broader effort to address the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. The collaboration between RIAMB and Pakistan's National Development Complex (NDC)

sheds light on potential areas of concern, particularly in the procurement of equipment for testing large-diameter rocket motors. [Read More](#)

U.S. and European Union Hold Talks on China and Indo-Pacific

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell and European External Action Service (EEAS) Secretary General Stefano Sannino held the seventh high-level meeting of the U.S.-EU Dialogue on China and the sixth meeting of the U.S.-EU High-Level Consultations on the Indo-Pacific. During the meeting, the highest-ranking officials deliberated on the course of their relations with China while concurrently upholding transparent channels of communication and acknowledging the rigorous competition with China. They voiced significant apprehension regarding China's export of dual-use commodities and goods to Russia, which has been fueling its war against Ukraine. The leaders also prioritized discussing the tension in the South China Sea and East China Sea. [Read More](#)

Indo-Pacific Quiz

In which countries did Typhoon Yagi cause significant damage?

- a. Vietnam & Philippines
- b. Singapore
- c. Cambodia
- d. Malaysia

Where is the next Quad summit scheduled on Sept. 21, 2024?

- a. New Delhi, India
- b. Delaware, USA
- c. Tokyo, Japan
- d. Canberra, Australia

Consortium Highlights

- ❖ ***Bangladesh Political Change: Analyzing Regional Implication.*** [Video Link](#)
- ❖ CIPR welcomes its new interns.

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