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Greetings Colleagues,

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BRICS Summit 2024: Putin and XI Advances in Reshaping the Global Order?



Figure 1: BRICS Summit 2024: Leaders pose for a group photo in Kazan city Russia

Russian President Putin hosted 20-plus leaders at the [16th Summit of BRICS](#) countries in Kazan, Russia. The top leaders of founding members- Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa and the new members -Ethiopia, Egypt, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates address to end the conflicts and raise their voices for a "fairer and reformed multilateral system."

With top leaders attending the summit and a growing number of members, President Putin is able to demonstrate that Russia is not isolated. Also, the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres also attended the summit. Furthermore, more than 30 countries have expressed their interest in joining BRICS in some form of dialogue partnership.

At the summit, Putin leveraged his speech to unite the East and Global South, based on shared values and call for a "new democratic world order that reflects cultural and civilizational diversity." He said, "The transition to a more just international system is not easy" and targeted the West that "Under the guise of a rule-based order they are imposing on the world, they are actually attempting to contain growing competition and prevent the independent development of countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America that they cannot control." A [Joint Communique \(Kazan Declaration\)](#) released by the BRICS states, "We

note the emergence of new centers of power, policy decision-making, and economic growth, which can pave the way for a more equitable, just, democratic, and balanced multipolar world order." Putin remarked the BRIC countries reaffirmed the [alternate trading system](#) to promote financial cooperation and strengthen economic stability. The joint declarations reaffirmed the commitment to maintaining a strong and effective Global Financial Safety Net with a quota-based and adequately resourced IMF at its center. The countries also call for the reform of the Bretton Woods institutions to get an equitable and just representation for emerging markets and developing countries (EMDCs).

It is worth mentioning that BRIC leaders led by Putin and supported by Xi Jinping address various issues, including the Israel-Iran conflict, counterterrorism, carbon emission, and sustainable development, to cooperate and find a solution within a multilateral framework.

Quad Cyber Group Emphasize their Commitment on Cyber Security

Quad countries- The United States, India, Japan, and Australia announced the cyber challenge to strengthen responsible cyber ecosystems, promote public resources, and raise cybersecurity

awareness. Under the theme *of promoting cybersecurity education and building a strong workforce* the National Security Officials discussed the importance of youth talent development in cybersecurity and highlighted educational pipelines for federal service and the private sector. The cyber expert and cybersecurity officials from Japan, Australia, and India also highlighted the importance of cybersecurity and addressed the students about the opportunity of cyber career and needs to protect systems from cyber risk. The joint statement reiterates the collective commitment of quad countries to ensure a safe and secure cyberspace. As stated, “the Quad is a force for good that delivers real, positive, and enduring impact for communities across the Indo-Pacific.” [Read More](#)

India and China Approves the Deal to Ease Tension at Border

Indian Prime Minister Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping met at the sidelines of the BRICS Summit. This is the first meeting of top leaders of two hostile neighbors in five years. Both countries have struck a deal to manage the differences and to ease the tension at Himalayan Border. It is noted that India and China had a non-combatant conflict at Galwan Valley in 2020 that resulted in the killing of 20 Indian soldiers. As per

the deal both countries agreed to pull out their troops from the border area and an [arrangement for patrolling](#) at Line of Actual Control (LAC).

While meeting with his Chinese counterpart, Modi said, "The importance of India-China relations is not just for our people and are also important for global peace, stability, and progress." Modi further emphasized mutual trust, mutual respect, and mutual sensitivity to continue improving bi-lateral relations. However, it is yet to be seen how far both countries can trust each other, given China's history of doubtful behavior. [Read More](#)

Indo-Pacific Quiz

Which two countries are separated by the Line of Actual Control (LAC)?

- a. India and China
- b. India and Pakistan
- c. Nepal and China
- d. Nepal and India

Which country is engaged with China in Strike-2024-military drill?

- a. Myanmar
- b. Malaysia

c. Vietnam

d. Thailand

Consortium Highlights

- ❖ CIPR Welcomes its new interns
- ❖ **Book-Talk:** Nov 8th, 2024, Southeast Asia and the Indo-Pacific Construct.

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