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Greetings Colleagues,

The Consortium is pleased to share its latest newsletter for the Indo-Pacific.

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The Limit of India-Pakistan Conflict 2025-Ceasefire amid Nuclear Threat Concerns



Figure 1: Press briefing by Chiefs of India's military operation Sindoor against terrorist attack in Indian Kashmir

India and Pakistan have agreed to a ceasefire after four days of intense fighting. The United States has facilitated mediation efforts to bring India and Pakistan to stop firing and agree on a truce, as stated in a [press release](#) by the U.S. State Department.

It is worth mentioning that the Indian military launched Operation Sindoor on May 7 and hit terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan. India's Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated that the operation successfully neutralized more than 100 terrorists and eliminated several facilities associated with Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, and Hizbul Mujahideen.

The situation escalated on May 10 when Pakistan launched missile attacks on civilian areas and military sites in India, prompting strong retaliation from India on Pakistan's air bases. Concerns over the full-fledged war and the nuclear arsenals prompted the United States to mediate for an immediate ceasefire. In the latest development of the Indian-Pakistan conflict, both parties will meet at a neutral location on May 12.

As India has halted Operation Sindoor, there is a debate in national and international media about what made India satisfied to stop its operation when India claims more terrorist organizations in Pakistan and their heads are still alive. Why didn't Pakistan stop firing if he wanted a truce? Who is the winner in India-Pakistan conflict?

To announce the success of the operation, [Indian Prime Minister Modi addressed the nation](#) on May 12, 2025, and said that the operation against terrorists has paused is not over; any terror act on India would be responded to by strong and decisive retaliation, and Operation Sindoor is the new normal now. And there will be no tolerance for nuclear blackmail, which means India will not be intimidated by nuclear threats. Additionally, India will no longer see the terrorist organizations and the government sheltering them as separate entities.

While the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of India and Pakistan engages in discussions, the risk of ceasefire violations at the Line of Control (LOC) in border regions remains a concern. [Read More](#)

U.S. and China Agree to Slash Tariffs for 90 Days

The United States and China have announced a 90-day suspension of their recent tariffs on each other, easing tensions between two largest economies. In Geneva the U.S. Secretary Scott Bessent and the Chinese Vice Premier of the State Council, He Lifeng lead the trade conversation and announced that combined U.S. tariff rate on Chinese imports will be cut to 30% from 145%, while China's levies on U.S. imports will be reduced to 10% from 125%.

The markets surged after the trade deal announcement between the U.S. and China, and the ceasefire between India and Pakistan also presented the

opportunity for more trade deals in the coming days and boosted the market throughout Asia. [Read More](#)

U.K. Signs Biggest Trade Deal with India Since Leaving EU

India and U.K signs 5 BN Free Trade Agreement (FTA) since leaving European Union. The [deal will slash Indian tariffs](#) on key products such as whisky, cosmetics and medical devices, locking in reductions on 90% of tariff lines for UK exports to unleash opportunities for businesses across regions and nations of UK Delivers on Plan for Change as £4.8 billion added to the UK economy and £2.2 billion in wages every year in the long run under deal

The leaders stated that the release is a significant step in the bilateral Comprehensive Strategic Partnership aimed at promoting trade, investment, innovation, and job creation in both economies. They agreed that these agreements between the two market economies will provide new opportunities for businesses, strengthen economic connections, and enhance people-to-people ties. [Read More](#)

Indo-Pacific Quiz

What is the name of India's military operation 2025 against terrorism

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| a. Operation Vijaya | c. Operation Parakram |
| b. Operation Sindoor | d. Operation Polo |

Which country has America suspended its tariff for 90 days?

- a. Australia
 - b. Japan
 - c. China
 - d. U.K
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Consortium Highlights

- ❖ Upcoming Podcast: Podcast: **North Korea's Missile Program and Security in the Korean Peninsula**, May 14, 6:30 PM EDT.
 - ❖ [Watch Recording](#): **India-Pakistan Crisis: Security Implications in South Asia**, May 10, 8:30 AM EDT.
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Indo-Pacific Quiz Key

Here are the **Answers** for May 4 Newsletter Quiz

Q. Which country has elected Mark Joseph Carney as its new Prime Minister?

- c. Canada

Q. Which country owns Norfolk Island?

- a. Australia
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