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# PACAF Hosts Annual India Executive Steering Group Conference

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JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR-HICKAM -- Leaders across Headquarters Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) recently hosted the Indian Air Force (IAF) delegation for the annual India Executive Steering Group (ESG) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, September 8-11.

U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. James Jacobson, Deputy Commander of PACAF, co-chaired the 24th iteration of the ESG with Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff, IAF. **This executive-level annual conference, held in the United States or India, allows senior leaders from both air forces to discuss and co-develop a plan for future engagements.**

**“India is a very important partner to the United States, especially in today’s challenging geopolitical landscape,” said Jacobson. “And the strength of our relationship with the Indian Air Force is a key pillar in ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific. We look forward to further expanding our engagements and compatibility in the years ahead to ensure the peace, security, and prosperity of the region.”**
The group laid out initial planning milestones for future USAF-IAF exercises and conducted a series of discussions on future engagements in the field of integrated air and missiles defense, aeromedicine, logistics, personnel recovery, aerial refueling, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance.

“This year’s ESG was very productive as we were able to continue our senior leaders’ discussions during last week’s Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium,” said Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari. “In an era of growing strategic competition, the continuing synergistic collaboration between the Indian Air Force and the United States Air Force is essential to the region’s stability.”

In just the week prior, Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria, attended the Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium as the honorary Dean for the event.

The two air forces agreed to continue working bilaterally and in cooperation with other like-minded partners to expand the region’s capabilities to work together in times of need.

2. U.S INDOPACOM / Nov. 3, 2021

# https://www.pacom.mil/Media/News/News-Article-View/Article/2832361/secretary-blinkens-meeting-with-indian-external-affairs-minister-jaishankar/PACAF Hosts Annual India Executive Steering Group Conference

# Secretary Blinken’s Meeting with Indian External Affairs Minister Jaishankar

U.S. Embassy & Consulates in India

U.S. Embassy & Consulates in India -- Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken met with Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar on the margins of the G20 Summit in Rome to discuss efforts to deepen the U.S.-India Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership.

**Secretary Blinken and Minister Jaishankar discussed a range of issues, including efforts to strengthen Indo-Pacific cooperation through the Quad and expand cooperation on common regional priorities. Secretary Blinken and Minister Jaishankar also discussed cooperation on expanding global access to COVID-19 vaccines, elevating climate ambition at COP26, and reinforcing their mutual commitments to and support for shared democratic values.**

3. U.S INDOPACOM / Nov. 4, 2021

https://www.pacom.mil/Media/News/News-Article-View/Article/2833873/china-military-power-report-details-advances-goals-in-2020/

# China Military Power Report Details Advances, Goals in 2020

DOD NEWS

WASHINGTON -- **The Defense Department today released its annual report on military and security developments involving China, commonly referred to as the China Military Power Report.**The report provides background on China's national strategy, foreign policy goals, economic plans and military development.

**"The report provides a baseline assessment of the department's top pacing challenge, and it charts the modernization of the PLA [People's Liberation Army] throughout 2020," a defense official said Tuesday. "This includes the PLA developing the capabilities to conduct joint, long-range precision strikes across domains; increasingly sophisticated space, counterspace and cyber capabilities; as well as the accelerating expansion of the PLA's nuclear forces."

A key revelation in the report are China's advancements in its nuclear capability, including that the accelerated pace of their nuclear expansion may enable China to have up to 700 deliverable nuclear warheads by 2027.**
"The accelerating pace of the PLA's nuclear expansion may enable the PRC [People's Republic of China] to have up to about 700 deliverable nuclear warheads by 2027," the official said. "And the report states that the PRC likely intends to have at least 1,000 nuclear warheads by 2030 — exceeding the pace and the size that we projected in the 2020 China Military Power report."

The report also reveals that China may have already established a nuclear triad, which includes the ability to launch such missiles from the air, ground and sea.

"The PRC has possibly already established a nascent 'nuclear triad' with the development of a nuclear-capable, air-launched ballistic missile and improvement of its ground- and sea-based nuclear capabilities," the report reads.

**New to the report this year is a section on the Chinese military's chemical and biological research efforts. It says China has engaged in biological activities with potential dual-use applications and that this raises concerns regarding its compliance with the Biological and Toxins Weapons Convention and the Chemical Weapons Convention.**

**The report concludes that China continues to be clear in its ambitions to be competitive with world-class military powers, the DOD official said**.

"The PLA's evolving capabilities and concepts continue to strengthen its ability to fight and win wars, to use their own phrase, against what the PRC refers to as a 'strong enemy' — again, another phrase that appears in their publications. And a ‘strong enemy,’ of course, is very likely a euphemism for the United States," he said.

According to the report, a big part of China's effort to match the strength of a "strong enemy" involves major modernization and reform efforts within China's army. Those efforts include an ongoing effort to achieve "mechanization," which the report describes as the Chinese army's efforts to modernize its weapons and equipment to be networked into a "systems of systems" and to also utilize more advanced technologies suitable for "informatized" and "intelligentized" warfare.

Also of significance are China's efforts to project military power outside it's own borders.

"The PRC is seeking to establish a more robust overseas logistics and basing infrastructure to allow the PLA to project and sustain military power at greater distances," the DOD official said. "We're talking about not just within the immediate environments, environments in the Indo-Pacific, but throughout the Indo-Pacific region and indeed, around the world."

The official said China's army has sought to modernize its capabilities and improve its proficiency across all warfare domains, so that, as a joint force, it can conduct the range of land, air, and maritime operations that are envisioned in army publications, as well as in space, counterspace, electronic warfare and cyber operations.

보고서 전문 -> https://media.defense.gov/2020/Sep/01/2002488689/-1/-1/1/2020-DOD-CHINA-MILITARY-POWER-REPORT-FINAL.PDF

4. U.S INDOPACOM / Nov. 4, 2021

<https://www.pacom.mil/Media/News/News-Article-View/Article/2833887/readout-of-president-joseph-r-biden-jrs-meeting-with-president-joko-widodo-of-i/>

# Readout of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.’s Meeting with President Joko Widodo of Indonesia

# U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Indonesia

U.S. Embassy & Consulates in Indonesia -- President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. today met with President Joko Widodo of Indonesia. **President Biden underscored the importance of the U.S.-Indonesia Strategic Partnership and they discussed ways to strengthen it**. The President welcomed Indonesia’s forthcoming G20 Presidency and expressed support for Indonesia’s leadership in the Indo-Pacific as the world’s third largest democracy and a strong proponent of the international rules-based order. They reflected on the recent U.S.-ASEAN Summit and the East Asia Summit, **and the President reiterated the U.S. commitment to ASEAN centrality and our support for the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific**.They also discussed regional issues, including maritime security and the importance of freedom of the seas. They expressed concern about the coup in Burma and agreed the Burmese military must cease violence, release all political prisoners, and provide for a swift return to democracy. President Biden expressed support for ASEAN’s efforts to hold the Burmese military accountable to the ASEAN Five Point Consensus. Additionally, they discussed efforts to address the climate crisis, strengthen global health security, and provide life-saving U.S. vaccines and assistance to end the COVID-19 pandemic. President Biden emphasized that he intends to continue his engagement with President Widodo as the two leaders work to deepen this critical partnership.

5. U.S INDOPACOM / Nov. 4, 2021

# https://www.pacom.mil/Media/News/News-Article-View/Article/2833969/us-singapore-partnership-central-to-expanding-regional-security-prosperity/Readout of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.’s Meeting with President Joko Widodo of Indonesia

# U.S.-Singapore Partnership Central to Expanding Regional Security, Prosperity

By David Vergun DOD NEWS

WASHINGTON -- Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III welcomed Singapore Defense Minister Ng Eng Hen to the Pentagon today in an enhanced honor cordon ceremony.

**Austin said the United States values its relationships in Southeast Asia and its partnership with Singapore.**"Our countries have long stood alongside each other through numerous challenges. This past year reminded us, yet again, of the strength of our partnership," he said, referring to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Afghanistan evacuation.

Singapore provided aid in the form of transport aircraft and armed forces personnel, and helped to relocate over 2,000 Afghan evacuees.

**"Singapore has always been a strong, ready and willing partner on global security challenges," he added.**

Austin said that he and Ng will discuss opportunities to strengthen the U.S.-Singapore defense partnership, including:

* **Bilateral force posture initiatives.**
* **Expansion of joint training opportunities.**
* **Addressing transnational security issues, including violent extremism and cybersecurity.**

The Indo-Pacific region is seeing a lot of change and challenges, Austin said. "Our partnership will remain central to preserving and expanding the region's security and prosperity."

Ng thanked Austin for his visit to Singapore in July and said he appreciated the reciprocal invitation to visit that was extended to him to visit the Pentagon.

Ng also said that Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong appreciated the August visit to Singapore by Vice President Kamala Harris and President Joe Biden's meeting with leaders on Oct. 26 at the U.S.-Association of Southeast Asian Nations summit in Brunei.

ASEAN is an economic union made up of 10 member states in Southeast Asia. It promotes intergovernmental cooperation and facilitates economic, political, security, military, educational and sociocultural integration among its members and other countries in Asia.

The members of ASEAN are: Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia.