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## CHINA

### China's Defence Minister Li Shangfu at Shangri-La Dialogue

China's Defence Minister and State Councillor Li Shangfu spoke at the Shangri-La Dialogue on 5 June, calling for cooperation and dialogue to [address the security challenges](#) in Asia-Pacific. Referring to the concept of Global Security Initiative (GSI), he stated that it is a new path to security that would 'prefer dialogue over confrontation, partnership over alliance, and win-win over zero-sum'. He proposed a [four-point formula](#) to the initiative. According to him, the new security cooperation in Asia-Pacific should encapsulate ideas such as 'mutual respect should prevail over bullying and hegemony; fairness and justice should transcend the law of the jungle; eliminating conflicts and confrontation through mutual trust and consultation; and preventing bloc confrontation with openness and inclusiveness'.

### China-Pakistan Military Cooperation

On 20 June, Zhang Youxia, the vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and Sahir Shamshad Mirza, Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, had a meeting in Beijing, where they discussed the way forward in [implementing the consensus](#) reached by the leadership of the two countries. Zhang stated that his hope is that both the militaries would

“support each other strategically, jointly work for deeper and more substantive defense and security cooperation, and jointly safeguard global and regional peace and stability”.

### Type-055 Destroyers Tests Evacuation Mission Skills

On 14 June, the Type-055 (Dalian) Guided-Missile Destroyer [conducted simulated training](#) for evacuation of the Chinese nationals from war-torn countries. This training is part of non-war activities and comes under military operations other than war (MOOTW) and equips the PLA to carry out 'diversified military tasks'. In this exercise, the Dalian focused its simulated training along early-warning aircraft, fighter jets, submarines, which sailed in formations with Type -052D Multi-Role Destroyer and Type-054A Frigate.

## JAPAN

### Japan-US-Philippines joint coast guard drill

On 1 June, Coast Guards of Japan, the United States (US) and the Philippines conducted a trilateral maritime exercise off the coast of the Philippines in the South China Sea. The exercise included law enforcement training and search-and-rescue operations, and involved the participation of the US Coast Guard vessel *USCGS Stratton*, as well as the Japan Coast Guard vessel *JCGS Akitsushima*, alongside four multi-role vessels of the Philippine

Coast Guard, two of which were made in Japan. 400 Coast Guards from all three countries participated in scenarios involving the boarding and search-and-rescue of ships suspected of piracy and illegal smuggling. Officials in the Philippines added that the drill would ‘improve maritime cooperation and understanding’ among the three partners.

## TAIWAN

### US approves sale of more defence equipment to Taiwan

As per media reports, the US Government announced on 29 June that the State Department has [“approved the potential sale of US\\$108 million \(NT\\$3.4 billion\) worth of logistical support and equipment to Taiwan.”](#) This package is named Blanket Order Cooperative Logistics Supply Support Arrangement. It will include “spare and repair parts for vehicles, weapons.” Further, the US Government cleared another deal that included [“30 mm high explosive incendiary-tracer rounds, multi-purpose rounds, training rounds, and engineering technical services.”](#) This deal is worth US\$ 332.2 million.

## THE KOREAN PENINSULA

### South Korea hosts its first summit with Pacific Island leaders

Amidst increasing concerns over China’s growing diplomatic clout in the region, South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol hosted the country’s first [summit with](#)

[leaders](#) of the Pacific Island countries. Reportedly, Seoul too is looking to boost its influence in the region and climate change cooperation has been identified as a platform to promote closer ties with the Pacific Island countries. During the summit, President Yoon declared that the summit marked a new beginning of deeper cooperation between Seoul and the Pacific Island countries. Before the summit, President Yoon held bilateral talks with several leaders including Kiribati President Taneti Maamau and Papua New Guinean Prime Minister James Marape on issues such as fisheries and climate change.

### North Korea's Kim declares support form Putin

North Korea’s State media reported on 12 June that President Kim Jong Un has vowed to [strengthen strategic collaboration](#) with Russian President Vladimir Putin and work together to achieve the shared goal of building a strong nation. In a message sent to Putin on the occasion of Russia’s National Day, Kim expressed support for Russia’s decision to invade Ukraine and expressed unwavering support and solidarity. He emphasized that justice would prevail and the Russian people would continue to contribute to the history of triumph. Kim called for a closer partnership with Moscow, emphasizing the need for strong unity with the Russian President in order to fulfill the mutual aspiration of both nations.