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South Asia

India

[India blasts Pakistan's false narrative over Kashmir, Assam NRC in heated UNHRC session](#)

September 11, 2019, India Today

The 42nd session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva was used by Pakistan's foreign minister Qureshi to raise the issue of Kashmir and criticise India's decision to abrogate key provisions of Article 370 of the Indian constitution. India rebutted by describing Pakistan's remarks as "offensive rhetoric", "false allegations" and "concocted charges".

[Indian Chinese soldiers get into scuffle in Ladakh](#)

September 12, 2019, The Times of India

Border tensions between India and China flared up yet again with a prolonged confrontation between the rival troops in Eastern Ladakh.

[India asks China, Pakistan to end activities related to CPEC in PoK](#)

September 10, 2019, The Hindu

India on Tuesday rejected the reference to Jammu and Kashmir in the latest China-Pakistan joint statement and called on both countries to stop activities related to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

[RCEP: Jaishankar says India concerned over "enormous" trade deficit with China](#)

September 09, 2019, Economic Times

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, speaking during a panel discussion at the inaugural session of India-Singapore Business & Innovation Summit here, said India remained concerned over the "unfair" market access to Indian products and the "protectionist policies" of Beijing that have created a significant trade deficit between the two nations.

[India, ASEAN agree to review decade-old free trade pact](#)

September 11, 2019, Economic Times

The exercise could help address India's concerns that it has not benefitted from the agreement and its goods trade deficit with the 10-member grouping has widened. The trade gap was \$22 billion in FY19, up from \$13 billion in FY18.

[In US NSA John Bolton's sacking, New Delhi loses a key ally](#)

September 12, 2019, Live Mint

According to a statement put out by the ministry of external affairs, Bolton supported "India's right to self-defence against cross-border terrorism" and "offered all assistance to India to bring the perpetrators and backers of the (14 February Pulwama suicide) attack promptly to justice" was much appreciated in New Delhi.

[50 Jaish terrorists training in deep diving, may launch attack on India via sea: BSF sources](#)

September 09, 2019, India Today

Lt General SK Saini, GOC-in-C, Army Southern Command, confirmed that he has received inputs that there may be a terrorist attack in the southern part of India. Saini added that some abandoned boats have been spotted in Sir Creek -- a 96 km tidal estuary on the border of India and Pakistan dividing Gujarat from Sindh province -- and precautions are being taken to prevent any terrorist attack.

[India calls for reforms in peacekeeping at UNSC debate](#)

September 10, 2019, India Today

India's UN Ambassador, Syed Akbaruddin, speaking at a Security Council debate on UN peacekeeping operations, said UN peacekeeping is a unique innovation of multilateralism to respond to threats to international peace and security.

[India, South Korea ink pact to provide logistical support to each other's navies](#)

September 06, 2019, India Today

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held talks with his South Korean counterpart Jeong Kyeong-doo to boost bilateral defence ties, particularly on enhancing cooperation between defence firms of the two countries and extending logistical support to each other's navies.

[Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to visit France next month to take delivery of first Rafale](#)

September 11, 2019, Money Control

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to receive the first of 36 Rafale fighter jets in Paris on October 8 -- the foundation day of the Indian Air Force. He will be accompanied by Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar and several other senior bureaucrats, as he travels to Paris on October 7 on a three-day visit.

[DRDO successfully test fires indigenous Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile system](#)

September 11, 2019, India Today

In a major boost for the Indian Army, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight-tested indigenously-developed Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) system. The test fire was conducted in the ranges of Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. It is a low weight, fire-and-forget Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM). This is the third successful test firing of the missile system which is being developed for Indian Army's need for 3rd generation ATGMs.

[Rajnath Singh chairs meeting to review preparation for Defence Expo](#)

September 09, 2019, Times of India

Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Monday chaired a meeting of a committee to review the preparation for the 11th edition of the Defence Expo, scheduled to be held in Lucknow next year.

[India to spend a whopping USD 130 billion to modernise forces](#)

September 10, 2019, Economic Times

India has finalised a road map to spend USD 130 billion in the next five to seven years to modernise the armed forces and bolster their combat capabilities over rivals in the region. The plan includes procurement of a range of weapons, missiles, air defence systems, fighter jets, submarines and warships, drones, surveillance equipment and developing infrastructure for extensive use of artificial intelligence.

[India to receive delivery of S-400 missiles within 18-19 months](#)

September 09, 2019, India Today

India had signed a USD 5.43-billion deal with Russia for the purchase of five S-400 systems during the 19th India-Russia Annual Bilateral Summit in New Delhi on October 5 last year for meeting long-term security needs.

[Singapore is 'natural partner' for India's urbanisation efforts: Vivian Balakrishnan](#)

September 09, 2019, CNA

Speaking at the first day of the India-Singapore: The Next Phase business and innovation summit, Singapore's Foreign Affairs Minister Vivian Balakrishnan said that Singapore can help India in areas such as infrastructure planning, water conservation and business expansion, amid the South Asian country's ambitious plans for growth.

[India-France Strategic Partnership – An Important Pillar Of India's Foreign Policy: Vice President](#)

September 09, 2019, Defence Aviation Post

The Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu has described India-France Strategic Partnership as an important pillar of India's foreign policy and said that India and France could act as harbingers of peace and stability. Interacting with a delegation of French Parliamentarians led by Mrs. Sophie Primas, the Chair, and Senate Standing Committee for Economic Affairs, in New Delhi, Shri Naidu called for closer cooperation between India and France to promote peace and harmony in the world.

[Why the Failed U.S.-Taliban Talks Represent a Victory for India](#)

September 10, 2019, Foreign Policy

New Delhi, which is seen as having close ties with Kabul's civilian leaders, is the only major regional capital that refuses to officially recognize the Taliban as a legitimate political actor. It has viewed the U.S.-led talks as a potential disaster.

[What's Next for India-Japan Defense Relations?](#)

September 06, 2019, Diplomat

In Tokyo, Singh co-chaired the annual Defense Ministerial Dialogue with his Japanese counterpart Takeshi Iwaya, and his trip had several other interactions as well including a call with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Concerns about the strategic consequences of a rising China in the Indo-Pacific is providing greater momentum to the India-Japan partnership. This annual ministerial dialogue is one more platform for strengthening the defense and security bonds between the two countries.

[Pakistan, China, Afghanistan to boost counter terror effort](#)

September 8, 2019, The News

At the conclusion of Afghanistan-Pakistan-China Foreign Ministers Dialogue on September 7, all three countries reiterated their strong resolve to fight terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and without any distinction. The dialogue was led by Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi, in which Foreign Minister of Afghanistan Salahuddin Rabbani, and State Councilor and Foreign Minister of China Wang Yi, participated.

[Qureshi discusses bilateral ties with Chinese counterpart](#)

September 8, 2019, The News

During the delegation-level talks between Pakistan and China Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on September 7, discussed regional and bilateral matters.

[China ships equipment for \\$1.7bln energy project](#)

September 8, 2019, The News

A Chinese company has shipped power equipment to Pakistan for the country's first \$1.7 billion worth of transmission project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) framework.

[RekoDiq, IPPs cases: Pakistan to move international court against damages](#)

September 10, 2019, The News

Pakistan announced that it would go into appeal and challenge multi-billion dollar damages in the RekoDiq case in international court. International court had imposed \$1.2 billion damages in Karkey rental power case and \$6.2 billion damages in RekoDiq case.

[US Centcom Commander meets COAS](#)

September 10, 2019, The News

US delegation, led by the visiting General Kenneth F McKenzie Jr, Commander US Central Command (CENTCOM), called on Pakistan Chief of the Army Staff General Qamar Javed Bajwa here September 9. Geo-strategic environment and regional security issues were discussed during the meeting.

[PM Imran assures China of CPEC projects' speedy execution](#)

September 9, 2019, Dawn

Prime Minister Imran Khan During his meeting with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yisaid Pakistan was committed to timely completion of projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and hoped that more Chinese companies would make investments in the country.

[Lankan cricketers skip Pakistan tour over security concerns](#)

September 10, 2019, Dawn

Ten Sri Lankan players, including Test and ODI captain Dimuth Karunaratne and veterans Lasith Malinga and Angelo Mathews, have opted out of the coming tour of Pakistan over security concerns.

[Pakistan likely to miss IMF's tax refund condition](#)

September 13, 2019, The Express Tribune

Pakistan is set to miss the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) condition to refund Rs75 billion to taxpayers in the first quarter despite an incentive by the global lender that will soften the tough primary budget deficit reduction target if the country performs better in tax refunds.

[Pakistan may face serious financing issues: Moody's](#)

September 13, 2019, The Express Tribune

Moody's credit rating agency has placed Pakistan among countries that may face serious financing issues in the extreme scenario under the ongoing US-China trade tensions as Islamabad's reliance on foreign currency borrowing and thin reserve coverage of external debt payments have weakened its debt affordability.

Afghanistan

[Trump says he's canceling Afghan peace talks, secret meeting with Taliban leaders](#)

September 8, 2019, NBC News

President Donald Trump said on September 7, that he was calling off "peace negotiations" with Taliban leadership after a U.S. service member was killed in a suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan. Trump tweeted that he was scheduled to hold a secret meeting at Camp David on September 8 with Taliban leadership and, separately, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani.

[Afghan Govt announces stance on Peace Talks cancellation](#)

September 8, 2019, Tolo News

The Afghan government in a press release says Afghans want a "dignified peace" and that the government is committed to all efforts for peace. The statement has added that the Afghan government sees Taliban violence as the main hurdle on the way of the peace efforts.

[More Americans will die after Trump abruptly ends Afghan talks, Taliban say](#)

September 8, 2019, Reuters

The Taliban issued a statement after Trump unexpectedly cancelled peace talks, in which Zabihullah Mujahid, a Taliban spokesman, criticized Trump for calling off the dialogue and said "This will lead to more losses to the U.S.,". "Its credibility will be affected, its anti-peace stance will be exposed to the world, losses to lives and assets will increase."

[Russian Envoy slams Trump's decision on Afghanistan](#)

September 10, 2019, Tolo News

Russia's Special Envoy for Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov has said that the US President Donald Trump's decision on negotiations with the Taliban is a "negative signal", but Moscow expects talks will continue.

[ISIS remains resilient in Afghanistan, says UN chief Guterres](#)

September 10, 2019, Alarbia

The UN chief said in a report to the Security Council circulated that between mid-June and early September 183 incidents were attributed to ISIS extremists - nearly double the 93 incidents during the same period in 2018.

[Democrat subpoenas U.S. special envoy for Afghanistan to appear before panel](#)

September 12, 2019, Politico

The chairman of a top House committee on Thursday subpoenaed the U.S. special envoy for Afghanistan to testify before lawmakers next week after the State Department repeatedly failed to make the diplomat available.

Bangladesh

[China To Help Bangladesh Build Submarine Base, Senior Official Says](#)

September 12, 2019, Radio Free Asia

The future base will house two Chinese-made submarines purchased by Dhaka from Beijing in 2016, retired Col. Faruk Khan said, adding that Bangladesh was not taking sides in a regional rivalry between India and China. The facility will be built in a southeastern district on the Bay of Bengal and financed by Bangladesh.

[PM Modi and Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina set up meet](#)

September 13, 2019, Economic Times

India will roll out the red carpet for Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who is scheduled to visit the country from October 3-6 as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's focus on South Asian economic integration and cross border connectivity. Besides meeting Modi at the bilateral summit, Hasina will address the India Economic Summit.

[PM: Expecting positive response from India over unresolved issues](#)

September 11, 2019, Dhaka Tribune

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has expressed the hope to have a positive response from India over different unresolved issues, including the Teesta water-sharing one, before her visit to the neighbouring country in early October.

[Dhaka wants to strengthen business link with Colombo](#)

September 06, 2019, The Independent

Foreign Minister Dr AK Abdul Momen has met Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Tilak Marapana and discussed various areas of bilateral cooperation with particular focus on enhancing business to business connectivity. They met on the sidelines of the IORA Blue Economy Ministerial Conference.

[Payne: Australia to intensify development cooperation with Bangladesh](#)

September 06, 2019, Dhaka Tribune

Australian foreign minister appreciated economic development of Bangladesh under the leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. She said Australia is set to grow its relations with Bangladesh with greater engagement. The two foreign ministers pledged to work together to promote peace, stability and prosperity in Indian Ocean region.

[ADB keen to finance economic corridors](#)

September 09, 2019, Dhaka Tribune

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has suggested that Bangladesh should adopt a legislation towards establishing dedicated authorities for development and management of its economic corridors. Under a stepwise approach, the ADB says, a taskforce of Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) can be created to undertake activities pertaining to development of economic corridors during the initial phase of planning and development of priority trunk infrastructures.

[India-Bangladesh waterways to boost Northeast economy: Tripura CM](#)

September 09, 2019, The New Indian Express

Use of Bangladeshi ports and transportation through rivers between India and Bangladesh would ease ferrying of goods to and from the land-locked Northeastern states, said Biplab Kumar Deb.

[China's BRI 'debt trap' raises concerns among Bangladesh, India experts](#)

September 08, 2019, Bd News

Experts at an international conference in Dhaka have spoken about their concerns over the "debt trap" of China's flagship belt and road initiative (BRI) in which Bangladesh has joined.

Nepal

[Narendra Modi, Nepal counterpart KP Sharma Oli inaugurate first-ever cross-border petroleum product pipeline](#)

September 10, 2019, First Post

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepal counterpart K P Sharma Oli on Tuesday jointly inaugurated the Motihari-Amlekhganj petroleum product pipeline via a video link. The 69 km-long pipeline is the first-ever cross-border petroleum product pipeline in the South Asia region, according to a video presentation made before the inauguration. Its estimated cost of the project is Rs 325 crore. Saying that India committed to the growth and development of Nepal, Modi said that petroleum products would become more affordable in the Himalayan nation now.

[South Asian Security Sector Governance Forum held in Nepal](#)

September 09, 2019, Republica

Security sector experts and delegates from all seven South Asian countries gathered in Nepal to share their knowledge, experience and best practices on security sector reform and development at the forum. The forum provided an avenue to facilitate region-wide exchange and debate on common security sector governance challenges, opportunities and reform requirements for the South Asian region as a whole and individual countries in particular.

[Nepal, China ink three agreements during Chinese Foreign Minister's Kathmandu visit](#)

September 09, 2019, New Indian Express

As per the first agreement, China would build a well-equipped hospital in Manang District of Nepal which is estimated to cost around 350 million Nepalese rupees. The second agreement will see Beijing providing 5,000 sets of tarpaulins to Nepal, which would be used during the time of emergencies. The third agreement is aimed at sending volunteer teachers to Nepal from China in the near future. With the signing of the agreement, Nepalese schools would start teaching the Mandarin

language. A few schools close to the Chinese Mission in Nepal had already started teaching the language earlier.

[Nepal may face uncertainty for a few years: CoAS](#)

September 11, 2019, The Himalayan Times

Addressing Nepali Army personnel on the occasion of completing one year in office, Chief of Army Staff General Purna Chandra Thapa said the country might face uncertainty for a few more years. "Nepal is likely to face uncertainty for few more years mainly due to changing regional power structure and international scenario, and also due to journey of the neighbouring countries towards prosperity," Thapa said in his address at the Army Headquarters.

[US Embassy seeks clarification after Beijing says Nepal 'disapproves' of Indo-Pacific Strategy](#)

September 12, 2019, Kathmandu Post

The US Embassy in Kathmandu has sought clarification from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after a statement released by Beijing summarising a meeting with Pushpa Kamal Dahal, a co-chairman of the ruling Nepal Communist Party, said Nepal "disapproves" of the US-led Indo-Pacific Strategy.

Bhutan

[India to build multidisciplinary super specialty hospital in Bhutan](#)

September 09, 2019, ANI

The initiative has been taken up by the Union Health Minister in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs. Last month, a team of senior doctors from AIIMS had flown to Bhutan and visited three sites. They also met the Health Minister of Bhutan to discuss the action plan to build the hospital.

[Arunachal urges Centre to open up trade routes with Bhutan, China, Myanmar](#)

September 13, 2019, The Arunachal Times

Arunachal Pradesh Trade & Commerce Minister Tumke Bagra took part in a board of trade meeting, chaired by union Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, at the national capital. Speaking on the occasion, Bagra said rebuilding of the Stilwell road would connect the landlocked region with the ASEAN countries and provide shorter and cheaper trade routes than the existing sea routes that are longer.

[Bhutanese delegation attends UNCCD COP14](#)

September 12, 2019, Kuensel

Bhutan committed to ensure sustainable management of land resources and called upon all international partners to adequately support the country's efforts during the ministerial round-table discussions of the Fourteenth Session of the Conference of Parties (COP14) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

[Why Bhutan is a Partner of Choice for Both India and Japan](#)

September 08, 2019, Japan Forward

Japan contributes to Bhutan's economic development in a big way. At the same time, in June 2018, Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono became the first Japanese Cabinet minister to visit Bhutan. Besides, the Japanese imperial family has had close ties with the Bhutanese royal family. For strategic reasons, Bhutan has been very important for India as it lies close to the Northeastern region of India. This was a major factor in the case of the strong stand taken by India during the Doklam crisis.

Sri Lanka

[Foreign Minister explains SL's plans for maritime development](#)

September 11, 2019, Daily News lk

The Minister explained steps being taken by Sri Lanka in harnessing sustainable Blue Economy including methods adopted on sustainable use of oceanic resources. Further elaborating, the Minister informed that according to the aspirations of Sri Lanka Government's Vision 2025 policy document, Sri Lanka will develop itself as a hub of the great Indian Ocean and focus on the development of its ports, modernizing the logistical capabilities, improving connectivity linking to global supply chains.

[Lankan Defense Secretary lauds Pakistan's help to defeat terrorists](#)

September 06, 2019, News in Asia

Sri Lanka's Defense Secretary, Gen. (Retd.) Shantha Kottegoda, lauded the help given by Pakistan to defeat terrorism in his country while speaking at a reception to mark the 54th Defence Day of Pakistan. Gen. Kottegoda, who was the chief guest, said that Pakistan has been a true friend of Sri Lanka and recalled that Pakistan had rendered unconditional support to Sri Lanka for eliminating one of the most ruthless terrorist outfits in the world.

[India, Sri Lanka begin joint naval military drill in Bay of Bengal](#)

September 10, 2019, IANS

Four naval ships from both countries which are participating in the exercise began co-ordinated maritime operations in the 'sea phase' of the exercise. Prior to the sea phase, the Navies had engaged in professional interactions, training activities, cultural events and sporting exchanges, in a 'harbour phase', for three days at the Vizag port. Sri Lanka has sent SLNS Sindhurala, an advanced offshore patrol vessel which had been constructed by India's state-run defence firm Goa Shipyards.

[Japan Provides Rs.1.6 Billion To Strengthen Public Security & Counter-terrorism Activities](#)

September 13, 2019, Asian Tribune

The public security in Sri Lanka was threatened by the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks with a huge negative economic impact on the fast-growing tourism sector of the Country. As an immediate response to the incident, the Government of Japan has agreed to provide Japanese Yen 01 billion, (approximately Rs. 1.6 billion) grant under the Japanese Government's non - project grant aid scheme for the provision of necessary equipment to strengthen the capacity of Sri Lanka Police and Airport and Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited on counter-terrorism activities.

[India seeks greater collaboration with Sri Lanka](#)

September 06, 2019, Colombo Gazette

Minister of Megapolis and Western Development, Patali Champika Ranawaka and Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India inaugurated the 8th Sri Lanka Buildcon International Expo & 7th Wood International Expo 2019 in Colombo. The High Commissioner, in his address, noted that the large participation of Indian companies in the recent Exhibitions is a reflection of the trust that Indian companies and industry groups repose in the Sri Lankan economy and its people, which are making all efforts to recover from Easter Sunday Attack.

[China and Sri Lanka discuss expanding military ties](#)

September 11, 2019, Colombo Gazette

The Defence Attaché at the Chinese Embassy in Colombo, Senior Colonel Xu Jianwel paid a courtesy call on the Commander of the Army, Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva at the Army Headquarters. Discussions largely focused on sound bilateral relations that prevail between both military organizations. They also looked at the possibilities for further improvement with varying training modules for tri servicemen in Sri Lanka, in addition to what has already been granted by the Chinese Army.

[Making Best Use of Sri Lanka's Strategic Location](#)

September 11, 2019, The Citizen

The challenge to Sri Lanka is how to maximize the benefit to itself from this situation without being overwhelmed by pressures that may be brought to bear upon it. Sri Lanka can become a beneficiary of competition as it has in the case of the USD 480 million grant from the Millennium Challenge Corporation of the United States. However, each of the global powers will see a threat to itself if Sri Lanka were to favour one over the other. The threat perception will grow if Sri Lanka were to permit any one of them a foothold within the country, especially in military terms, that is significantly bigger than what they already have.

East & South East Asia

China

[Rational move aimed at fighting US trade bullying: China Daily editorial](#)

September 11, 2019, China Daily

Unveiling the first list of goods to be excluded from the first round of additional tariffs imposed on US imports, China said on Wednesday that the exemption would be effective from Sept 17 for a year and allow the affected enterprises to seek refund of the additional tariffs.

[Economic sanctions are human rights violations](#)

China Daily, September 12, 2019 , China Daily

Anelise Borges, a Euronews international correspondent, told a tragic story from Tehran on Wednesday about a seven-year-old Iranian boy who needs a bone marrow transplant to cure a deadly genetic disease known as Andrenoleukodystrophy, or ALD.

[Sino-Russian ties apt example of win-win partnership](#)

September 12, 2019 , China Daily

Beijing-Moscow relations went through many ups and downs before beginning to dramatically improve in the early 1990s, proving that a resilient and robust Sino-Russian partnership is of vital interest to both sides.

[Bolton's exit doesn't signify policy change: China Daily editorial](#)

September 11, 2019, China Daily

The dice were loaded against him, for he was not only opposed to letting up the pressure on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and against the US president's suggestion of a possible meeting with the Iranian leadership, but also a likely cause of the failure of Washington-Taliban talks.

[HK demonstrators banging their heads on a brick wall: China Daily editorial](#)

September 10, 2019, China Daily

Not content at building a "wall" dividing Hong Kong into a normal metropolis and an anarchic city, rabble-rouser Joshua Wong compared Hong Kong to Berlin during the Cold War. However, his remark may impress his Western backers, particularly the United States which has openly supported the rioters in Hong Kong, not those who see through the demonstrators' ploys.

[Hong Kong is not its backyard, and the US should know that: China Daily editorial](#)

September 9, 2019, China Daily

That some demonstrators in Hong Kong are hell-bent on violating laws and disrupting normal life was on display again on Monday when thousands of them formed "human chains" outside schools to push for their so-called democratic demands following a weekend of violent clashes and a march urging the US president to "liberate" Hong Kong.

[China firmly opposes passage of Xinjiang-related bill by U.S. Senate](#)

September 12, 2019, Xinhua

China firmly opposes the passage of a Xinjiang-related bill by the U.S. Senate, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said Thursday, urging the U.S. side to stop pushing the bill to become law so as to prevent damages to the overall relationship between China and the United States.

[China welcomes DPRK-U.S. dialogue resumption](#)

September 13, 2019, Xinhua

China on Thursday said it welcomed the positive signals from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on resuming talks with the United States, calling on the U.S. side to take practical measures to ease tensions and promote talks.

[China's first tariff exemption lists of U.S. products ease trade friction impact, firms' burden](#)

September 11, 2019, Xinhua

China on Wednesday unveiled the first set of U.S. goods to be excluded from the first round of additional tariffs on U.S. products, which will help effectively deal with economic and trade frictions and ease enterprises' burdens, experts said.

[China, Nepal pledge to further promote bilateral relations](#)

September 10, 2019, Xinhua

Nepali President Bidhya Devi Bhandari met with visiting Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi here on Monday and they pledged to further promote the relationship between the two countries.

['Balance of power' a strategic trap for India](#)

September 11, 2019, Global Times

While scholars in the US and India generally believe that a full alliance between the two sides is unlikely, the two countries can still reach a general consensus on balancing the rise of China, since it is in their common interest.

[Patience required when India is one step away from its moon landing](#)

September 11, 2019, Global Times

The moon lander of India's Chandrayaan-2 plan was just 2.1 kilometers away from the lunar surface when it lost communication. Compared with the 380,000 kilometers between the Earth and the moon, this distance was so close that it was virtually one step away.

[Goodwill reciprocity needed to end trade war](#)

September 12, 2019, Global Times

Trump's decision is welcome. October 1 marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. The two sides have announced a new round of high-level trade consultations in early October. Trump's decision should be seen as a goodwill gesture for the upcoming trade talks. China announced yesterday to remove 16 categories of US products from its tariff list.

[China shows goodwill via tariff exemptions](#)

September 11, 2019, Global Times

China removed on Wednesday 16 categories of items from the list of US products that had faced extra tariffs, including shrimp and pawn seedlings, lubricating base oil and medical linear accelerators. The measure will benefit some companies from China and the US.

[China's economy continues to grow](#)

September 10, 2019, Global Times

China's total foreign trade in the first eight months rose by 3.6 percent, according to data released by the General Administration of Customs on Sunday. Calculated in yuan, in August, its exports increased by 2.6 percent while imports dropped by 2.6 percent.

Japan

[Tokyo defends export controls after Seoul takes case to WTO](#)

September 12, 2019, The Asahi Shimbun

Japan again emphasized that its tightened export controls do not violate international trade rules after South Korea filed a complaint with the World Trade Organization on Sept. 11.

[Seoul wary, Beijing hopeful about Abe's Cabinet reshuffle](#)

September 12, 2019, The Asahi Shimbun

South Korean media raised concerns over Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's reshuffled Cabinet on Sept. 11, but Chinese government officials voiced expectations of improved relations with the new administration.

[Disputing Koizumi, new industry minister calls no-nuclear power policy 'unrealistic'](#)

September 13, 2019, Japan Today

Exiting nuclear power in Japan is unrealistic, the country's new industry minister said, in comments that reiterated the government's line but are at odds with those made a day earlier by another newly installed cabinet member.

[Koizumi seeks further innovation in Japan to fight climate change](#)

September 12, 2019, Japan Today

New Environment Minister Shinjiro Koizumi, a rising political star in Japan, said Wednesday he will encourage increased innovation in the country in the fight against human-driven climate change.

[Japan's budget on N Korea goes unused amid stalled abduction talks](#)

September 10, 2019, Japan Today

Part of Japan's state budget related to North Korea has remained untouched in the last five years amid Pyongyang's refusal to implement a 2014 bilateral agreement to investigate the fate of Japanese abductees in the country, according to Foreign Ministry documents and officials.

[Deadline looming, Japan struggles to elude Trump tariff threat](#)

September 11, 2019, Japan Today

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe may have averted giving away too much in trade talks with U.S. President Donald Trump but Tokyo is struggling ahead of a

late-month deadline to achieve its primary goal: get the unpredictable president to drop threats of punitive auto tariffs.

[This time it's for real: U.S. must help Tokyo and Seoul end crisis](#)

September 12, 2019, The Japan Times

In the recent past, friction and animosity has repeatedly emerged as a result of the politicization of historical issues. Tension would subside only after the political winds changed to make it possible for both sides to put historical and emotional issues on the back burner to stumble forward.

South Korea

[North Korea fires unidentified projectiles toward East Sea](#)

September 10, 2019, The Korea Times

North Korea fired unidentified projectiles twice from a western region toward the East Sea on Tuesday, South Korea's military said, just hours after the communist nation offered to resume nuclear talks with the United States.

[Korea takes Japan to WTO for 'unfair' export restrictions](#)

September 11, 2019, The Korea Times

The government will file a complaint with the World Trade Organization (WTO) against Japan for its July 4 imposition of export restrictions against South Korean companies with regard to three important materials for manufacturing semiconductors and display panels, the trade minister said.

[Trump says he expects to meet North Korean leader at some point this year](#)

September 13, 2019, The Korea Times

At the White House, Trump was asked by reporters if he plans to meet Kim this year and whether he has a new proposal for denuclearization negotiations with Pyongyang.

[Moon, Trump to hold summit in New York this month](#)

September 13, 2019, The Korea Times

South Korean President Moon Jae-in and U.S. President Donald Trump will hold summit talks in New York late this month on the sidelines of a U.N. session, Cheong Wa Dae announced.

[Korea Wants Japan's 'Rising Sun' Flag Banned at Tokyo Olympics](#)

September 12, 2019, The Chosun Ilbo

Korea has formally asked the International Olympic Committee to ban the Japanese "rising sun" flag at next year's Tokyo Games, calling it a symbol of Japan's brutal wartime past and comparing it with the Nazi swastika.

[S. Korea's top nuclear envoy visits Beijing for talks on N.K.](#)

September 13, 2019, The Korea Herald

South Korea's chief nuclear envoy has held talks with a senior Chinese diplomat over North Korea and peninsula issues ahead of an expected resumption of nuclear dialogue between Washington and Pyongyang, Seoul's foreign ministry said.

[Moon's ASEAN Trip Reinforces New Southern Policy](#)

September 12, 2019, The Diplomat

South Korean President Moon Jae-in returned last Friday from a weeklong trip to Thailand, Myanmar, and Laos. The timing of the long-planned visit, coinciding with escalating tensions with Japan and growing uncertainty stemming from the U.S.-China trade war, further supports its impetus – Moon's New Southern Policy.

Southeast Asia

[India must secure its interests in dealing with ASEAN and RCEP](#)

September 12, 2019, The Hindu Business Line

Mired in a serious industrial downturn, India has done well to secure a review of its bilateral trade pact with the 10-member ASEAN, which came into force from January 2010.

[Free Trade Deal Between India, ASEAN To Be Reviewed: Piyush Goyal](#)

September 11, 2019, NDTV

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday said that the India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which was signed in 2009, will be reviewed in order to give a thrust in economic ties.

[India looks at open, balanced Indo-Pacific region: S Jaishankar](#)

September 9, 2019, The Economic Times

India looks at an open, inclusive and balanced region connected by secure seas, integrated by trade and investment, underpinned by the rule of law, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday, as he sought Singapore's support in addressing the challenges posed by the changing world.

[Sheikh Hasina blames Myanmar for Rohingya repatriation failure, says country failed to win trust of Muslim minority](#)

September 13, 2019, Firstpost

Bangladesh's prime minister has blamed Myanmar for the failure of a recent attempt to repatriate Rohingya refugees, saying its neighbouring country did not do enough to win the community's trust.

[Vietnam Fights China Moves to Hinder Offshore Energy Exploration](#)

September 13, 2019, Bloomberg

Vietnam is pushing back harder against China's efforts to isolate it diplomatically on a territorial dispute in an energy-rich part of the South China Sea.

[One of the US's close allies just signed up to buy a Chinese warship](#)

September 13, 2019, Business Insider

Thailand has signed an agreement with a Chinese shipbuilder that will see the southeast Asian nation's Navy receive an amphibious transport vessel from China, giving a much-needed boost to its amphibious forces.

[Indonesia's Habibie, president during transition to democracy, dies at 83](#)

September 11, 2019, Reuters

Thousands of people gathered in the Indonesian capital Jakarta on Thursday to mourn the death of former president B.J. Habibie, who came to power as the nation endured a turbulent transition to democracy after former strongman Suharto stepped down in 1998.

[With new coastguard, Myanmar looks to improve maritime security](#)

September 09, 2019, The Interpreter

In March this year, Myanmar's Defence Ministry submitted a proposal to parliament to establish a national coastguard. Given strong support for the idea from the main political parties, the armed forces, and the public, it is expected that the necessary legislation will be passed without undue delay. Myanmar is one of

the few countries in the wider Asian region that does not already have a coastguard or similar force.

[Tech-savvy insurgent group in Myanmar leaves India worried](#)

September 12, 2019, DNA India

A fresh report by the intelligence agencies has suggested that Arakan Army, an insurgent group of Myanmar, is using Bluetooth and Wi-Fi technology to trigger landmines against Myanmar Army. The Arakan Army has set up several camps in areas across Mizoram's Lawngtala district, posing threat to the Kaladan Project, which is a multi-modal transit transport project and considered India's gateway to Southeast Asia.

[The US-ASEAN Maritime Exercise: Why Myanmar Matters](#)

September 09, 2019, Irrawady Times

The US decision to include Myanmar has been criticized by some, particularly from rights groups who cite the Rohingya crisis, the ongoing ethnic conflicts in the country and other human rights violations by the Myanmar military. But this condemnation is plausible only if the US works bilaterally with just the Tatmadaw beyond these maritime exercises—for instance, if they sell weapons to or offer training for Tatmadaw cadets or the like.

Central & West Asia

Central Asia

[What Drives Chinese Arms Sales in Central Asia?](#)

September 11, 2019, The Diplomat

Chinese military assertiveness in Asia has often been viewed as an effort to strike balance, either with the United States, India, or other powers across the region.

[India's Increasing Connectivity With Central Asia, Iran and Russia](#)

September 10, 2019, India Briefing

India's historic connections with Central Asia have long been curtailed since the 1947 partition of Pakistan, in addition to the constant wars on-going in Afghanistan effectively removing New Delhi from meaningful border connections between the regions.

[EU steps up support to prevent radicalisation in Central Asia](#)

September 11, 2019, New Europe

The European Commission has announced on 11 September that it has mobilised, through the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace, an additional €4 million to support the media, civil society organisations, and public activities for the citizens of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan to prevent violent extremism and to counter religious radicalisation.

[Uzbekistan Is The Hidden Gem In China's New Silk Road](#)

September 9, 2019, Forbes

Uzbekistan may very well be the best under-the-radar investment story in the world today. But the transformation spearheaded by the country's new president, Shavkat Mirziyoyev, from socialism to capitalism should put the \$50 billion economy on investors radar screens.

[Uzbekistan to waive visa restrictions for Chinese citizens](#)

September 12, 2019, Yahoo

Uzbekistan said that it will lift visa restrictions for citizens from China in a bid to boost foreign tourism, becoming the first country in former Soviet nation in Central Asia to make the move.

[Experts, officials say stronger Kazakhstan-China ties of historic significance](#)

September 13, 2019, Xinhua

As Kazakhstan and China, in the spirit of partnership for win-win cooperation, decided to develop a permanent comprehensive strategic partnership, it is of historic significance, Kazakh experts and officials have said.

[Kyrgyzstan, Iran to enhance security cooperation](#)

September 12, 2019, Xinhua

Kyrgyz Interior Minister Kashkar Dzhunushaliev and his Iranian counterpart Abdolreza Rahmani Fazli on Thursday signed an agreement on security cooperation.

West Asia

[Israel accused of planting mysterious spy devices near the White House](#)

September 12, 2019, Politico

The U.S. government concluded within the past two years that Israel was most likely behind the placement of cellphone surveillance devices that were found near the White House and other sensitive locations around Washington, according to three former senior U.S. officials with knowledge of the matter.

[US drops 40 tons of bombs on IS dominated island in Iraq](#)

September 10, 2019, India Today

The attack was a part of operations carried out by Iraqi forces and the US-led coalition against Islamic State group, which was defeated in Iraq in 2017.

[Global community steadfast on 'two-state solution' in Palestine](#)

September 12, 2019, Daily Sabha

The international community is determined not to look the other way regarding the issue of Palestine and to bring about the two-state solution, which aims for Israel and Palestine to live next to each other in peace based on 1967's borders.

[Syria, US-led coalition may have committed war crimes: UN report](#)

September 12, 2019, Al Jazeera

Report by UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria finds US, Syrian, and Russian forces could be responsible for war crimes.

[After oil export boost, Iraq pledges to comply with OPEC+ output quota](#)

September 13, 2019, Kurdistan 24

Iraq's Oil Minister, Thamir Ghadhban reaffirmed that his country would cut its oil output to levels stipulated in an agreement between members of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and their allies.

[Will Russia reinforce Iraq's air defenses?](#)

September 11, 2019, Al Monitor

A series of alleged Israeli strikes on Iran-linked targets in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq have sent shockwaves across the region and beyond. The attacks on Iraq in particular are unprecedented, with long-term effects yet to be revealed.

United States

[S Korea's Moon, Trump to meet amid hopes for fresh N Korea talks](#)

September 13, 2019, Al Jazeera

South Korea's President Moon Jae-in and United States President Donald Trump are expected to meet at the United Nations later this month, Moon's office said on Friday, amid hopes for a restart of talks aimed at dismantling North Korea's nuclear weapons programme.

[Donald Trump fires John Bolton as national security advisor](#)

September 11, 2019, ABC Net

The US President has sacked his third national security adviser, dismissing John Bolton suddenly on Twitter.

[Bolton exit followed bust-up over mooted Trump-Rouhani meeting](#)

September 11, 2019, The Guardian

Donald Trump and his top officials reportedly discussed the possibility of easing sanctions on Iran on Monday, as a means of engineering a meeting with Iran's president, Hassan Rouhani, at this month's UN general assembly.

[Trump will not pick Pompeo as national security adviser, has 15 candidates](#)

September 13, 2019, Reuters

U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday ruled out asking Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to take on a dual role as national security adviser and said he has about 15 candidates for the post last held by John Bolton.

[The US could soften its stance on North Korea now that Bolton is gone](#)

September 11, 2019, CNBC

The departure of U.S. National Security Advisor John Bolton may mean the White House will soften its stance on North Korea, analysts said Wednesday.

[Trump delays increase in tariffs on Chinese goods by two weeks 'as a gesture of good will'](#)

September 11, 2019, Washington Post

President Trump said on Twitter on Wednesday night that he would delay by two weeks the next increase in tariffs on Chinese goods as a "gesture of good will" to advance trade talks that have made little progress for months.

[Winners and losers from the third Democratic presidential debate](#)

September 13, 2019, CNN

The top 10 Democratic candidates shared a single debate stage for the first time in the 2020 race, trading body blows while drawing stark contrasts on issues like health care and criminal justice reform.

[US, China tariffs could lower global economic output by 0.8% in 2020: IMF](#)

September 13, 2019, Live Mint

Tariffs imposed by the United States and China could lower the level of global economic output by 0.8% in 2020 and trigger additional losses in future years, the International Monetary Fund said on Thursday.

[Oil prices fall 1.2% on U.S.-China trade doubts, OPEC+ talks](#)

September 12, 2019, CNBC

Oil prices fell about 1.5% on Thursday after a media report cast doubt on the possibility of an interim U.S.-China trade deal and as a meeting of the OPEC+ alliance yielded no decision on deepening crude supply cuts.

[Trump administration reinstates military aid for Ukraine](#)

September 12, 2019, Reuters

President Donald Trump's administration has released \$250 million in military aid for Ukraine, U.S. senators said on Thursday, after lawmakers from both parties expressed concern that the White House had held up money approved by Congress.

[U.S. officials press Mexico to take more steps to stem migrant surge](#)

September 10, 2019, Washington Post

A day after touting a decline in unauthorized immigration, the White House sought to redouble pressure on Mexico to interdict migrants, illustrating the sensitive balance for the administration as President Trump seeks to demonstrate progress on a key campaign promise.

Europe & Russia

Europe

[UK parliament to be suspended on Monday until October: PM Johnson's spokesman](#)

September 9, 2019, Reuters

The British parliament will be suspended at the end of business on Monday until the middle of next month, the spokesman for Prime Minister Boris Johnson said.

[Brexit: UK government publishes worst-case scenario for no-deal](#)

September 11, 2019, Deutsche Welle

Britain could face massive disruptions to its food supply, financial services and cross-channel traffic in the event of a no-deal Brexit, according to government projections. And public disorder is likely to follow.

[Michel Barnier: no grounds for reopening Brexit talks](#)

September 12, 2019, The Guardian

Michel Barnier has told MEPs there remain insufficient grounds for reopening formal negotiations over the Irish backstop, six months after Theresa May and the European commission closed them.

[European parliament to attack UK treatment of EU citizens](#)

September 12, 2019, The Guardian

The European parliament is to criticise the British government's treatment of EU citizens living in the UK and insist it will refuse to ratify a deal that fails to include an Irish backstop and provisions that tie the UK into EU standards after Brexit.

[EU agrees to Northern Ireland-only backstop - a deal they peddled from the very start](#)

September 12, 2019, Express

David Sassoli, the European Parliament's president, said the bloc was ready to make the offer if the Prime Minister can secure the support of MPs. He fumed that British negotiators have failed to put forward any new proposals to prevent customs checks on the Irish border. The measure would see Northern Ireland kept in the EU's customs union and parts of the single market.

[UNPO urges EU to designate Pakistan as violator of religious freedom](#)

September 13, 2019, India Today

Highlighting the deplorable conditions of minorities in Pakistan, the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organisation (UNPO) on Thursday urged the European Union to designate Islamabad as a violator of religious freedom.

[Italy to join Britain's Tempest fighter jet project](#)

September 10, 2019, Reuters

Italy will work with Britain on its planned Tempest fighter plane program, Britain's defense ministry said on Wednesday, in a boost to its proposed replacement for the Eurofighter Typhoon program.

[UK to allow foreign students to stay for two years after graduation to find work](#)

September 11, 2019, Reuters

International students will be able to stay in Britain looking for work for up to two years after they graduate under new rules announced by the government on Wednesday.

[France fines Google nearly €1 billion in 'historic' tax fraud ruling](#)

September 12, 2019, Deutsche Welle

Google has been ordered to pay nearly €1 billion to the French government over allegations of tax fraud. The ruling comes as European authorities are exploring new ways to clamp down on digital tax evasion.

Russia

[Russian security forces granted permission to shoot down 'unsafe' drones](#)

September 11, 2019, RT

Russian MPs have voted to grant police and other security services the right to take control of UAVs remotely or shoot them down if they jeopardize the security of people and infrastructure.

[Israel Must Be Allowed to Act Against Iran, Netanyahu Says in Russia](#)

September 13, 2019, The Moscow Times

Israel must be allowed to act freely against Iran, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday during a visit to Sochi, where he met with Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss security coordination in Syria.

[Russian Military Discovers New Island in Remote Arctic Archipelago](#)

September 13, 2019, The Moscow Times

The Defense Ministry last month confirmed the discovery of five new Arctic islands off the coast of the Novaya Zemlya archipelago. Russia has been increasing its military and commercial presence in the Arctic as the northern region becomes more accessible, brushing off environmental concerns.

[Moscow Asks U.S. to Confirm Location of Ex-Official Named as Possible Spy](#)

September 13, 2019, The Moscow Times

Russia has asked the United States via Interpol to confirm the whereabouts of a former Kremlin official who Russian media have said may have been a U.S. spy exfiltrated in 2017, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said.

[Putin hopes elected PM will preserve Russian-Israeli relations](#)

September 12, 2019, Ynetnews.com

The Russian president refers to the upcoming elections, emphasizing importance to maintain relations between the countries; Netanyahu focuses on rising Iranian aggression.

[The Observer view on Putin's ongoing corruption of democracy](#)

September 8, 2019, The Guardian

The Kremlin's underhand scheming in municipal voting is a warning to Britain to protect a forthcoming election.

Africa & Latin America

Africa

[Australia delivers warning over IS foothold in Somalia](#)

September 11, 2019, SBS News

IS's foothold in Somalia has caught the attention of the Australian government with the group's ties there being formally denounced.

[ICJ sets closure date for hearings in Kenya-Somalia maritime dispute](#)

September 11, 2019, The East African

The International Court of Justice on Wednesday announced closure date for the public hearings of the Kenya-Somalia maritime dispute.

[Sudan, South Sudan revisit cooperation agreement](#)

September 12, 2019, Andolou Agency

Talks between Khartoum, Juba seek to end disputes on borders, establish economic and political cooperation, say officials.

[Sudan prime minister visits South Sudan to back new peace roadmap with rebels](#)

September 12, 2019, Reuters

Sudan's new Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok flew to South Sudan on Thursday on a two-day visit to cement a new plan for peace talks with many of the rebel groups fighting against the government, brokered the previous day by Sudan's southern neighbour.

[Indian peacekeepers in South Sudan awarded medals for their service](#)

September 12, 2019, The Hindu

Seventeen Indian peacekeepers deployed with the UN mission in South Sudan have been awarded medals in recognition of their service to the people in the world's youngest country.

[Rwanda, Uganda officials to meet in Kigali to discuss restoring relations](#)

September 11, 2019, Xinhua

Government officials from Rwanda and Uganda will meet in Rwandan capital city Kigali next Monday to discuss the implementation of the memorandum of understanding (MoU) of ceasing the hostilities between the two sides, a Rwandan official said.

[Nigerians repatriated from South Africa after attacks](#)

September 12, 2019, Al Jazeera

Nigerian airline to return more than 600 nationals in the coming days with victims saying it's 'not safe here'.

[Cameroon to organize a dialogue by end Sept 2019 for the ongoing socio-political crisis](#)

September 13, 2019, Business in Cameroon

On September 10, 2019, in a much-awaited televised message, Cameroon's president Paul Biya spoke about the current sociopolitical crisis in the NorthWest and Southwest.

[South Africa calls on sociologists and psychologists to help as crime stats show 58 people killed every day](#)

September 12, 2019, Telegraph

South African police have hired psychologists to figure out the causes of a murder epidemic that kills nearly 60 people killed every day.

Latin America

[Mexico pushes back after top U.S. court favours Trump on shunning migrants](#)

September 13, 2019, Reuters

The Mexican government protested and Central American migrants feared deportation back to their violent homelands on Thursday after the U.S. Supreme Court allowed President Donald Trump to slam the door on asylum-seekers at the U.S.-Mexican border.

[Venezuela holds 'anti-invasion' drills at border](#)

September 12, 20219, Reuters

A group of Venezuelan government officials and opposition activists are quietly holding talks focused on the economy despite the stalling of a formal dialogue mediated by Norway, according to nine sources involved.

[What's Happening in Guatemala—It's Not Just Migration](#)

September 8, 2019, Forbes

For many, Guatemala is synonymous with migration. The most populous Central American country, its 16 million citizens endured a brutal, 36-year civil war that ended 25 years ago.

[Mexico Says It Doesn't Agree With 'Astonishing' U.S. Supreme Court Order Blocking Asylum](#)

September 12, 2019, TIME

Mexican Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said Thursday that Mexico's government doesn't agree with an "astonishing" U.S. Supreme Court order that would block migrants from countries other than Mexico and Canada from applying for asylum at U.S. borders.



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