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“ Is Taiwan the next Ukraine?”



Taiwan, as a nation, finds itself in a tricky situation. Cursed by its proximity to neo-imperialistic China, the existence of its government, constitution and identity is farcical. Recent visits by U.S. House of Representatives Speaker, Nancy Pelosi and Senator, Ed Markey to Taiwan have coaxed China to conduct several combat drills in the sea and airspace throughout the Taiwan Strait, a stern deterrent to any foreign intervention. More so, China (unlike its estranged cousin Russia) continues to explicitly train and prepare for war to prevent "anti-nationalist separatism." Is Taiwan the next Ukraine? Only time will tell.

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Bilateral seafarer pact signed!

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As discussions over the development of Chabahar Port pick up steam, India and Iran signed an MoU to mutually recognise certificates of competency for unlimited voyages by seafarers from both countries. The signing of the MoU is intended to facilitate the movement of sailors from both countries. The seafarer agreement and the transfer of six movable harbour cranes to the port authorities mark the first real progress following years of inaction brought on by the port's unrealized potential and COVID-related limitations. Once its potential is fully realised by connecting it to INSTC, Chabahar Port is expected to serve as India's entry point for trade with countries in central Asia and Europe, besides enhancing its involvement with Russia.

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Instrument of Accession of Jammu and Kashmir

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Amid the disputes concerning the nation's separation, Maharaja Hari Singh urged the deeming of J&K as an independent state due to the insecurity of losing power. As a result of the relentless interventions from Pakistan, the Maharaja requested India's armed intervention. After certain deliberations, the Maharaja had decided to sign the instrument of accession as a legal document that ceded J&K to the domain of India as per the Indian Independence Act 1947 on October 27, 1947. Due to its introduction, the first Kashmir war began and finally led to the creation of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and the Line of Control.

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Democracy under Siege! ”



The populist zealot Kais Saied paved the way for Tunisia's constitutional quagmire, thus ending its rendezvous with democracy. With the dismissal of the Prime Minister and the suspension of Parliament last year, he chaffed at the constitutional locks that prevented him from implementing economic reforms. Despite formidable opposition by UGTT against the President's political and economic plans, the advisory committee provided for a powerless parliament and an omnipotent President, leading to pervasive apathy among Tunisians about the Prez's policies. Now that the euphoria of a decade ago has collapsed, Tunisia is exposed to daunting challenges. It stands today in a deplorable condition, with no external player interceding and the IMF remaining committed to its policy, leading the nation to sink into an economic abyss.

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China objects to US- India military drill

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China has strongly opposed the war games scheduled for October near the Sino-India border, calling them an interference in the bilateral boundary issue and a violation of agreements between New Delhi and Beijing, that no military drills will be held near the Line of Actual Control (LAC). A 1993 agreement states that no war exercises will take place near mutually identified zones, and prior notification is to be provided before the exercise happens. So far, India is not in violation of the agreement. It will be the 18th edition of the "Yudh Abhyas" (practice for war) drill, a bilateral India-US exercise, and will be held at an altitude of over 10,000 feet.

AUGUST 29, 2022

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BLACK HOLE TRAGEDY OF CALCUTTA



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Fort William was established to protect the East India Company's trade in Calcutta, but its hegemony was under threat by French interest. The Nawab of Bengal, Siraj-ud-Daulah, ordered fortification to be stopped, for which the French complied, while the British did not. On June 20, 1756, Siraj-ud-Daulah, along with 50,000 troops, 50 cannons, and 500 elephants, attacked the fort, and Holwell was forced to surrender. 146 were imprisoned in a tiny enclosure measuring 5.4m by 4.2m, of which only 23 survived. After news reached London, Robert Clive immediately came, and it resulted in the Battle of Plassey, marking the beginning of colonialism in India.

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AUGUST 30, 2022

Future of Asia linked to India-China ties

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At the launch of the Asia Society Policy Institute in Delhi, Jaishankar talked about the future of Asia as a continent and the relationship between India and China, which is dependent on three pillars: mutual sensitivity, mutual respect, and mutual interest. As per the transparency of the relationship between India and China, both countries have to achieve a cordial relationship that is dependent upon the ‘State of Border’. To achieve the overall vision for Asia (the evolution of the Asian economy), Jaishankar asserted various constraints, which are Asian chauvinism, COVID-19, Ukraine conflicts, and climate disturbances.

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India's digression from Russia's Vostok 2022

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India recently refused to participate in the naval drills of Russia's Vostok military exercise, scheduled between 1st and 7th September. Although it will participate in the territorial component of the military exercise, it will not be a part of the naval drills to be held in the Sea of Japan. India cited that it does not want to hurt Japan's sensitivities by engaging in the disputed territory between Russia and Japan. On September 8th, India and Japan will hold 2+2 level talks immediately following the Vostok military drills.