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Solomon Islands Government Elections Delayed

The parliament of the Solomon Islands passed a bill stating that their general elections will be delayed until 2024, with the elections initially being planned to be held in 2023. Prime Minister of Solomon Islands Mannaseh Sogavare stated that it won't be possible for the country to hold an election and also host the Pacific Games.

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North Korea Adopts New Nuclear Doctrine

Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) announced its new nuclear doctrine called the “Policy on Nuclear Forces”, which was codified into law the same day. The law states situations wherein they will launch nuclear strikes. In addition to this, the law also enshrined the use of pre-emptive strikes and also prohibited any kind of denuclearization talks.

India and Japan Conduct Military Exercise

On 11th September 2022, India and Japan conducted a military exercise in the Bay of Bengal for the sixth time under the Japan India Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX) initiative. According to the Indian Navy, the two sides seek to “consolidate the high degree of interoperability that exists between maritime forces of the two countries”.





Chinese Fighter Jets cross the Taiwan Strait

On 13th September 2022, the Taiwanese Ministry of National Defence said that two Shenyang J-11 fighters crossed the Taiwan Strait near northern Taiwan, while a KVD-001 drone crossed the line further north. In addition to this, a Y-8 tactical reconnaissance plane and a Guizhou BZK-007 drone entered the southwestern part of Taiwan's air defence identification zone. In response, the ministry said that they scrambled fighter jets and naval vessels and tracked the Chinese aircraft with a surface-to-air missile system.

India-Vietnam Second Security Dialogue

On 13th September 2022, Deputy National Security Advisors from India and Vietnam met in Delhi for the Second India-Vietnam Security Dialogue. During this meeting, both sides discussed issues regarding the maritime domain and counterterrorism, wherein both countries agreed to expand ties on the same.





Ministerial Meeting of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework

Ministers from fourteen member-nations of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity met in Los Angeles to negotiate the targets for the four pillars of the IPEF i.e., Trade, Supply Chain, Clean Economy and Fair Economy. India announced that it opted out of the fourth pillar of Clean Economy as it had concerns over restrictions regarding digital trade, environment, labour and public procurement.

India and China Complete Disengagement in Eastern Ladakh

On 13th September 2022, Indian and Chinese troops completed disengagement at the Patrolling Point-15 in the Gogra-Hot Springs region in Eastern Ladakh. The process took six days to complete. However, according to official sources, the wider de-escalation of nearly 60,000 troops is yet to be negotiated.

