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Taiwan Issues Alert Over China Satellite

- Taiwan issued a national emergency alert on Tuesday as China launched a satellite, days before the self-ruled island holds a crucial presidential election that has heightened security worries.
- The alert came hours after election front-runner Lai Ching-te, Taiwan's current vice president, accused Beijing of using "all means" to influence this weekend's poll, which will set the course of cross-strait ties for the next four years.
- Phones across Taiwan blared with a "presidential alert" at about 3:15 pm (0715 GMT), around the time Beijing announced the successful launch of its Einstein Probe satellite, which it says will gather astronomical data.
- China claims Taiwan as part of its territory, rejecting the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) government's stance that the island is "already independent".
- Beijing has maintained a near-daily military presence around Taiwan -- with four Chinese balloons moving across the sensitive median line on Monday, the latest in a series of incursions that Taiwan and conflict experts say is a form of "grey zone" harassment.

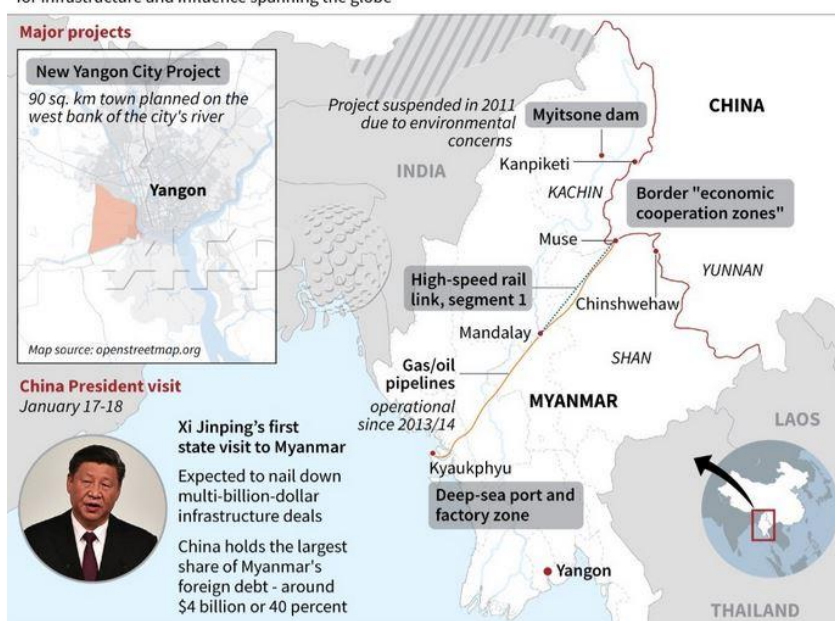


China pushes for expediting SEZ in Myanmar's Bay of Bengal zone

- China is pushing to expedite construction of its stalled Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in western Myanmar's Rakhine state aimed at ensuring smoother access to the Bay of Bengal.
- The initiative could potentially cast a shadow over India's strategic interests in the region where it has been a traditional net security provider even as a belligerent Beijing has been seeking a foothold.
- China has found the shortest possible entry into Indian Ocean to circumvent the traps laid by QUAD. India's eastern belligerent neighbour China has expedited its work in the Kyaukpyu dual purpose port. This port may soon bear the footprint of Chinese Navy which could lead to a redrawing of the security architecture around the Indian Ocean, which is a concern for India and should be a concern for the West.
- Kyaukpyu Port Is Perilous: The port is located on the western coast of Myanmar and is part of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC). When developed this will not be far away from INS Varsha, a submarine base, India is developing on its east coast, close to Vishakhapatnam.

China-Myanmar Economic Corridor

Aims to connect the Middle Kingdom to the Indian Ocean, a key route in Beijing's 'Belt and Road' vision for infrastructure and influence spanning the globe



DRDO Launches Indigenous Assault Rifle 'Ugram' For Armed Forces

- The DRDO has launched an indigenous assault rifle named 'Ugram', intended to meet the operational requirements of armed forces, paramilitary, and state police entities.
- The rifle, with a calibre of **7.62 x 51 mm**, has been designed, developed, and manufactured in collaboration with a private industry partner.
- The first operational prototype of the rifle was unveiled at the DRDO's Armament and Combat Engineering Systems in Pune. It has an effective range of 500 m and weighs less than four kilograms.
- The Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), it was said "The ARDE developed 7.62x51mm Assault rifle UGRAM through private industry was launched by Dr S V Gade, Director General ARDE, other senior scientists of the lab and industrial representatives."



Singapore To Contribute Troops To US-led Maritime Security Force In Red Sea

- Singapore will contribute troops to a US-led international maritime security force formed to respond to attacks by Yemen's Houthis against merchant vessels in the Red Sea, a senior minister of the Asian financial and trade hub said.

- Singapore is in the midst of a major shipping route to north Asia from the rest of the world and plays a critical trade financing role that is widely dominated by China, Japan and South Korea as well as the rest of the world.
- Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen told the Parliament that the Singapore Armed Forces' deployment will involve sending a team from the Republic of Singapore Navy's Information Fusion Centre to support information sharing, and a team of planners to work with international partners on operational plans.



Rajnath Singh Holds 'Fruitful Discussions' With UK

- Rajnath Singh met his British counterpart Grant Shapps and held "fruitful discussions" on a wide range of issues related to defence cooperation, security and also on enhancing defence industrial cooperation. Singh's visit comes after a gap of 22 years, with the last one by an Indian defence minister to the UK dating back to January 2002.
- "In substantive terms, the visit will seek to deepen military cooperation and defence industrial partnerships with the UK by building on the November 2023 Defence Consultative Group meeting in Delhi at the level of Secretaries and the inaugural meeting of the 2+2 Foreign and Defence Dialogue at the level of Joint Secretaries in October 2023."

IAF's C-130 J Aircraft Achieves Milestone Night Landing

- IAF reached a significant milestone with a night landing by an IAF C-130 J aircraft at the Kargil airstrip. Demonstrating prowess in challenging terrains, the mission incorporated innovative terrain masking techniques.
- The night landing at Kargil involved strategic terrain masking techniques during the flight. The IAF stated, "In a first, an IAF C-130 J aircraft recently carried out a night landing at the Kargil airstrip. Employing terrain masking en route, the exercise also dovetailed with a training mission for the Garuds."
- The Lockheed Martin C-130J Super Hercules is a four-engine turboprop military transport aircraft.
- **Range:** 3,334 km
- **Cruise speed:** 643 km/h
- **Length:** 30 m
- **Top speed:** 670 km/h



REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Ugram Is A**
 - A. Assault Rifle
 - B. Tank
 - C. Helicopter
 - D. Destroyer**ANSWER: A**

- 2. India Purchased S-400 Missile From**
 - A. Turkey

- B. Russia
- C. UAE
- D. USA

ANSWER: B

3. Which port is also known as the New Mangalore Port?

- A. Mormugao Port
- B. Panambur Port
- C. Kandla Port
- D. Tuticorin Port

ANSWER: B

4. Which State Of India Has The 2nd Longest Coastline?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: B

5. "Freedom is not given, It. Is taken". Said By__

- A. Pandit Nehru
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Subhas Chandra Bose
- D. Bhagat Singh

ANSWER: C

6. DESERT EAGLE Exercise Conducted b/w India &

- A. Qatar
- B. Oman
- C. UAE
- D. Maldives

ANSWER: C

7. War Cry Of THE INDIAN ARMY

- A. Bharat Mata ki Jai
- B. Vande Mataram
- C. Jai Hind
- D. All of the above

ANSWER: D

8. Major General Rank Of Indian Army Is Equivalent To Rank Of IAF Is

- A. Commander
- B. Squadron Leader
- C. Group Captain
- D. Air Vice Marshal

ANSWER: D

9. The India-Bangladesh Land Boundary Agreement (LBA) came into force in

- A. 2015
- B. 2016
- C. 2017
- D. 2018

ANSWER: A

10. Mitra Shakti Ex Held B/w India &

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. USA
- C. UK
- D. Nepal

ANSWER: A

11. __ Himalayan pass is situated b/w India and China.

- A. Shenkota
- B. Thalghat
- C. Bhorghat
- D. Shipki La

ANSWER: D

12. AMCA Stands For

- A. Advanced Medium Cockpit Aircraft
- B. Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft
- C. Advanced Motor Combat Aircraft
- D. Advanced Machine Combat Aircraft

ANSWER: B

13. Wartime Gallantry Award Is/Are

- A. Param Vir Chakra
- B. Maha Vir Chakra

- C. Ashok Chakra
- D. Both a & b

ANSWER: D

14. World Day Against Child Labour Is Celebrated On

- A. 10 June
- B. 11 June
- C. 12 June
- D. 13 June

ANSWER: C

15. Military College of Telecommunication Engineering Is At

- A. Gopalpur
- B. Mhow
- C. Pune
- D. Haridwar

ANSWER: B

16. "Bolo Hindustan Ki Jay" Is The War Cry Of

- A. JKRIF
- B. RR
- C. MAHAR REGIMENT
- D. JKLIR

ANSWER: C

17. Quito Is The Capital Of

- A. Ecuador
- B. Qatar
- C. UAE
- D. Ethiopia

ANSWER: A

18. "The Earth spinner" Book Is Written By

- A. Brisha Jain
- B. Sanjay Gubbi
- C. Hew Strachan
- D. Anuradha Roy

ANSWER: D

19. Joint Exercises B/w The India And Japan Is Called:

- A. Shinyuu Maitri
- B. SLINEX
- C. Indra
- D. Yudha Abhyas

ANSWER: A

20. Motto of Territorial Army Is

- A. Rhino Charge
- B. Duty Unto Death
- C. Valour
- D. Savdhani Va Shoorta

ANSWER: D