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European Troops Arrive in Greenland

- Troops from several European countries continued to arrive in Greenland on Thursday in a show of support for Denmark as talks between representatives of Denmark, Greenland and the U.S. highlighted "fundamental disagreement" over the future of the Arctic island.
- Denmark announced it would increase its military presence in Greenland on Wednesday as foreign ministers from Denmark and Greenland were preparing to meet with White House representatives in Washington.
- Several European partners - including France, Germany, the U.K., Norway, Sweden and the Netherlands - started sending symbolic numbers of troops already on Wednesday or promised to do so in the following days.
- The troop movements were intended to portray unity among Europeans and send a signal to President Donald Trump that an American takeover of Greenland is not necessary as NATO together can safeguard the security of the Arctic region amid rising Russian and Chinese interest.
- "The first French military elements are already en route" and "others will follow," French President Emmanuel Macron announced Wednesday, as French authorities said about 15 soldiers from the mountain infantry unit were already in Nuuk for a military exercise.



Indian Firm Secures Order For Anti-drone System

- An Indian defence firm on Thursday said it has "secured orders" from the Army and the Indian Navy for its indigenously developed anti-drone system that is aimed at bolstering their capabilities to disrupt and neutralise hostile drones and counter emerging aerial threats.
- Lightweight and rapidly deployable, the IG T-Shul Pulse Anti-Drone System is intended for frontline troops, perimeter security, and the protection of military bases and "critical strategic assets," it said in a statement.
- "It offers an effective jamming range of up to two kilometres under line-of-sight and interference-free conditions, providing tactical units with an immediate response option against emerging aerial threats," Noida-based IG Defence said.
- The defence technology company specialises in the design, development, and deployment of advanced unmanned aerial systems (UAS), short-range missile systems, and counter-unmanned solutions.
- The IG T-Shul Pulse is a "handheld, electronic warfare-based counter-drone jammer designed to disrupt and neutralise hostile drones in active operational environments," it said.



Japan, Philippines Seal Defence Pact

- Japan and the Philippines have signed a pivotal defence pact, the Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA), amid escalating tensions with China in the Indo-Pacific region.
- This agreement permits the tax-free exchange of essential supplies such as ammunition, fuel, food, and other necessities during joint military training exercises. Signed on Thursday in Manila by Japanese
- Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and Philippine Foreign Secretary Theresa Lazaro, the pact aims to enhance deterrence against China's assertive actions while improving readiness for natural disasters.
- The signing ceremony also featured Japan's announcement of fresh security and economic aid to the Philippines, including funds for building security boat shelters and expanding internet access in vulnerable southern provinces.
- This logistical pact builds on prior collaborations, notably the Reciprocal Access Agreement (RAA) inked in mid-2024 and effective from September, which facilitates mutual troop deployments for larger-scale combat drills, including live-fire exercises. Negotiations continue for a further pact to safeguard the sharing of classified defence intelligence between the two nations.
- This move reflects a broader Japanese pivot under Takaichi, echoing former Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba's April 2025 call, during a Manila summit with Marcos, to uphold a rules-based order against unilateral force or coercion in the East and South China Seas.



Four Arab States Urged Against US-Iran Escalation

- Four Arab states conducted intense diplomacy with the United States and Iran this week to prevent a threatened U.S. attack on Iran over Tehran's use of force against protesters that they feared would have impacts across the region, a Gulf official said. Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and Egypt were involved in the diplomacy over 48 hours before U.S. President Donald Trump signalled on Thursday that he had ultimately decided against an attack for now, saying the killings in Iran were easing.
- The four countries had conveyed to Washington that any attack would have consequences for the wider region in terms of both security and economics that would ultimately impact the United States itself, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of the matter.
- They told Iran that any retaliatory attack it launched on U.S. facilities in the Gulf would have consequences for Tehran's relations with other countries in the region, the official added.
- Saudi Arabia's international media office, Qatar's Foreign Ministry, Oman's Information Ministry and Egypt's Foreign Ministry spokesperson did not immediately respond to requests for comment.
- The Foreign Ministry of the United Arab Emirates, which was not involved in the diplomacy described by the official, did not immediately respond to a request for comment on whether it had engaged in any diplomacy on the issue.
- The Wall Street Journal reported this week that Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Oman had lobbied Washington against an attack.



France's Rafale To Be 'Made In India' Soon

- India stands on the brink of a landmark defence agreement with France, poised to manufacture Rafale fighter jets domestically under a massive procurement deal valued at approximately ₹3.25 lakh crore.
- Reports indicate that this initiative will see 114 advanced Rafale aircraft acquired for the Indian Air Force, with 18 delivered in fly-away condition directly from France and the remaining 96 built on Indian soil.
- This arrangement promises to elevate India's air defence capabilities while significantly advancing its indigenous manufacturing prowess in aerospace.
- Negotiations emphasise maximising local content, targeting around 60 to 80 per cent indigenisation, a sharp rise from the initial 30 per cent projection. Key production elements, including the fuselage, will shift to facilities like Tata Advanced Systems in Hyderabad, marking the first time Rafale components of this scale are produced outside France.
- Dassault Aviation has already partnered with Tata for fuselage manufacturing, aiming for a rollout starting in fiscal year 2028 at a rate of two units per month, complemented by existing contributions from Dassault Reliance Aerospace Limited in Nagpur.
- The final assembly line is slated for the Dassault Reliance facility in Nagpur, which could eventually serve global Rafale demand as a secondary hub with capacity for 24 aircraft annually. This setup aligns with India's push to establish a maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) facility, enhancing aircraft serviceability and positioning the nation as a regional hub for Dassault platforms.
- Such infrastructure will reduce dependency on foreign supply chains and foster technology transfer critical for long-term self-reliance.

- This deal builds on prior successes, including the 2016 purchase of 36 Rafales and the 2025 order for 26 Rafale Marine jets for the Navy, potentially making India the largest Rafale operator worldwide outside France.
- With Dassault's production capacity expanding to 50 jets yearly, the Indian line will play a pivotal role, supporting not just domestic needs but export ambitions. Talks also extend to joint engine development for India's Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft, deepening Franco-Indian defence ties.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Why did several European countries deploy troops to Greenland?

- A. To establish permanent military bases
- B. To support Denmark and show European unity
- C. To replace U.S. forces in the Arctic
- D. To conduct independent combat operations

ANSWER: B

2. What is the primary function of the IG T-Shul Pulse Anti-Drone System?

- A. Launching surface-to-air missiles
- B. Detecting underwater drones
- C. Jamming and neutralising hostile drones
- D. Guiding combat aircraft

ANSWER: C

3. The Acquisition and Cross-Servicing Agreement (ACSA) signed between Japan and the Philippines mainly allows for:

- A. Joint nuclear deterrence operations
- B. Exchange of military personnel on permanent basis

- C. Tax-free sharing of logistical supplies during exercises
- D. Sale of advanced fighter jets

ANSWER: C

4. Which four Arab countries were involved in diplomatic efforts to prevent escalation between the U.S. and Iran?

- A. UAE, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan
- B. Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Egypt
- C. Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Yemen
- D. Turkey, Iran, Qatar, Egypt

ANSWER: B

5. Under the proposed Rafale deal, how many fighter jets are planned to be manufactured in India?

- A. 36
- B. 72
- C. 96
- D. 114

ANSWER: C

6. The Headquarters and Secretariat of the SAARC Is In

- A. Kathmandu
- B. Dhaka
- C. New Delhi
- D. None

ANSWER: A

7. Air Vice-Marshal Rank of the IAF Is Equivalent to Which Rank Of Indian Navy?

- A. Rear Admiral
- B. Vice Admiral
- C. Captain
- D. Colonel

ANSWER: A

8. "Merciless Criticism And Independent Thinking Are The Two Necessary Traits Of Revolutionary Thinking." Said By Whom

- A. Bhagat Singh
- B. Rabindranath Tagore
- C. Chandrasekhar Azad

D. None of the above

ANSWER: A

9. World's longest Atal tunnel above 10,000 feet, at Rohtang built by____

A. MHA

B. BRO

C. NHAI

D. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

ANSWER: B

10. EX Naseem Al Bahr Held B/W India &

A. Sri Lanka

B. Qatar

C. Oman

D. Saudi Arabia

ANSWER: C

11. The Port Duqm is in

A. Yemen

B. Iran

C. Iraq

D. Oman

ANSWER: D

12. Regimental Centre Of THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS

A. Kamptee, Maharashtra

B. Ahmednagar, Maharashtra

C. Delhi Cantonment

D. Fatehgarh, Uttar Pradesh

ANSWER: A

13. Western Air Command (WAC) Is In

A. Mumbai

B. New Delhi

C. Chennai

D. Panaji

ANSWER: B

14. 'Bolo Bharat Mata Ki Jai' Is The War Cry Of____

- A. RAJPUT REGIMENT
- B. RAJPUTANA RIFLES
- C. THE BRIGADE OF THE GUARDS
- D. MECHANISED INFANTRY REGIMENT

ANSWER: D

15. Range of K-9 Vajra Howitzer Is

- A. 40km
- B. 38km
- C. 20km
- D. 55km

ANSWER: B

16. "Glimpses of World History" Book Is Written By

- A. J L Nehru
- B. Mahatma Gandhi
- C. Lala Lajpat Rai
- D. Pranab Mukerjee

ANSWER: A

17. Which country doesn't share a land boundary with Ukraine?

- A. Moldova
- B. Belarus
- C. Poland
- D. Serbia

ANSWER: D

18. Black Hawk Helicopter Manufactured By

- A. Airbus
- B. Lockheed Martin
- C. Dassault
- D. Boeing

ANSWER: B

19. Varunastra Is A

- A. Destroyer
- B. Helicopter
- C. Anti-submarine torpedo
- D. Sniper Rifle

ANSWER: C

20. 'Seema Bhawani' Is The Name Of Which Team Of BSF?

- A. Camel Contingent
- B. Creek Crocodile
- C. All-women Biker Team
- D. All-women Creek Crocodile

ANSWER: C