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KAMANDAG 8: Multinational Teams, 15th MEU Recon Train Together in Manila

The Kamandag exercise, an annual joint military training initiative between Philippine and U.S., showcasing enhanced defence cooperation between the two nations. In a historic first, in the wake of a super typhoon six nations converged on Filipino soil to train, strengthen, and learn their partnership, reaffirming the exercise's significance to regional peace and security in the Indo-Pacific. The two-week exercise focused on enhancing humanitarian and defence capabilities through combined expert exchanges and training events.

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PM Pedro Sanchez: India, Spain must contribute in building open and secure Indo-Pacific region

The Prime Minister of Spain at an event organised by ORF (Observer Research Foundation) and Spain-India Forum in Mumbai said that rules-based international order is at stake and hence, India and Spain must work towards strengthening multilateral institutions. Amid increasing assertiveness of Beijing and the need to protect freedom of navigation he said, "We must, therefore, protect freedom of navigation and overflight. India and Spain must contribute to a secure Indo-Pacific".

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Australia to ramp up missile production as Indo-Pacific enters new missile age

Australian Minister for Defence Industry Pat Conroy said that Australia was boosting its missile defence capability and long-range strike capability amid "significant concerns" about China's test of an ICBM in the South Pacific. He told the National Press Club in Canberra, "Why do we need more missiles? Strategic competition between the United States and China is a primary feature of Australia's security environment". This month Australia announced a A\$7 billion deal with US to acquire long-range missiles for its navy.

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