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US Assistant Secretary S Paul Kapur arrives in India to boost Indo-Pacific, bilateral ties (March 2)

In a post on social media, the US Embassy in India said, “Welcome to India, @State_SCA Assistant Secretary Paul Kapur! Looking forward to productive meetings with Indian partners this week as we continue advancing the U.S.-India partnership.” According to an official statement by the embassy, the visit is aimed to advance US President Trump’s vision of mutually beneficial US-India partnership. The discussions are expected to focus on increasing cooperation in strategic alignment in the Indo-Pacific, regional security, and strengthening the broader bilateral framework among the two countries.

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Iran army says targeted US Ali Al Salem airbase in Kuwait (March 2)

After the killing of the Islamic Republic’s leader in US and Israeli strikes, Iran’s army said, it targeted US Ali Al Salem air base in Kuwait as well as vessels in the Indian Ocean. The army in a statement added that “15 cruise missiles” were used in the attacks.

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“Theatres are bleeding together”: Experts at Raisina Dialogue warn of West Asia conflict’s spillover into Indo-Pacific (March 6)

At the Raisina Dialogue 2026, foreign policy experts, highlighting the interconnected nature of warfare noted that the conflict in West Asia is no longer a regional affair. Dhruva Jaishankar, Executive Director of the ORF America, speaking at a session on “Beyond Strategic Ambiguity: Rethinking Deterrence in the Taiwan Strait”, noted that the ongoing conflict in West Asia is “obviously widening”. He noted that both the US and Iran are aware that their “war is not going to be contained to a very narrow area”, creating a spillover effect.

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Carney says he supports Iran strikes ‘with regret’ (March 4)

The US and Israel began striking Iran, Iran responded by firing drones and missiles at Israel and Gulf states allied to the US. While speaking to the reporters in Sydney, on his Indo-Pacific tour, said he was critical of the US and Israel for acting “without engaging the United Nations or consulting with allies, including Canada”. He called for parties engaged in the war in Iran to de-escalate quickly and said while he supports the strikes, it is a position he takes “with regret”.

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