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India-Fiji ties: PM Modi, Sitiveni Rabuka sign pacts to boost defence cooperation; hail 'new chapter' (August 25)

Indian PM Narendra Modi, welcoming visiting Fijian PM Sitiveni Rabuka said, India and Fiji “strongly support a free, open” Indo-Pacific region. Announcing the collaboration between Indian and the Fijian military forces he added, “In our cooperation with the Pacific island nations, we see Fiji as a hub. Both our countries strongly support a free, open, inclusive, secure, and prosperous Indo-Pacific.” The two sides agreed to work together on military medicine, U.N. peacekeeping operations, capacity-building for Fijian military forces, and the White Shipping Information Exchange.

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India, US hold 2+2 Interseasonal Dialogue: new 10-year defence pact amid trade and tariff tensions (August 27)

To strengthen security and defence cooperation and to review strategic priorities, India and the U.S. convened the 2+2 Interseasonal Dialogue. The Ministry of External Affairs noted, “Through this dialogue, officials advanced bilateral initiatives, discussed regional security developments, and exchanged perspectives on number of shared strategic priorities.” A main highlight of the meeting was the discussion that both sides reaffirmed their commitment to building progress made under the India-US Catalysing Opportunities for Military Partnership, Accelerated Commerce & Technology (COMPACT) framework.

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India and Japan committed to peaceful and prosperous Indo-Pacific: PM Modi (August 29)

Indian PM Narendra Modi paid an official for two-day visit to Japan for the 15th Annual Summit. The two Prime Ministers made lot of announcements focusing on three key areas: deepening our people-to-people exchanges, bolstering our defence and security cooperation, and reinforcing our economic partnership. In an interview with the Yomiuri Shimbun(Japan's daily), the Indian PM said, “There is a strong convergence between Japan's vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific and India's own approach encapsulated in our Indo-Pacific vision, in the Vision MAHASAGR and the Indo-Pacific Oceans' Initiative”.

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