

South Asia Diplomacy Deep Dive: Upcoming Summits, Border Talks, and Naval Exercises

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1. Which BIMSTEC summit is scheduled to take place in Bangkok, Thailand, on April 4, 2025, focusing on a 'Prosperous, Resilient, and Open BIMSTEC' vision?

- A) The 5th BIMSTEC Summit
- B) The 6th BIMSTEC Summit**
- C) The 7th BIMSTEC Summit
- D) The 8th BIMSTEC Summit

2. Which two South Asian nations are scheduled to hold a Joint Commission meeting in the Maldives in 2025 to review bilateral cooperation?

- A) India and Bangladesh
- B) Nepal and Bhutan
- C) Maldives and Sri Lanka**
- D) Pakistan and Afghanistan

3. The second round of talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan, mediated by Turkey and Qatar, concluded in Istanbul in November 2025 without an agreement. What was a primary point of contention?

- A) Water sharing disputes
- B) Border demarcation**
- C) Extradition of militants
- D) Trade tariffs

4. The joint naval exercise 'Bongosagar 2025' was conducted between India and which other South Asian nation in the Bay of Bengal?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Maldives
- C) Bangladesh**
- D) Myanmar

5. In February 2025, India organized the BIMSTEC Youth Summit in which Indian city, aiming to foster regional cooperation among youth delegates?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Mumbai
- C) Ahmedabad**
- D) Bengaluru

6. What significant anniversary in diplomatic relations between the Maldives and Sri Lanka was marked during Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake's state visit in July 2025?

- A) 50th anniversary
- B) 55th anniversary
- C) 60th anniversary**
- D) 65th anniversary

7. Which South Asian regional organization, established in 1985, has been largely dormant due to political tensions, with its last summit in 2014?

- A) BIMSTEC
- B) SAARC**
- C) ASEAN
- D) SCO

8. The 'Ekuverin' military exercise in February 2025 is a bilateral drill between India and which island nation in South Asia?

- A) Sri Lanka
- B) Maldives**
- C) Mauritius
- D) Seychelles

9. The 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Bangkok in April 2025 was attended by leaders from seven member states, including India, Bangladesh, and which other South Asian country?

- A) Pakistan
- B) Afghanistan
- C) Bhutan**
- D) Maldives

10. A significant India-Pakistan conflict in 2025, described as the most significant in decades, involved missile strikes and resulted in US diplomatic intervention for a ceasefire. What was the name of the Indian operation?

- A) Operation Safed Sagar
- B) Operation Vijay
- C) Operation Parakram
- D) Operation Sindoor**