

Asia's Shifting Alliances: Taiwan Tensions, India-China Diplomacy, and Myanmar

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1. Which of the following naval vessels recently transited the Taiwan Strait, prompting monitoring by Chinese forces, thereby increasing regional tensions?

- A) The USS Fitzgerald
- B) The HNLMS De Ruyter**
- C) The HMS Queen Elizabeth
- D) The INS Vikramaditya

2. What significant development occurred in India-China relations recently regarding border management, following past tensions?

- A) A complete demilitarization of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- B) Resumption of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination (WMCC) and discussions on border delimitation.**
- C) Establishment of a joint economic zone in the Himalayas.
- D) A formal military alliance was signed between the two nations.

3. In Myanmar, the recent elections have led to what significant political outcome, despite Western condemnation?

- A) A complete restoration of democratic rule with Aung San Suu Kyi's release.
- B) The consolidation of military rule, with coup leader Min Aung Hlaing becoming president.**
- C) A federal system of government with significant regional autonomy.
- D) The establishment of a technocratic government to stabilize the economy.

4. A recent confrontation between Taiwanese and Chinese coast guard vessels near which strategically significant islands has underscored deepening South China Sea tensions?

- A) The Spratly Islands
- B) The Paracel Islands
- C) The Pratas Islands (Dongsha Islands)**
- D) The Scarborough Shoal

5. Japan and the Philippines have elevated their bilateral ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. What is a primary driver behind this enhanced security cooperation?

- A) A shared concern over North Korea's nuclear program.
- B) A response to China's growing military assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific.**
- C) Joint efforts to combat piracy in the Sulu Sea.
- D) A mutual agreement to share technological advancements in AI.

6. What specific economic policy change did the Indian Union Cabinet recently implement to facilitate foreign investment, particularly from China?

A) A complete ban on all foreign investments.

B) Amending Press Note 3 (PN3) to allow foreign entities with up to 10% non-controlling Chinese beneficial ownership to invest via the automatic route.

C) Introducing a mandatory 50% local partnership for all foreign investments.

D) Establishing a special economic zone exclusively for Chinese companies.

7. The recent escalation of tensions in the Taiwan Strait involved the tracking of a Dutch frigate by Chinese forces. What is a stated concern regarding this waterway?

A) It is a primary route for Antarctic krill migration.

B) It is a vital artery for global commerce, and its stability is crucial.

C) It is primarily used for recreational fishing by European nations.

D) It is a newly discovered route for transcontinental railways.

8. Regarding the South China Sea, the Philippines has been pushing for weekly negotiations to achieve what specific goal by July 2026, when it chairs the ASEAN Summit?

A) A complete cessation of all maritime activity by China.

B) The establishment of a joint fishing quota for all claimant states.

C) The delivery of a text for a Code of Conduct (CoC).

D) A unified ASEAN military force to patrol the disputed waters.