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Indian Armed Forces Delegation Participated In Zapad Exercise

An Indian armed forces contingent comprising 65 personnel participated in the multilateral joint military exercise ZAPAD 2025 in Nizhniy, Russia from 10 to 16 September. This exercise aimed at enhancing military cooperation, improving interoperability and providing a platform for participating armies to exchange tactics, techniques and procedures in the domains of conventional warfare and counter-terrorism operations.

US Secretary Of State Marco Rubio Met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov

On 24 September, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on the sidelines of United Nations General Assembly. They exchanged opinions on the Ukraine crisis. The two sides agreed to maintain constructive dialogue between the Russian and US foreign offices.

Russia And Iran Agreed To Nuclear Power Plant Deal

Iran and Russia, on 26 September, signed a US\$ 25 billion deal to build nuclear power plants in Iran. The agreement was inked following a visit to Moscow by Iranian Vice President and nuclear chief Mohammad Eslami. Eslami said four of the future reactors would be located in Bushehr.

Kremlin Supported Trump's Gaza Plan

On 30 September, the Kremlin expressed its support for US President Donald Trump's

20-point plan for the settlement of the conflict in Gaza. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov stated that "Russia always supports and welcomes any efforts by President Trump aimed at ending this ongoing tragedy." Peskov emphasised that Russia was not part of the US ceasefire plan.

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan And Uzbekistan Signed Water and Energy Deal

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan signed a set of protocols regulating the region's water and energy through 2026 following a trilateral meeting of the countries' energy and water management agencies on 7 September. The agreement outlines the obligations of the parties to ensure water releases from the Toktogul reservoir in exchange for electricity supplies from Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan to Kyrgyzstan. The officials also reached an agreement on transit of electricity from Russia to Kyrgyzstan via Kazakhstan's power infrastructure.

Kazakhstan Established Ministry Of Artificial Intelligence And Digital Development

On 18 September, Kazakhstan established a new government agency - the Ministry of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development. Its primary mission will be the integration of artificial intelligence to modernize the Kazakh economy. As part of the initiative, the government will develop a unified Digital Qazaqstan concept to consolidate all digital projects into a national strategy.

Tajikistan President Met French President In New York

On 25 September, on the [sidelines](#) of the United Nations General Assembly meeting, Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon met with his French counterpart Emanuel Macron. The two leaders discussed ways to strengthen bilateral relations and expand cooperation in international organizations. Special attention was given to advancing joint initiatives, particularly in the areas of water management and climate change.

Armenia And US Initiated Talks On Cooperation In Peaceful Use Of Nuclear Energy

On 29 September, Armenia and the United States [began](#) negotiating the “123 Agreement” concerning cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy. The Armenian Foreign Ministry stated that the agreement will establish a legal framework for the exchange of nuclear technologies, data and knowledge for peaceful uses with highest standards of non-proliferation.

French Prime Minister Resigned

On 9 September, French Prime Minister François Bayrou [submitted](#) his resignation to President Emmanuel Macron after France's parliament ousted the government in a confidence vote that Bayrou himself had called. This plunged France into fresh uncertainty and left Macron with the task of finding the fifth premier since the start of his second five-year term in 2022.

European Parliament President Visited Ukraine

European Parliament President Roberta Metsola [met](#) Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and Rada Chairman Ruslan Stefanchuk in Kiev on 17 September. They discussed advancing Ukraine's EU accession negotiations, sanctions against Russia and the use of profits from Russian frozen assets for Ukraine's defence, recovery and reconstruction.

German Chancellor Visited Spain

On 18 September, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz [visited](#) Spain. During the visit, he met with the Spanish President Pedro Sanchez. They discussed strengthening of bilateral ties apart from coordinating their positions in the European Union (EU).

Poland Reopened Border With Belarus

On 23 September, Poland's Prime Minister [announced](#) the reopening of the Polish border with Belarus which was closed for a period of two weeks. The Polish government closed its border crossings with Belarus on 12 September in response to the large-scale military exercises conducted by the Belarusian and Russian forces, known as Zapad 2025. The Polish Interior Minister would issue a regulation to reopen road and rail crossings with Belarus.