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### **US Special Envoy Met Russian President**

The President of Russia Vladimir Putin [met](#) in the Kremlin with Special Envoy of the President of the United States of America Steve Witkoff on 6 August. The discussion focused on matters dealing with future efforts to work together in the context of resolving the Ukraine crisis. Regarding the Ukraine agenda, at the proposal of the United States, there was a principled agreement to hold a top-level bilateral meeting

### **India's National Security Advisor Visited Russia**

On 10 August, India National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, [visited](#) Russia. During his visit he met with the Russian President Vladimir Putin and Russian Security Council Secretary Sergei Shoigu. During his exchanges, the NSA thanked Russia for supporting India after the Pahalgam terrorist attack on April 22 and said India's "strategic and special partnership" with Russia is of enhanced importance as the world is passing through a "tumultuous situation".

### **US President and Russian President Met in Alaska**

On 16 August, The Russian President Vladimir Putin, and the US President Donald Trump met in [Alaska](#). Alongside the two leaders, there was also a large delegation from both sides including the foreign ministers. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the resolution of the Ukraine conflict. There was also a mention of the collaboration in space and tech.

### **Indian Prime Minister Spoke to Russian President**

On 18 August Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi [received](#) a telephone call

from the President of Russia Mr. Vladimir Putin. The Russian President shared his assessment on his meeting with the US President Donald Trump. The Indian PM, underlined India's consistent position for a peaceful resolution of the conflict through diplomacy and dialogue. He reiterated that India supports all efforts in this regard.

### **Tajikistan- Pakistan Joint Counterterrorism Exercise Conducted in Fakhrobod**

A six-day joint counterterrorism [exercise](#), dubbed Dousti 2025 was conducted for military personnel of Tajikistan and Pakistan at the Fakhrobod training ground in Tajikistan's Khatlon province from 4 August to 9 August. the press centre of Tajikistan's Ministry of Defence (MoD) says the exercise brought together around 100 special forces personnel from the armed forces of Tajikistan and Pakistan. The manoeuvres reportedly involved special forces units, airborne troops, and infantry. The exercise served as a platform for honing combat skills in mountainous environments, improving physical endurance and psychological resilience, and strengthening coordination and experience-sharing between the two nations' special forces.

### **Armenia- Azerbaijan Peace Talks in Washington DC**

On 8 August, Armenian Prime Minister Nicol Pashinyan and Azerbaijani President Ilhan Aliyev [met](#) in Washington DC alongside US President Donald Trump. The purpose of the meeting was the normalisation of the relationship between Armenia and Azerbaijan and the perspective of developing relationships with the US. The three leaders signed a

seven-point joint pledge declaring their intention to pursue peace between Azerbaijan and Armenia.

### **Kazakhstan- Tajikistan Signed Landmark Treaty**

Kazakhstan and Tajikistan intended to deepen regional cooperation after Tajik President Emomali Rahmon signed the Treaty on Friendship, Good-Neighbourliness and Cooperation for the Development of Central Asia in the 21st Century during Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Murat Nurtleu's visit to Dushanbe on 28 August. The officials noted that both countries consistently advocate for the consolidation and unity of the Central Asian region, building balanced and predictable relations with neighbouring states.

### **SCO Meeting in Tianjin**

On 31 August- 1 September, the SCO Summit, was hosted by China in Tianjin. It was the largest SCO meeting in the history, attended by 20 leaders and 10 organisations. During the meeting, discussions took place on the prospects for the development of multilateral cooperation across the full spectrum of activities of the SCO in the areas of politics, security, trade, investment, energy, industry, sustainable development, new technologies, international and regional agendas.

### **US Vice President and British Foreign Secretary Met with EU, US and Ukrainian Officials**

U.S. Vice President JD Vance and British Foreign Secretary David Lammy arranged an urgent gathering of European, American and Ukrainian officials on 9 August in the UK. The purpose was to discuss the

prospects for a ceasefire agreement between Ukraine and Russia. The meeting was conducted less than a week before the planned meeting between the Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump to discuss how to end of the war in Ukraine.

### **Germany and Canada Improve Relationship**

On 26 August, Germany Chancellor met with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney in Berlin during the Canadian PM visit to Germany. During the meeting, the two leaders said that they would enhance collaboration on defence and critical minerals. The accord will focus on the development of lithium, rare earth elements, copper tungsten, gallium, germanium and nickel.

### **Lithuanian Prime Minister Elected**

On 28 August Lithuanian Parliament, elected Inga Ruginienė as Prime Minister. Ruginienė, a former head of Lithuania's labour union confederation, joined the centre-left Social Democratic Party just before the general election last year.

### **Franco-German Council of Ministers in Toulon**

The 25th Franco-German Council of Ministers took place in Toulon, France on 29 August. German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and French President Emmanuel Macron co-chaired the meeting. Ten ministers from each side joined to focus on economic and security policy, with both leaders calling their partnership central to Europe's future. During the meeting the two leaders also announced plans to deepen bilateral cooperation on security. They also discussed their support for Ukraine.