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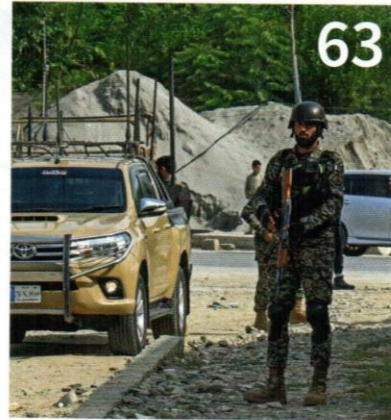
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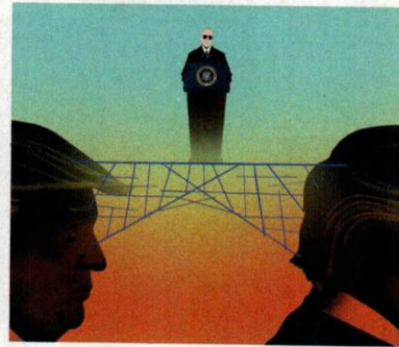
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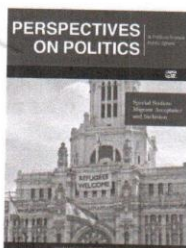
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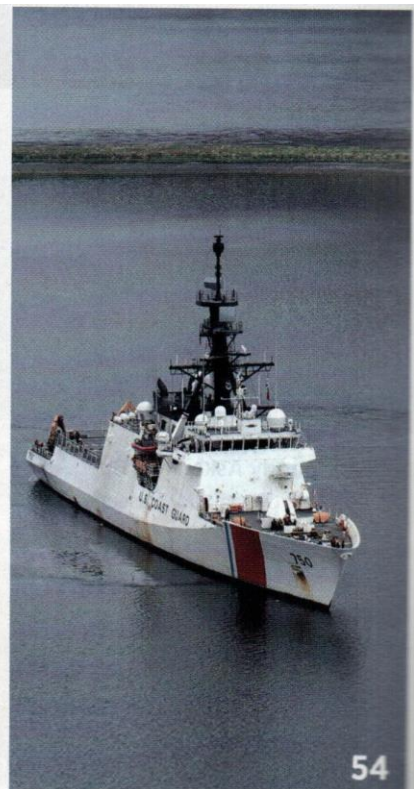




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Sakkecham Singh Parmaar investigates and evaluates the roles of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) as instruments in the fight against crime. The ICC, founded in 2002, deals with individuals who commit serious international crimes for which they should be held accountable. It is known for upholding the principle of personal accountability and justice for affected parties but suffers from limitations, due in part to political pressures. The International Court of Justice, also known as the ICJ, was founded in 1945 to settle disputes involving the Westphalian concept of state sovereignty or other jurisdictional matters. It cannot try or convict an individual criminal but can greatly help in crystallising legal principles. Though each institution has its own way of doing things, both are tasked to serve justice throughout the world, based on full observance of laws by all parties. International accountability mechanisms may be improved by admitting that these two entities complement each other and by confronting their predicaments.

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This paper delves into the intricate question of Head of State immunity in international law, a principle designed to shield sitting heads of state from prosecution or legal actions in foreign jurisdictions. Rooted in the concept of sovereign equality among states, this immunity is intended to enable heads of state to execute their duties without the encumbrance of legal proceedings. However, a contentious discourse surrounds the question of whether sitting heads of state should enjoy immunity from prosecution for egregious crimes. The establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC) has significantly challenged the conventional understanding of head of state immunity, presenting a potent mechanism for holding individuals accountable. The substantive scope of international criminal law encompasses offences such as genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression. The evolution of international criminal law has been shaped by law-making processes that challenge the conventional positivist state-centric perspective. In light of these developments, *Suresh M Benjamin* and *Sayed Qudrat Hashmy* critically examine the delicate balance between upholding sovereign equality and ensuring accountability for major crimes within the evolving landscape of international law.

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This article draws a comparison between the modern global guidelines intended to promote “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion” according to current Western liberal notions and the traditional principles of respect for the customs and rules of other societies usually practised by traders across Eurasia during past centuries. This analysis was presented at the Tashkent International Forum of Central Asia in May of 2024. *Hervé Juvin* concludes that the best way to create and foster peace and mutual understanding between peoples and nations is not to try to change or erase local identities and political systems.

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The popular "Arab Spring" revolt spread rapidly from Tunisia to Egypt, and then from Egypt to Libya, toppling or threatening entrenched regimes and the status quo. Libya's revolt in 2011 turned into a bloody civil war. In Tunisia, the Islamic movement (Nahda Party) led the country into social unrest. In Egypt the revolt spawned major Christian-Muslim confrontations. While many observers have drawn connections to the US control of the International Order, the domination of the Western alliance, and its major role in the eastward spread of liberal democracy to Eastern Europe, the outcome of the Arab revolts was nowhere near bringing political and social stability. Libya, in particular, offers proof that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was involved in the regime change.

Milad Elbarathi focuses on the analysis of NATO's role in Libya:

- What role did NATO play in supporting Libya's uprising?
- Why did NATO take this action, particularly in Libya, and not in Egypt or Tunisia's revolts?
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The article gives an account of the factors that led the United States armed forces to exit Afghanistan as and when they did in August 2021 after twenty years of presence, leaving the country at the mercy of the Taliban whom successive US governments had tried to eradicate. *Manoj Kumar Mishra* explains why various American strategies failed to pacify the country and why the NATO-supported regime in Kabul collapsed immediately after the withdrawal of foreign troops.

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The article reviews the history of the UN-sponsored peace-keeping operations throughout the world from their inception and highlights India's major contributions to this long-standing programme and to its evolution which reflects the changes that have taken place since the early years after Second World War. *S Subba Rao* points out that India is the second largest contributor to the global peace keeping undertakings in terms of troops deployed and it is gaining greater influence on the international decision-making in this area.

IS NON-VIOLENCE A VIABLE POLICY IN GLOBAL AFFAIRS?

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The article contains a reflection on the ongoing global transformation and on India's evolving role in the international system. *Robit Srivastava* argues that India should derive inspiration for its foreign policy from its ancient philosophy which is broader than Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent approach. The concept of non-violence is not always viable in the context of the human condition as history and contemporary events demonstrate time and again. Traditional Indian political science is realistic and acknowledge the inevitability of war to prevent even greater harm in certain circumstances.

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Defence cooperation holds a unique place among the important features of bilateral relations between India and Russia. Russia has made a special contribution to Indian military empowerment. However, in the current strategic perspective, the diversification of Indian defence partners is based on quality. New Delhi is increasing bilateral defence relations with countries like the USA, France, Israel and others. As a consequence, the Indo-Russian partnership is being challenged. **Rakhi Kushwah** and **Deepika Gupta** carry out an exploratory study of the bilateral defence-related foreign policy during the tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and point out the challenges and opportunities in the evolving strategic context. Apart from this, the article reviews the factors that support the enhancement of long-term relations between the two countries such as the ongoing joint development and production of new weapons related systems.

INDIA'S ECONOMIC CORRIDOR THROUGH THE MIDDLE EAST

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India's pursuit of economic connectivity through the Middle East region has garnered significant attention in recent years. **Gedam Kamalakar** and **Kandi Kamala** offer a strategic analysis of India's efforts to establish an economic corridor spanning the Middle East, examining the geopolitical, economic, and diplomatic dimensions involved. By leveraging its historical ties and strategic partnerships with countries in the region, India aims to create a seamless network of trade, investment, and infrastructure development. Announced at the 2023 G20 New Delhi Summit, the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) opened new prospects for the area. Less than a month later, war erupted on the Middle East's Mediterranean shores, destroying the status quo exactly where a maritime connection to Europe was planned. Whereas the peace table is quasi deserted at the time of writing, IMEC provides a rare multilateral basis for dialogue. Its parties know that their shared interests – resilient and efficient supply chains – will only be within reach when political and armed violence is overcome.

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Despite being a small island country, Mauritius has developed considerably in comparison to the majority of other African nations. Its strategic location between Asia and Africa in addition to the liberal trade regime, makes it attractive to various big economies. China has had a presence in Mauritius since the latter's independence in 1968. Most of the existing research on Mauritius and China revolves around their trade and investment relations. **Shonyothem Ng** delves into the largely sidelined aspects of their engagement, involving diplomatic, cultural and educational cooperation. The study provides an in-depth analysis of the nature, magnitude and characteristics of the lesser known ties between Mauritius and China.

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