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[Gurdaspur attackers came from Pakistan, says Rajnath](#)

India Today | July 30th, 2015

The Home Minister also assured the House that the government will do everything possible to prevent cross-border terrorism aimed against India. Giving details of the attack in Punjab, he said, preliminary analyses of GPS data indicates that the terrorists had infiltrated from Pakistan through the area near Tash in Gurdaspur district, where the Ravi river enters Pakistan.

[India ready to 'shoulder greater responsibility': S. Jaishankar](#)

Live Mint | July 20th, 2015

During US President Barack Obama's visit to India in January, "we affirmed our shared interest in safeguarding maritime security and ensuring freedom of navigation and over-flights throughout the region", Jaishankar said.

[India's ties with West Asia to get a boost](#)

Hindustan Times | July 26th, 2015

While President Pranab Mukherjee is set to travel to Jordan, Palestine and Israel from October 9, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be visiting Saudi Arabia, the country with the largest Indian passport holders outside India and UAE. The last visit by an Indian PM to UAE was in 1981.

South Asia

Pakistan

[Too early to speculate on timing of India visit: Pakistan NSA Sartaj Aziz](#)

PTI / IBN Live | July 17th, 2015

In their first bilateral talks in over a year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Pakistani counterpart Nawaz Sharif had met in Ufa on the sidelines of the SCO summit earlier in July and decided that Doval and Aziz will meet in New Delhi either in August or in September to discuss "all issues connected to terrorism"

[Drone shot down by Pakistan at LoC not sold to any govt: China firm](#)

PTI / The Asian Age | July 22nd, 2015

Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar who refuted Pakistan's claims of shooting down an Indian drone also said that it was not in the inventory of the Indian defence forces. Pakistan had summoned Indian High Commissioner to Islamabad TCA Raghavan to lodge a protest over it.

[India will give befitting reply if provoked, says Rajnath Singh](#)

The Times of India | July 27th, 2015

Rajnath Singh said India wants to have cordial relations with Pakistan but not at the cost of national pride. "We will give appropriate reply if our national interest is challenged," he reiterated.

Maldives

[Male tells Delhi foreign ownership norms will not threaten Indian Ocean security](#)

The Times of India | July 24th, 2015

"The Maldivian government has given assurances to the Indian government and our neighbouring countries as well to keep the Indian Ocean a demilitarized zone," Abdulla Yameen said, assured the public that authorizing foreign ownership of land or freeholds in the Maldives will not threaten Indian Ocean security or lead to "enslavement" and shortage of land.

[Maldives is a valuable partner of India: Modi](#)

Live Mint | July 27th, 2015

The Maldives has been wracked by political instability since the exit of president Mohammed Nasheed—seen as close to India—in 2012. He was succeeded by then vice-president Mohammed Waheed.

Asia Pacific

Myanmar

[India to help modernise Myanmar Army and Navy to broad-base defence partnership](#)

The Economic Times | July 17th, 2015

While India has been supplying Myanmar Army with defence equipment including rifles and tanks in the past, the current decision hopes to launch a comprehensive cooperation on the lines of India's defence partnership with Nepal, Bhutan and too an extent with Afghanistan. India and Myanmar also decided to increase maritime security cooperation in Bay of Bengal.

[India, Myanmar to boost defence ties](#)

The Tribune | July 30th, 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed India's views to Senior General U Min Aungh Hilang, Commander-in-Chief of the Myanmar Defence Services, who called on him here. The visit assumes significance as it happens close on the heels of a military strike in Myanmar last month by Indian forces cracking down on Naga insurgents.

China

[India need not worry about China's military expansion in Maldives: State-run media report](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | July 25th, 2015

In view of the Maldives government assurance to keep the Indian Ocean a demilitarised zone, India need not worry about Chinese military expansion, state-run China Daily reported today, quoting officials.

Singapore

[India, Singapore sign key agreement to boost maritime](#)

PTI / DNA | July 21st, 2015

Navy chief Admiral RK Dhowan, who is on his maiden visit to Singapore from July 20-23, called on Singapore's Defence Minister Dr Ng Eng Hen. He also held talks with Chief of Defence Force Lt-Gen Ng Chee Meng and Chief of Navy Rear-Admiral (RADM) Lai Chung Han after inspecting a Guard of Honour at Ministry of Defence.

[Negotiations on to upgrade CECA with India: Singapore](#)

PTI / Business Standard | July 25th, 2015

"We want to be a partner in India's economic growth. We want a strategic partnership to deepen bilateral economic and people to people relations," K Shanmugam, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Law of Singapore, said.

Philippines

[Philippines wants India at 'head table' to tackle China's maritime moves](#)

IANS / Business Standard | July 18th, 2015

Philippines Foreign Secretary Evan Garcia said that in view of the "evolving landscape and seascape" in the region, India and the Philippines should look to each other as common partners and to ensure a region of greater peace and prosperity. He also suggested greater cooperation between "VIP" countries - Vietnam, India and the Philippines.

Japan

[Indo Japan defence ties set to grow stronger](#)

PTI / The Financial Express | July 26th, 2015

The importance that Japan puts on defence ties with India can be seen from the fact that the Japanese Embassy has added two more defence attaches here – one each from the Air Force and Coast Guard – this year.

North America

The United States

[India Conveys its Concerns to US over Helicopter, Missiles Sales to Pakistan](#)

PTI / NDTV | July 22nd, 2015

In a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said, "Government has sensitised the US of our concerns on US military sales to Pakistan. Government has consistently conveyed to the US that it must take into account India-US relations and the impact on India's security in deciding its military assistance to Pakistan."

[India's rise is in United States of America's interest: US](#)

IANS / Zee News | July 24th, 2015

Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Nisha Biswal, noted that India's rise is in US' interest and a strong US is in India's interest.

[India very high on Obama's list of US investments abroad](#)

IANS / Business Standard | July 30th, 2015

"In terms of the US-India partnership, ...the president is very enthusiastic about the prospect of increased collaboration, increased economic growth for American companies, and investments in India," press secretary Eric Schultz told reporters.

Mexico

[Modi may meet Mexican President during U.N. visit](#)

The Hindu | July 31st, 2015

Speaking to the Indian Association of Foreign Affairs Correspondents in New Delhi, the Mexican Ambassador to India said that despite the fact that India and Mexico are both members of the G-20, their bilateral engagement was too little.

Middle East

Iran

[Iran's envoy lauds Indian assistance](#)

The Hindu | July 18th, 2015

After sanctions are lifted, Iran is willing to give Indian businesses preferential treatment, says Iran's Ambassador to India Gholamreza Ansari.

[Iran says no 'emergency' in getting oil dues from India](#)

PTI / Deccan Herald | July 22nd, 2015

The assurance by Iranian Ambassador to India, Gholamreza Ansari, assumes significance as there were concerns that India might have to make immediate payments to clear these dues after lifting of the Western sanctions on Iran. The dues have been pending largely because of curbs on the banking and payment channels connecting Iran.

Africa

[India expects most African states at summit](#)

Live Mint | July 23rd, 2015

The summit is the third such—the first was held in New Delhi in 2008 and the second in the Ethiopian capital Addis Abba in 2011. India was to host the third summit last year but had to postpone it due to the Ebola viral outbreak in West Africa.

Europe

Russia

[India, Russia to jointly build 200 military choppers](#)

PTI / India Today | July 19th, 2015

Quoting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Indian Ambassador to Russia P S Raghavan said Russia continues to remain India's primary defence supplier. "In fact, he (PM) has said that Russia has been and will remain primary defence supplier (of India)," he added.

Miscellaneous

['PM's Personal Chemistry Has Enhanced India's Diplomatic Engagement': Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar](#)

PTI / NDTV | July 17th, 2015

Highlighting PM Modi's achievements on foreign policy front, the Foreign Secretary talked about the prime minister's visit to the US, China, Japan and a range of other issues including India's assistance to earthquake-hit Nepal and removing bottlenecks in implementation of the Indo-US nuclear deal.

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