

# Regional Insights: July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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<p><b>India Test-Launches New Agni-Series Nuclear-Capable Missile- <a href="#">Janes</a></b></p> <p>India's government-run Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) test-launched the latest variant of its Agni family of nuclear-capable ballistic missiles on 28 June off the coast of the eastern state of Odisha. Named 'Agni P' (Prime), the indigenously developed canisterised missile, which was launched from Abdul Kalam Island – formerly known as Wheeler Island – met “all mission objectives with a high level of accuracy”, said the Indian government's Press Information Bureau (PIB) in a statement, adding that the launch was tracked by various telemetry and radar stations.</p> <p><b>India To Commission First Indigenous Aircraft Carrier By First Half Of 2022- <a href="#">Janes</a></b></p> <p><b>Pakistan Looks At Expanding Space Development- <a href="#">Quwa</a></b></p> <p><b>EU Agrees Military Training Mission for Mozambique- <a href="#">The Defence Post</a></b></p> <p><b>Burkina Faso President Takes On Defence Role Amid Security Crisis- <a href="#">Reuters</a></b></p>	<p><b>Pentagon pulls missile defense, other systems from Saudi Arabia and other Middle East countries – <a href="#">CNN</a></b></p> <p>The Pentagon is pulling missile defense systems and other military hardware and personnel from Saudi Arabia and other countries in the Middle East, according to a defense official, as it realigns its mission and forces to confront China and Russia. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin instructed the commander of US Central Command, which oversees the region, to remove the forces this summer.</p> <p><b>US Navy conducts first of three blasts in carrier Gerald R. Ford shock trials – <a href="#">Defense News</a></b></p> <p><b>Helicopter carrying Colombia's President Duque struck by bullets in attack – <a href="#">Reuters</a></b></p> <p><b>Russia to the world: Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua are our Latin American allies – <a href="#">MercoPress</a></b></p> <p><b>China lodges complaint against Australia at WTO – <a href="#">ABC News</a></b></p> <p><b>Royal New Zealand Navy Orders Four REMUS 300 UUVs From HII – <a href="#">Naval News</a></b></p>	<p><b>Senior Nato officer warns of China's 'shocking' military advances – <a href="#">Financial Times</a></b></p> <p>Nato's most senior military officer has highlighted the “shocking” speed of China's military modernisation and warned of its growing diplomatic presence overseas, as the alliance prepares to take a more assertive stance towards Beijing. The comments from air chief marshal Sir Stuart Peach highlight the broad array of security challenges posed by China as members of the alliance struggle to progress beyond a diagnosis of the threat to an agreed plan of action.</p> <p><b>Australians fear attack from China almost as much as Taiwanese do, survey finds – <a href="#">The Guardian</a></b></p> <p><b>S.Korea to develop 'Iron Dome'-style defence system to counter North's artillery – <a href="#">Reuters</a></b></p> <p><b>US and Japan conduct war games amid rising China-Taiwan tensions – <a href="#">Financial Times</a></b></p> <p><b>India and Vietnam: Strengthening of defence relations – <a href="#">The Times of India</a></b></p>
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<p><b>UK signs agreement to support enhancement of Ukrainian naval capabilities – <a href="#">UK GOV</a></b></p> <p>The Ukrainian Ministry of Defence, the UK government, and Babcock announced on 23<sup>rd</sup> June that they had signed a memorandum of implementation (MOI) on the Royal Navy Type 45 destroyer HMS Defender in the Black Sea port of Odesa to push forward the Ukrainian Naval Capabilities Enhancement Programme (UNCEP). The MOI builds on an agreement signed on HMS Prince of Wales in October 2020, under which £1.25bn is to be spent to strengthen the Ukrainian Navy.</p> <p><b>'Our adversaries exploit our seams': Trilateral effort seeks stronger air-policing coordination – <a href="#">Defence News</a></b></p> <p><b>False De-escalation: The Continuing Russian Threat to Ukraine and the Black Sea Region – <a href="#">RUSI</a></b></p> <p><b>Poland and the US: An Alliance of Democracies, Readjusted – <a href="#">RUSI</a></b></p> <p><b>Babcock reveals export opportunities for Type 31 frigate – <a href="#">Defence News</a></b></p>	<p><b>Can Saudi Arabia develop a major domestic arms industry by 2030? – <a href="#">Middle East Eye</a></b></p> <p>One of the world's largest weapons importers, Riyadh wants at least half of its arms purchases to be from local sources by the end of the decade. However, amid low oil prices and a pandemic-battered economy this could prove challenging for the kingdom. In early 2021, Riyadh announced it would invest more than \$20bn in its domestic weapon industry, with a goal of spending around 50% of its military budget on local resources.</p> <p><b>US Military to withdraw troops, aircraft, antimissile batteries from the Middle East – <a href="#">Wall Street Journal</a></b></p> <p><b>Can drone warfare in the Middle East be controlled? – <a href="#">DW</a></b></p> <p><b>Egypt's changing position in relations with Israel and the Middle East – <a href="#">Israel Today</a></b></p> <p><b>How can Israel and the Gulf increase air defence cooperation? – <a href="#">The Jerusalem Post</a></b></p> <p><b>Shusha Declaration sets out new horizons in Turkey-Azerbaijan relations – <a href="#">YeniSafak</a></b></p>	<p><b>Russia says warning shots deter UK warship; London denies it – <a href="#">Defence News</a></b></p> <p>The Russian military said one of its warships in the Black Sea fired warning shots and a warplane dropped bombs Wednesday to force a British destroyer away from an area near Crimea that Moscow claims as its territorial waters, but Britain denied that account and insisted its ship wasn't fired upon. It was the first time since the Cold War that Moscow has claimed to have used live ammunition to deter a NATO warship, reflecting the growing risk of military incidents amid soaring tensions between Russia and the West.</p> <p><b>Italian forces kicked out of Middle East base over UAE arms embargo – <a href="#">Defence News</a></b></p> <p><b>U.S.-EU: A New Hope or the Empire Strikes Back - <a href="#">CSIS</a></b></p> <p><b>Defining New Modes, Models, and Agendas for EU-Turkish Relations - <a href="#">GMFUS</a></b></p> <p><b>Middle East skies see 'demonstration of British Air Power – <a href="#">UK Defence Journal</a></b></p>

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