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Defence news

On August 27, 2025, several key developments in defense were reported, both in India and internationally.

Indian Defence News

GE Fighter Jet Engines: India is finalizing a \$1 billion deal with U.S. aerospace company General Electric (GE) for the supply of 113 F404-IN20 fighter jet engines. These engines are intended to power India's indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) TEJAS MK-1A.

INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated that India will no longer depend on foreign shipbuilding for its Navy. He made this announcement while commissioning two new, indigenously constructed warships, INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri. These are the 100th and 101st warships designed in-house by the Indian Navy.

"Sudarshan Chakra" Air Defence Shield: India is embarking on a mission to build a multi-layered, AI-powered integrated air and missile defense shield called "Mission Sudarshan Chakra." This system is being developed to protect strategic and vital civilian areas. Under Project Kusha, India is scheduled to begin testing new long-range interceptor missiles for the shield next year.

MoU for Veterans: The Defence Ministry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Quality Council of India (QCI) to enhance services for over 63 lakh veterans and their dependents. The MoU will facilitate digital evaluations and evidence-based policy recommendations for services like pensions and healthcare.

Military Exercise: India is sending over 700 personnel to participate in a biennial multilateral exercise in Egypt called "Exercise Bright Star." The exercise, which also includes the U.S., will run from

August 28 to September 10, 2025, and focuses on enhancing joint planning and interoperability.

International Defence News

U.S. Foreign Military Sales: The U.S. Department of State approved a potential Foreign Military Sale to the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) for AIM-9X Sidewinder Missiles and related equipment for an estimated cost of \$103.9 million. These missiles are for the F-35 fleets of Belgium, Italy, and Romania.

Iran Update: The E3 (the United Kingdom, Germany, and France) are reportedly planning to initiate the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) snapback process as soon as August 28. This mechanism would reimpose UN Security Council (UNSC) sanctions on Iran due to a lack of progress on a nuclear deal.

Polish F-35 Sustainment: The U.S. State Department also approved a possible Foreign Military Sale to Poland for F-35 Sustainment for an estimated cost of \$1.85 billion.

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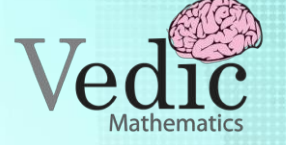
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- B) INS Udaygiri
- C) Mission Sudarshan Chakra
- D) Exercise Bright Star

Answer: C) Mission Sudarshan Chakra

The news mentions that India is "embarking on a mission to build a multi-layered, AI-powered integrated air and missile defense shield called 'Mission Sudarshan Chakra.'"

3:With which organization did the Defence Ministry sign an MoU to enhance services for veterans and their dependents?

- A) The Quality Council of India (QCI)
- B) The United States Department of State
- C) General Electric (GE)
- D) The NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)

Answer: A) The Quality Council of India (QCI)
The text states that "The Defence Ministry signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Quality Council of India (QCI) to enhance services for over 63 lakh veterans."

4:The U.S. Department of State approved a potential sale of which missiles to the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)?

- A) Patriot missiles
- B) AIM-9X Sidewinder Missiles
- C) S-400 missiles
- D) Tomahawk missiles

Answer: B) AIM-9X Sidewinder Missiles

The news specifies that the U.S. approved a "Foreign Military Sale to the NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA) for AIM-9X Sidewinder Missiles."

5:What is the purpose of the "snapback process" that the E3 (United Kingdom, Germany, and France) are reportedly planning to initiate against Iran?

MCQS

1:What is the purpose of the deal between India and General Electric (GE) that is being finalized?

- A) To acquire new fighter jets.
- B) To procure engines for India's LCA TEJAS MK-1A aircraft.
- C) To get new warships for the Indian Navy.
- D) To develop a new missile defense system.

Answer: B) To procure engines for India's LCA TEJAS MK-1A aircraft.

The news states that the deal is for "the supply of 113 F404-IN20 fighter jet engines" to power India's indigenous LCA TEJAS MK-1A.

2:What is the name of the new multi-layered, AI-powered integrated air and missile defense shield that India is building?

- A) Project Kusha





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- A) To extend the nuclear deal with Iran.
- B) To reimpose UN Security Council (UNSC) sanctions on Iran.
- C) To offer military support to Iran.
- D) To provide new F-35 aircraft to Iran.

Answer: B) To reimpose UN Security Council (UNSC) sanctions on Iran.

The text describes the snapback process as a mechanism that "would reimpose UN Security Council (UNSC) sanctions on Iran."

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