

# PSIR & GS-2 Daily Brief

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India and Pakistan still cannot agree to restore Indus Waters Treaty: Chatham

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# Article - 1 : India and Pakistan still cannot agree to restore Indus Waters Treaty

## India and Pakistan still cannot agree to restore the Indus Waters Treaty – but re-engagement could help bring lasting peace

Water cooperation is not only mutually beneficial for India and Pakistan, but essential. Restoring the Indus Waters Treaty could be a powerful foundation for rebuilding trust.

EXPERT COMMENT PUBLISHED 17 APRIL 2026 – 4 MINUTE READ



**Context** This article explains why restoring the Indus Waters Treaty is important for India-Pakistan peace, especially when climate change, water scarcity & political distrust are increasing pressure on the Indus Basin.

## Facts

● The Indus Waters Treaty was signed in 1960 and has survived three wars.

● The Indus Basin supports more than 300 million people in India and Pakistan.

● India temporarily suspended participation in the treaty after the April 2025 Pahalgam attack.

## Analytical Crux

Indus Waters Treaty is not only a water-sharing arrangement; it is one of the few remaining pillars of India-Pakistan stability. Climate change has made the old treaty framework weaker because glaciers, monsoons & groundwater stress are changing faster than the treaty can handle. The article argues that using water as a pressure tool may give short-term leverage but can create long-term insecurity for both sides. The real way forward is to revive data sharing, dispute resolution and join climate research so that water becomes a bridge for peace, not another front of conflict.

## Verbatim Quotes

“Water cooperation is not only mutually beneficial for India and Pakistan, but essential.”

“Climate change is increasing pressure on the resources, thereby rapidly eroding the trust needed to sustain cooperation.”

# Article - 2: NPT review conference 2026: Process and Prospects



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## NPT Review Conference 2026: Process and Prospects in a Fragmented Nuclear Order

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### Context

This article explains why the 2026 NPT Review Conference is important for the credibility of the global nuclear order, especially when disarmament promises, great-power rivalry & regional wars are weakening trust in the treaty.

### Facts

The NPT review process is consensus-based, which gives every state veto-like power.

The 1995 conference extended the NPT indefinitely, making it a turning point in nuclear governance.

## Analytical Crux

The article's main argument is that the NPT is formally strong but politically weak. Its universality remains, but its credibility is under pressure because nuclear-weapon states push non-proliferation more strongly than disarmament. The repeated failure of Review Conferences shows that the problem is not only procedural; it is rooted in great-power rivalry, weak political will and the unequal bargain between nuclear and non-nuclear states. NPT's survival now depends on whether it can restore balance between its three pillars: non-proliferation, disarmament and peaceful use of nuclear energy.

## Verbatim Quotes

"While the NPT retains formal universality, its normative authority and capacity to deliver meaningful disarmament outcomes are increasingly in question."

"The 1995 review & extension conference marked a watershed moment in history of non-proliferation."

# Article - 3 : A grand strategy of consolidation

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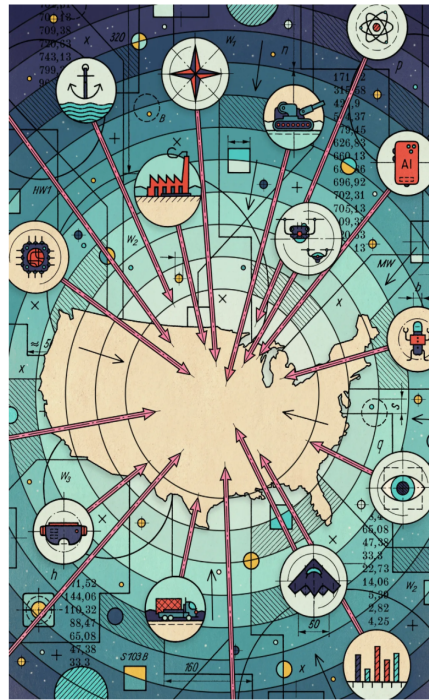
## A Grand Strategy of Consolidation

*How Trump Can Revitalize American Power*

A. WESS MITCHELL

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Published on April 21, 2026



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**Context** The article argues that United States must follow a grand strategy of consolidation by reducing overextension abroad, rebuilding its domestic power base and focusing mainly on China.

## Facts

● US military operations since 2001 added \$8 trillion to national debt.

● China's GDP increased from \$2 trillion in 1991 to \$37 trillion in 2024.

## Theoretical Lens

“The strategy was controversial. But it allowed the United Kingdom to achieve what the Prussian military theorist Carl von Clausewitz called the ‘highest and simplest law of strategy’: concentration.”

## Analytical Crux

America's main weakness is not lack of power, but over-extension and poor use of power. It argues that the U.S. cannot remain strong everywhere at once, especially when China is rising and America's debt, industry & military readiness are under stress. The proposed answer is consolidation: reduce secondary burdens, rebuild domestic strength, push allies to share responsibility and focus on the main strategic challenge from China. For PSIR, the article is useful because it shows that great powers decline not only because rivals rise, but also because they fail to match their ambitions with their resources.

## Verbatim Quotes

"Prioritization is a necessity, and it must be tackled now, voluntarily and logically."

"The US pays more to service past borrowing than to fund its defense."

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