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PM Modi's Visit to Indonesia: Defence Cooperation and Strategic Convergence

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Context India - Indonesia defence & maritime cooperation has moved from occasional exchanges to a layered, institutionalised strategic partnership.

Facts

India - Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partners (2018): **Shared vision on maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.**

Operational cooperation through: **IND-INDO CORPAT, Ex. Garuda Shakti, the Sabang port project & hydrographic support.**

The Sabang - Great Nicobar corridor : **two navies holding either end of the eastern Indian Ocean for a free, open & stable Indo-Pacific.**

Analytical Crux

India-Indonesia is the test of whether Act East has grown from trade talk into strategic partnership. The relationship's strength lies less in any single deal than in its layering. A treaty base, standing dialogues and repeat operational activity (CORPAT, Garuda Shakti, hydrography, port calls) that keep it running between summits. The real question is delivery as Sabang has crawled since 2018, and BrahMos and the newer missile agreements are still commitments, not deliveries. Therefore, India's Indo-Pacific weight depends on turning institutional density into visible capability, on time.

Verbatim Quotes

"Both countries are vital stakeholders and partners in ensuring a rules based maritime order and freedom of navigation across critical sea lanes."
— Dr. Om Prakash Das

Can IMEC survive the Iran war

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Can IMEC Survive the Iran War?

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The trade corridor connecting Asia, the Middle East, and Europe needs a stronger institutional anchoring.

Authors

Facts

■ IMEC : to cut strategic dependence on singular, vulnerable chokepoints, a transparent, rules-based counterweight to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

■ Proposed security spine is a maritime arc : India (Mumbai), Israel (Haifa), Greece (Souda Bay).

■ India's edge : offering open standards & no "sovereignty price", not in forcing partners to decouple from China.

Analytical Crux

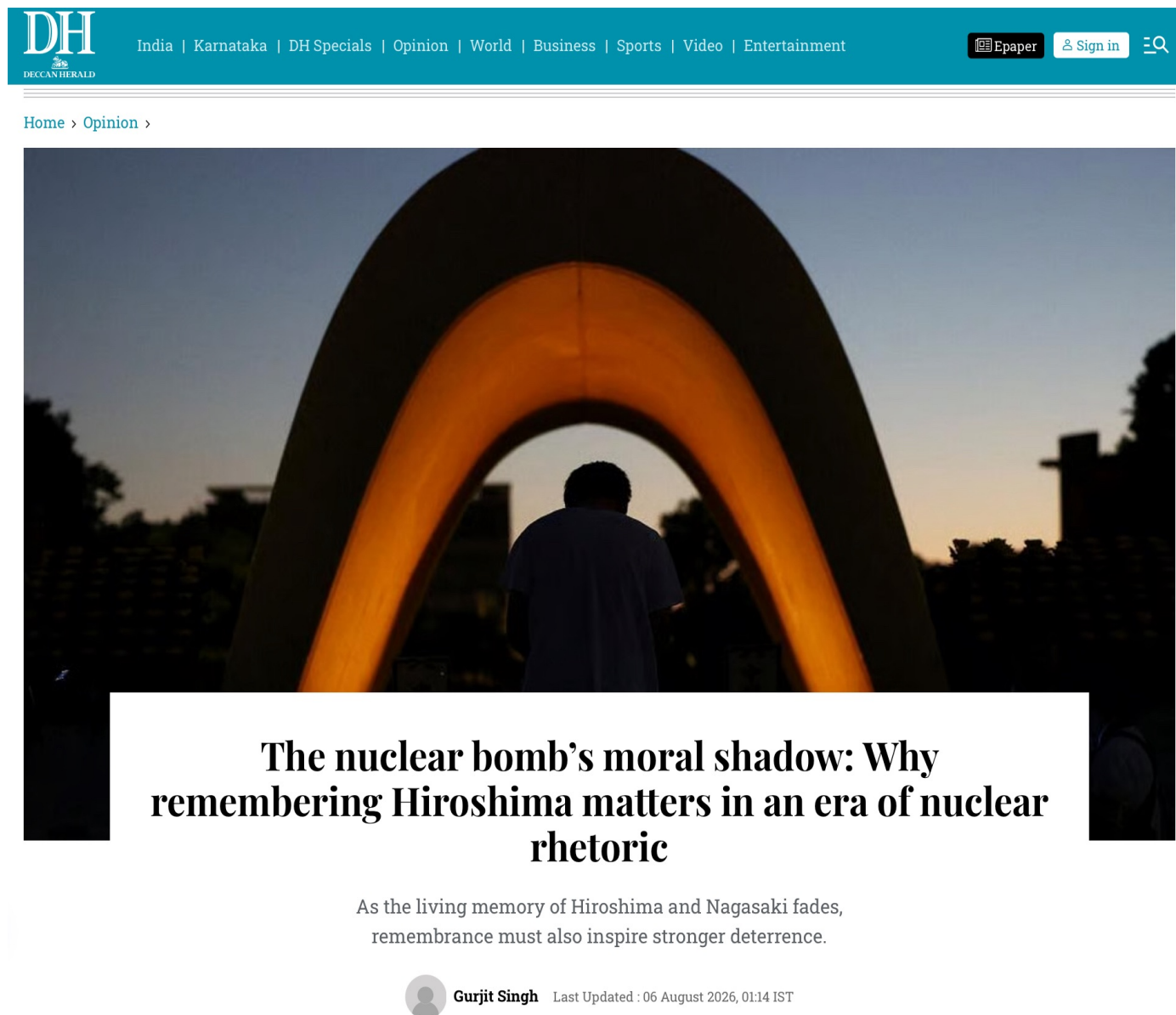
IMEC's paradox is that every crisis which seems to threaten it proves why it is needed. Each time Hormuz or the Red Sea seizes up, a multimodal rail-and-sea route across a diversified geography looks more valuable. The binding constraints are political, not engineering, the northern arm waits on a normalisation that Saudi Arabia has tied to a Palestinian state. There is need to redefine the corridor's "institutional architecture" to include a security architecture i.e. an India-Israel-Greece maritime arc. The institutional architecture of IMEC, in short, must now be understood to encompass a security architecture.

Verbatim Quotes

"The advantage lies in offering what Beijing's model structurally cannot: open standards, debt sustainability, and governance that does not extract a sovereignty price."

— Pant & Kaleka

The Nuclear bomb's moral shadow



Context

Marking the 81st anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, these commemorations matter more as the last survivors pass away & nuclear rhetoric returns to global politics.

Facts

- 81st anniversary (2026): Hiroshima as world's "peace capital" & Nagasaki remembers through interfaith reflection.
- Nuclear rhetoric has returned: Russia's references during the Ukraine conflict, North Korea's missile programme, China's growing arsenal, and the threat of use in the Iran crisis.

Analytical Crux

The restraint that kept nuclear weapons unused for 81 years came less from treaties than from the living testimony of survivors and that testimony is about to disappear. The nuclear rhetoric is becoming normal again through Russia, North Korea, China, the Iran crisis. Japan, the one country to have suffered the bomb, shelters under the US nuclear umbrella and the anniversaries stand for moral aspiration and hard compromise at once. The deeper shift is in how the world judges 1945 i.e. from "military necessity" to "humanitarian consequence". In an age of growing geopolitical rivalry, will humanity remember the lessons of Hiroshima & Nagasaki before it is forced to learn them again?

Verbatim Quotes

"They are annual reminders of the moral limits of warfare and of humanity's continuing struggle to reconcile security with survival."

—Gurjit Singh

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