India Delivers BrahMos Missiles to Philippines

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Recently, India delivered **BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles** to the **Philippines**. India is looking at further **expanding defense ties** with the Philippines against the backdrop of growing global concerns over **China's increasing military assertiveness** in the <u>South China Sea</u>.

Brahmos Missiles:

- The <u>BrahMos missile</u>, an Indo-Russian joint venture, has a range of 290 km and is the fastest cruise missile in the world with a top speed of Mach 2.8 (nearly three times the speed of sound).
 - BrahMos is named for the rivers Brahmaputra (India) and Moskva (Russia).
- It is a two-stage missile (solid propellant engine in the first stage and liquid ramjet in the second stage).
- It is a multiplatform missile i.e., it can be launched from land, air, and sea and multicapability missile with pinpoint accuracy that works both day and night irrespective of the weather conditions.
- It operates on the "Fire and Forgets" principle i.e. it does not require further guidance after launch.
- Vietnam, UAE, and Indonesia are among other potential customers of Brahmos missile.

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