QUAD Summit 2026 – Manila Summit 2026

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Why in news?

The 2026 Quad Leaders' Summit took place in Manila, Philippines, on the sidelines of the ASEAN-related summits.

- **QUAD** – The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue, sometimes referred to as the Quad, is a grouping of Australia, India, Japan, and the United States.
- **1st hosted by a non-member** – It is the first Quad Leaders' Summit hosted by a non-member country, the Philippines.
- **New Initiatives** – Top Quad leaders unveiled a series of initiatives including a maritime surveillance exercise, a cable connectivity framework and cybersecurity collaboration to boost cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.
- The leaders vowed to work together to "ensure open, safe, and resilient maritime transit corridors in the Indo-Pacific."
- **Decade of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific Vision** – It marked nearly a decade since the revival of the Quad and the 10th anniversary of the vision of a Free and Open Indo-Pacific, first articulated by the late Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in 2016.
- **Maritime Surveillance Exercise (2027)** – Leaders announced a maritime surveillance collaboration in 2027 featuring P-8 and P-3C patrol aircraft flying together in a Quad maritime exercise for the first time.
- This will be the first such exercise involving these aircraft in a Quad context and is aimed at making the region's seas safer.
- **Quad Business Leaders' Forum** – India announced Mumbai will host the inaugural forum in early 2027 to boost private-sector ties and commercial partnerships.
- **AI Accelerator** – The group affirmed the AI Accelerator (previously announced by foreign ministers in Atlanta) to support trusted AI deployment, access, and technical assistance across the Indo-Pacific.

References

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