

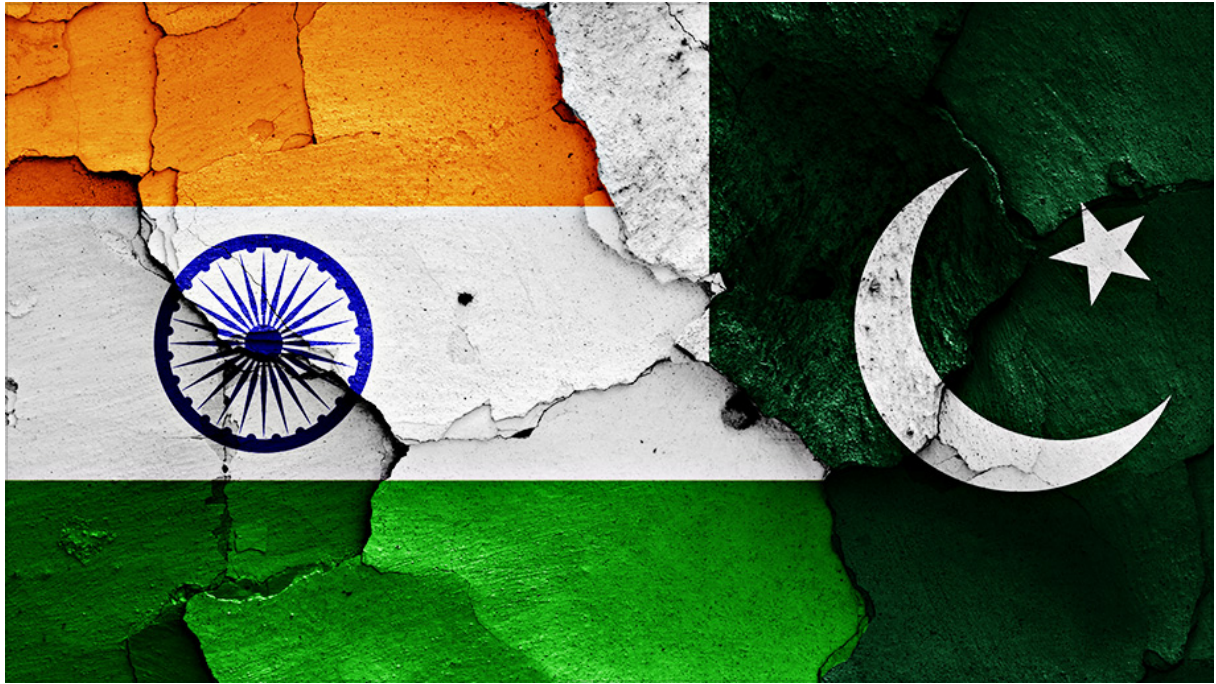
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Why do India and Pakistan keep fighting over Kashmir?

为何印度与巴基斯坦一直因克什米尔纷争不断？

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周三，在位于两国边界的争议地区——查谟-克什米尔邦的印控领地上空，巴基斯坦和印度的战斗机卷入了一场小规模战斗。而在这场突袭的前一天，印方飞机进入了巴基斯坦，并在巴拉考特镇附近发动了袭击。

fighter jet: 喷气式战斗机

jet: 喷气式飞机

engage: v. 吸引；引起；使参加

搭配短语: engage sb in sth: 使某人参与某事

搭配短语: be engaged in discussions/negotiations (/nɪgəʊʃɪ'eɪʃ(ə)n/): 参与讨论/谈判

skirmish/'skɜːrmɪʃ/: n. 小冲突，小规模战斗

英文释义：a short fight between small groups of soldiers

territory/'tɛrɪt(ə)ri/: n. 领土；地盘

dispute /dɪ'spjuːt/: n. 争吵；争论

搭配短语：have a dispute with sb about/over sth: 在某事上与某人发生纠纷

incursion/ɪn'kɜːrʒn/: n. 突袭，袭击

英文释义：a sudden attack

Now there are fears that **hostilities** could **escalate** between the two countries, which were created by the **bloody partition** of British India more than 70 years ago and have **coexisted** uneasily ever since.

现在的局势引发多方担忧，有人认为两国之间的战争行为可能会升级。印巴两国是从 70 多年前的英属印度残忍分裂出来的，自此之后，两国一直在摩擦中共存。

hostilities/hɑː'stɪlətɪs/: n. 战争行为

相关词汇：hostility: n. 不友善；敌意；反对 (hostility to/towards sb./sth.)

相关词汇：hostile: adj. 不友善的；有敌意的；反对的；敌人的

escalate /'ɛskəleɪt/: v. 使...上涨；使...恶化

bloody: adj. 血腥的；残忍的

partition/pɑːr'tɪʃn/: n. (国家的) 分裂，分治

coexisted: v. 共存

搭配短语：coexist with sth: 与某事物共存

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此次冲突的直接原因是 2 月 14 日的自杀式爆炸袭击：在克什米尔南部的普尔瓦马，一名年轻的伊斯兰激进分子引爆了一队载有准军事部队的受护卡车。这是该地区三十年来最致命的一场袭击。

immediate/ɪ'miːdiət/: adj. 直接的，立即的

英文释义：having a direct effect

suicide bombing: 自杀式爆炸袭击

Islamic militant: 伊斯兰激进分子

militant/'mɪlɪtənt/: n. 好斗的人；激进的人

词性拓展：adj. 激进的；好斗的

例句：He is a militant reformer.

blew up: 引爆

convoy/'kɒnvɔɪ/: n. (尤指护卫) 舰队, 车队

paramilitary force: 非官方部队, 准军事部队

相关词汇：paramilitary (adj. 准军事的, 辅助军事的)

相关词汇：force (n. 武装部队)

deadly: adj. 致命的; 极度的

搭配短语：the cold was deadly: 冷得要死

搭配短语：in deadly earnest: 非常认真地

搭配短语：with deadly accuracy: 极其精确地

But there are also broader political forces at work. India's prime minister, Narendra Modi, is up for re-election in May, and he is eager to **avenge** a bombing that has stirred outrage.

不过, 这背后还有更广泛的政治势力在作祟。印度总理纳伦德拉·莫迪将在 5 月份争取连任, 他渴望为一场引发公愤的爆炸事件复仇。

at work: 影响, 起作用

例句：The report suggested that secret influences were at work.

be up for: 准备好

例句：Qatar is up for 2022 World Cup.

avenge/ə'vendʒ/: v. 报复, 复仇

相关词汇：the Avengers

搭配短语：avenge sth./sb.

例句：I will avenge my friend.

搭配短语：avenge A on B

例句：I will avenge my friend on the enemy.

stir/stɜːr/: v. 激起 (尤其指激发强烈的感情)

英文释义：If something stirs you, it makes you react with a strong emotion.

例句：Excitement stirred inside her.

outrage/'aʊtreɪdʒ/: n. 愤慨

搭配短语：to provoke public outrage

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就巴基斯坦而言，新总理伊姆兰·汗于去年在巴基斯坦强大军队的支持下当选。汗想证明他能够对抗印度，即便他正因巴基斯坦的经济过于贫弱而向沙特阿拉伯和中国寻求援助。

for one's part: 就某物/某人来说

with the backing of... : 以...的支持

backing/'bækɪŋ/: n. 支持；资助

stand up to: 抵抗，反抗

bailout/'beɪlaʊt/: n. (从经济上) 帮助 (某人或机构) 脱离困境

相关词汇：bail (n. 保释金)

例句：Three years of huge losses forced the bank to seek a government bailout.

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汗敦促印度通过谈判解决问题。“所有大规模的战争都是由于误判，”他在电视讲话中表示道，“我向印度提出的问题是，考虑到双方的武器装备情况，我们可以承受误判吗？”

miscalculation/ˌmɪskælkjuˈleɪʃn/: n. 错算，误算

词根词缀：mis- (表示否定或错误)

相关词汇：calculate; calculation

televised address: 电视讲话

televisе /'teləˌvaɪz/: v. 用电视播放

weapon: n. 武器

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