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Four Far-Apart Friends Meet in Manila

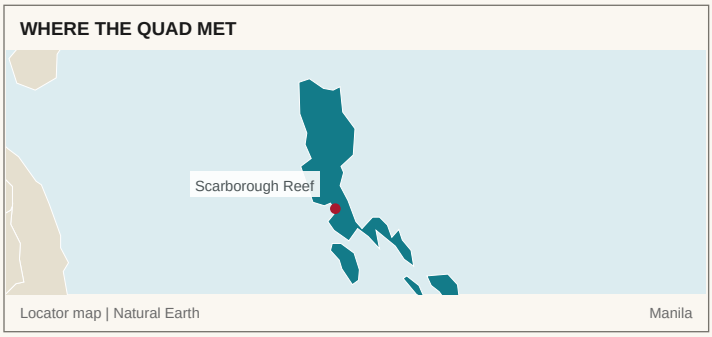
Leaders from America, India, Japan and Australia met in the city where their group began.

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On Tuesday, four leaders met in Manila, the capital of the Philippines. They came from the United States, India, Japan and Australia. Together, these four countries are called the Quad. India's Narendra Modi said the Quad was founded in Manila nearly 20 years ago.

Those four countries sit far apart around the Indian and Pacific Oceans, a region called the Indo-Pacific. Donald Trump flew in from America. Sanae Takaichi came from Japan, for her first Quad leaders' meeting. Anthony Albanese came from Australia. Trump called the four countries "the four corners" of the Indo-Pacific.

The leaders made plans to work together. In 2027, their patrol planes, which watch over the sea, will fly in a joint exercise. It will be the first one of its kind for the Quad. Trump also announced deals on critical minerals, materials needed for things like phone and car batteries. He said they would stop any one supplier from bullying others.



The map marks the Philippines, where the leaders met on Tuesday.

WHY IT MATTERS

Four countries far apart are agreeing to guard the seas and share supplies together, just before Trump travels on to China.

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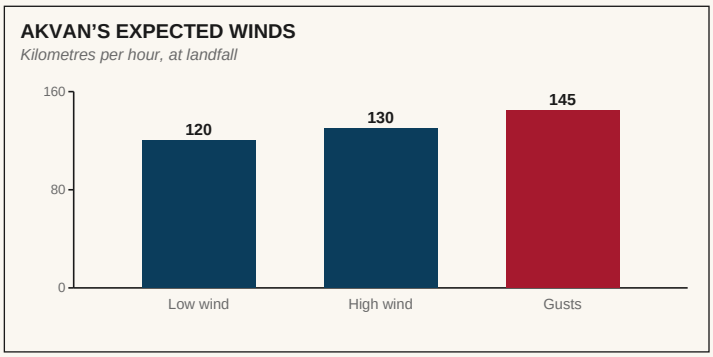
A Cyclone Spins Toward India's East Coast

Cyclone Akvan is over the Bay of Bengal and should reach land on Friday.

A cyclone is a huge, spinning storm that forms over warm sea. One called Akvan is now over the Bay of Bengal, the sea east of India.

India's weather office, the IMD, expects it to grow stronger and cross the coast of Andhra Pradesh around noon on Friday. Its steady winds could reach 120 to 130 km an hour, with gusts up to 145.

Odisha state has started moving people away from risky areas, and fishing boats must stay off the sea until Friday. The name Akvan came from Iran.



Forecasts from India's weather office, not measured winds.

WHY IT MATTERS

Warnings give families time to move to safety before the storm arrives.

ONE-LINE BRIEFS

• Space: NASA's Voyager 1 reaches one light-day from Earth today, so a radio message takes a whole day to reach it.

• Thailand: Its leader and Trump signed a trade statement in Manila.

TOMORROW'S WATCHLIST

• Thursday: Trump is due to meet China's and Russia's leaders in Shenzhen, China.

• Friday: Cyclone Akvan should reach land around noon.

Keep exploring. See you tomorrow.