

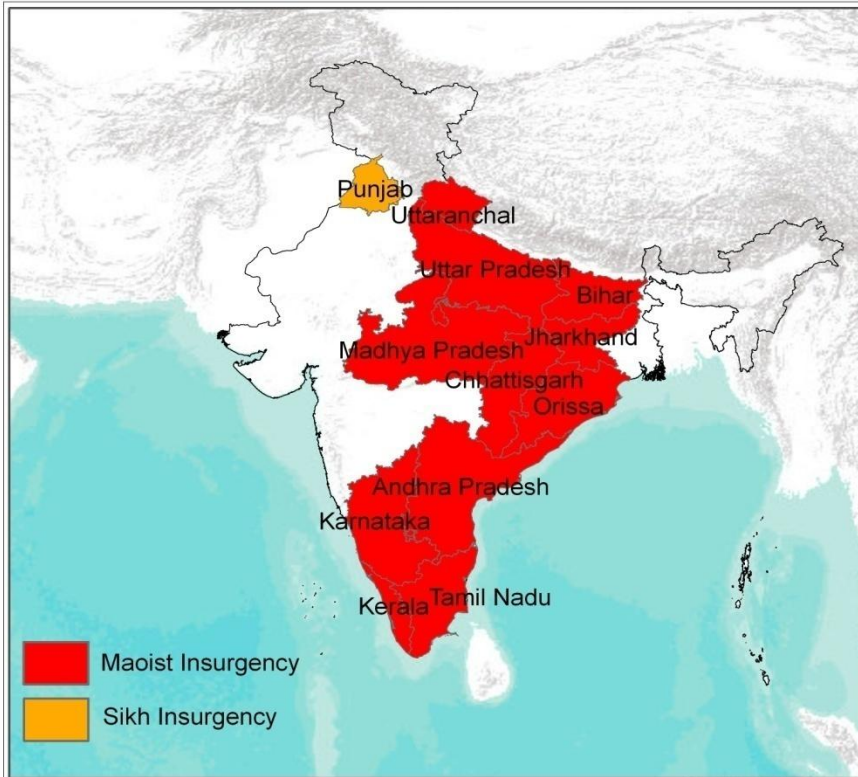
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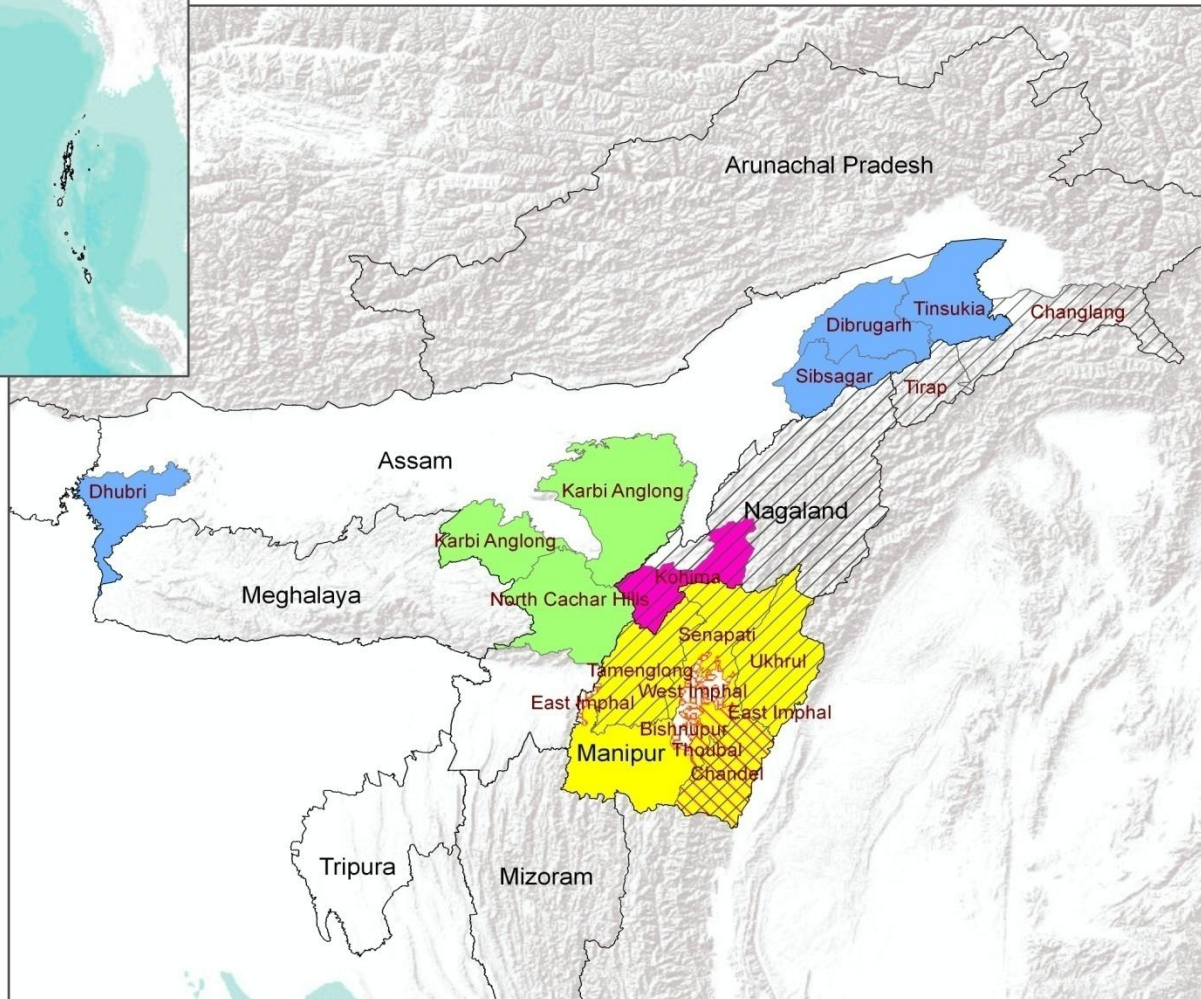
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# INSURGENCIES IN INDIA



- Maoist Insurgency
- Sikh Insurgency



- Naga National Council (NNC)
- Kanglei Yawol Kanna Lup (KYKL)
- (PREPAK)
- Peoples's Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak
- United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA)
- Dima Halam Daogah (DHD)
- (NSCN-IM)
- National Socialist Council of Nagalim-Isak-Muivah
- United National Liberation Front (UNLF)
- Revolutionary People's Front (RPF)
- People's Liberation Army (PLA)

# Major Ethnic profile of the India-China-Myanmar Trans-borders

**A** Menba(China)

**C** Adi,Nishi,Bengni,  
Hill Miri,Tagin,Apatani  
& Mising(India)/  
Lhoba(China)

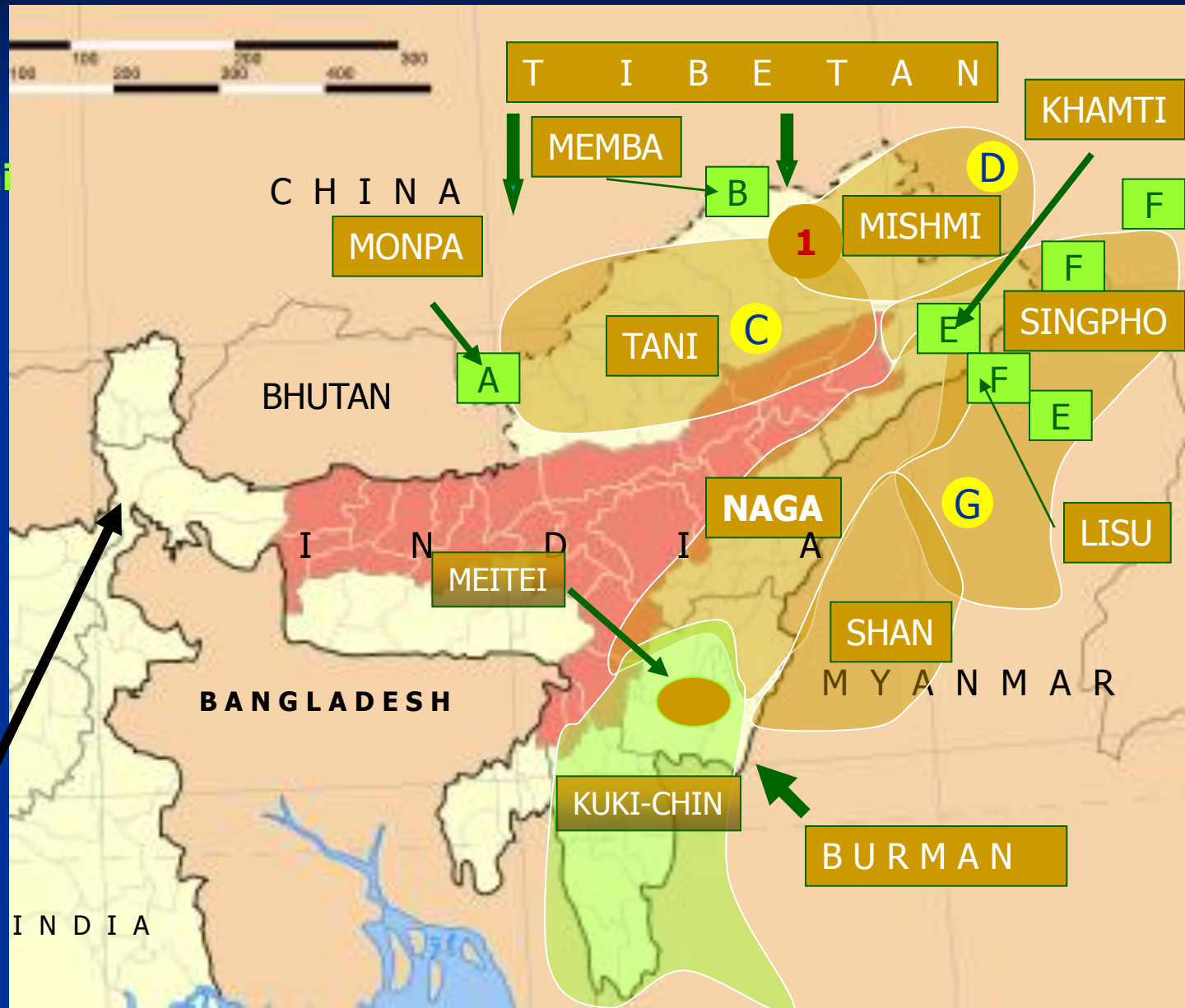
**D** Lhoba(China)

**E** Hkamti(Myanmar)

**G** Kachin(Myanmar)/  
Jingpo(China)

**1** Arunachalis

The Chicken's neck



# Significant Factors

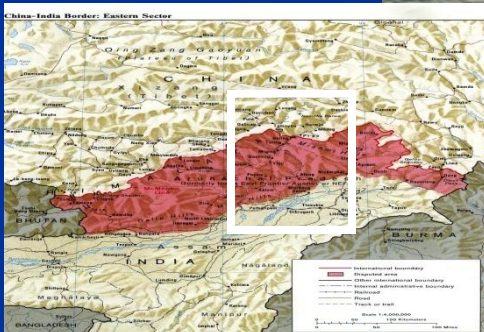
- Disputed Border and Territorial Claim.
- Tibet as the Core Issue.
- Balance of Military Forces.
- Military Exercises
- Infrastructure Development
- India US Relationship
- Local Perceptions on the disputed border
- Negotiations
- Future Scenarios



# Strategic Territory

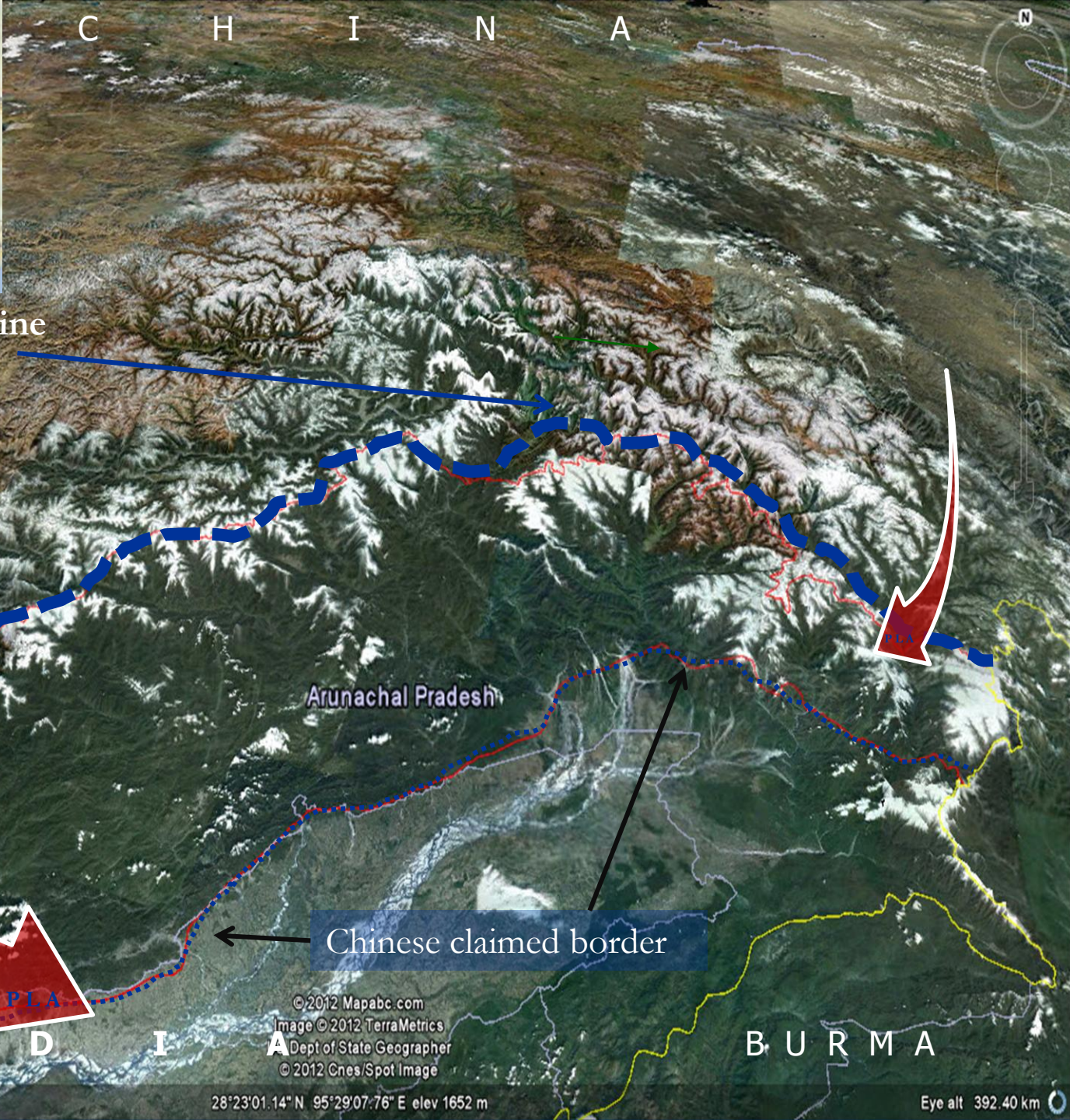
China – India  
Border: McMahon line

Brahmaputra River



Upper Brahmaputra, from a NASA shuttle, 200 km from the earth.





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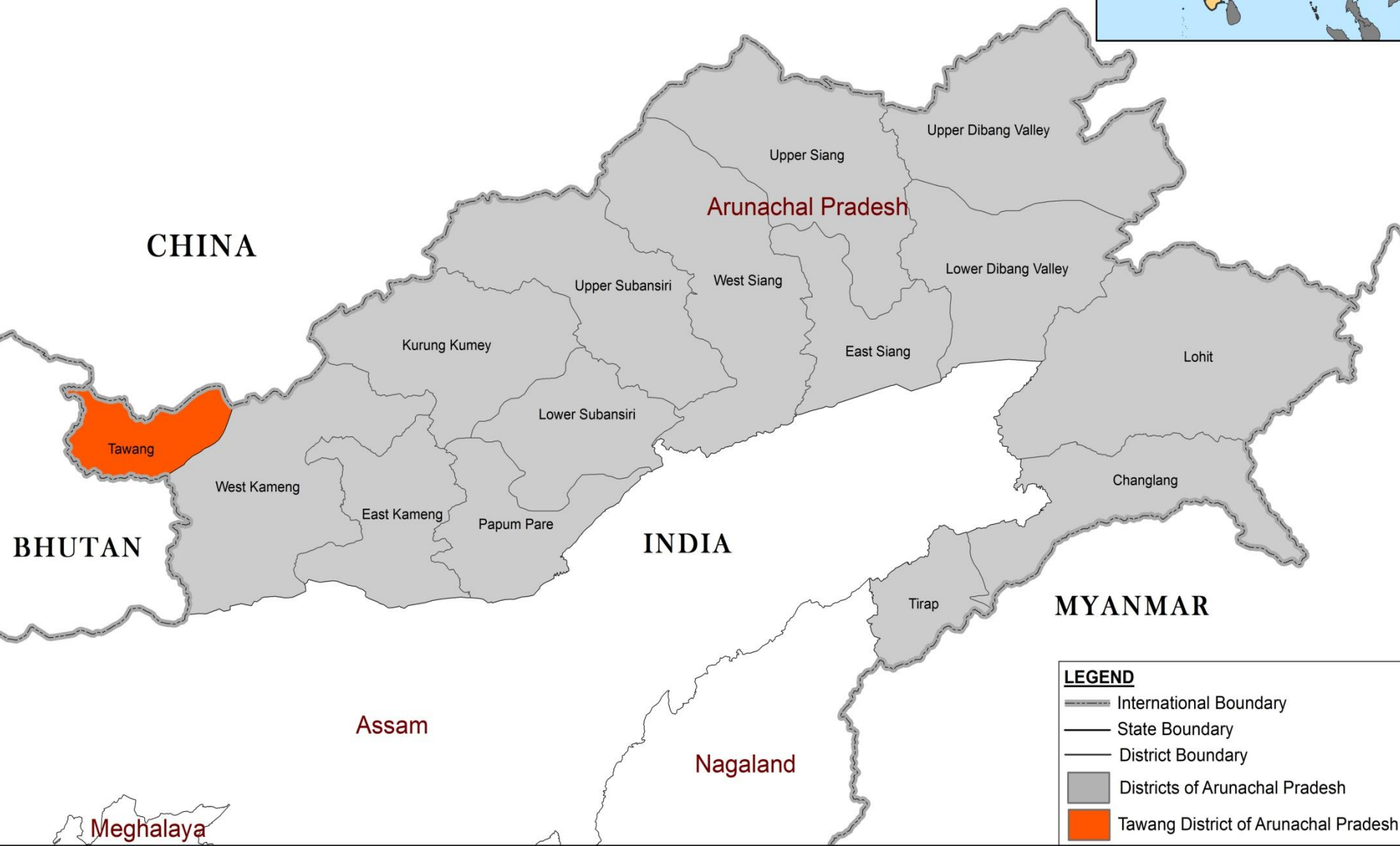
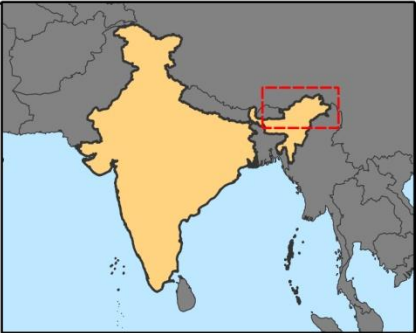


TIBET AS CORE





# Arunachal Pradesh (India)



## LEGEND

- International Boundary
- State Boundary
- District Boundary
- Districts of Arunachal Pradesh
- Tawang District of Arunachal Pradesh

Balance of Military Forces.  
Military Exercises.



# MILITARY POSTION : NORTH EAST REGION





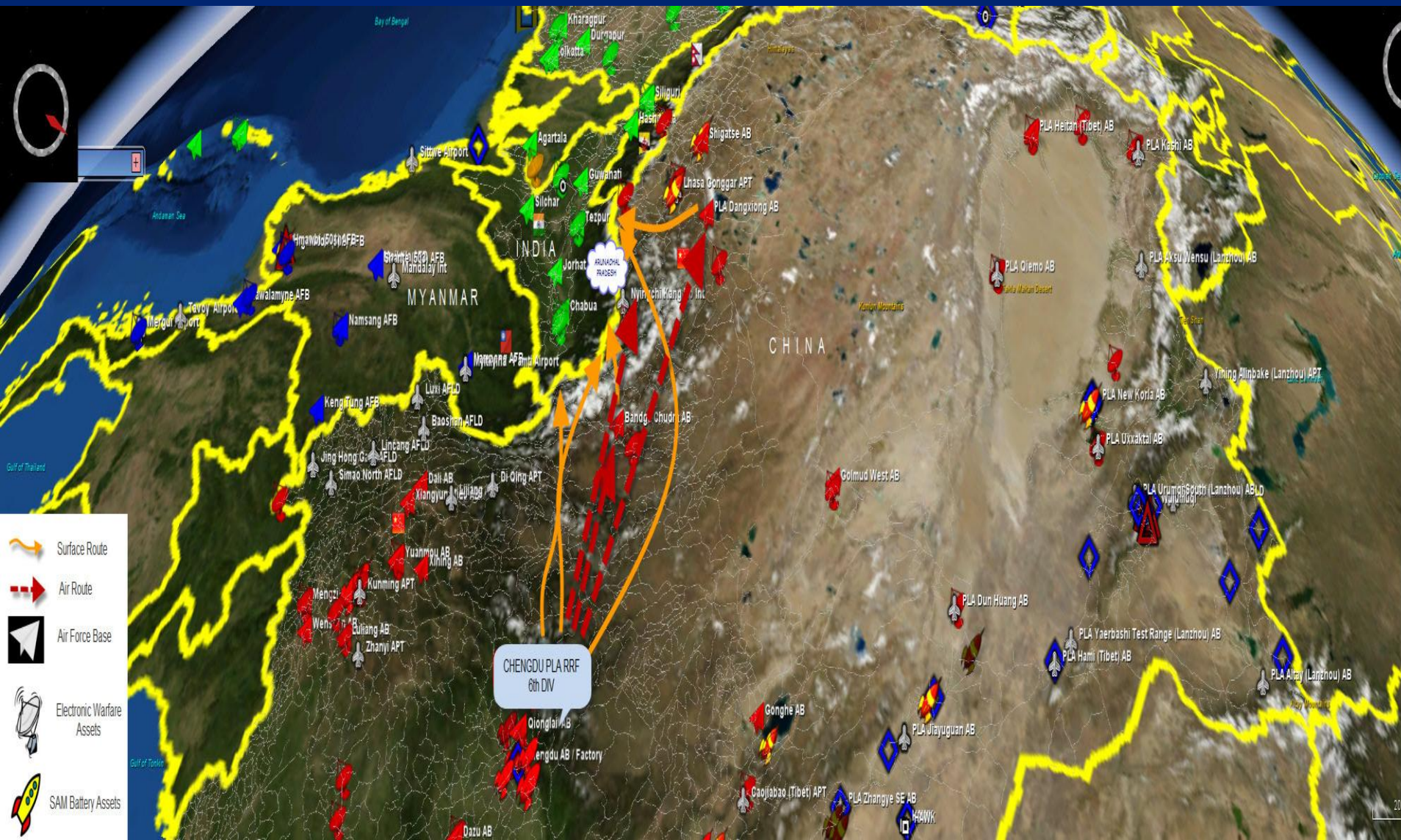
# China's Missile Deployment

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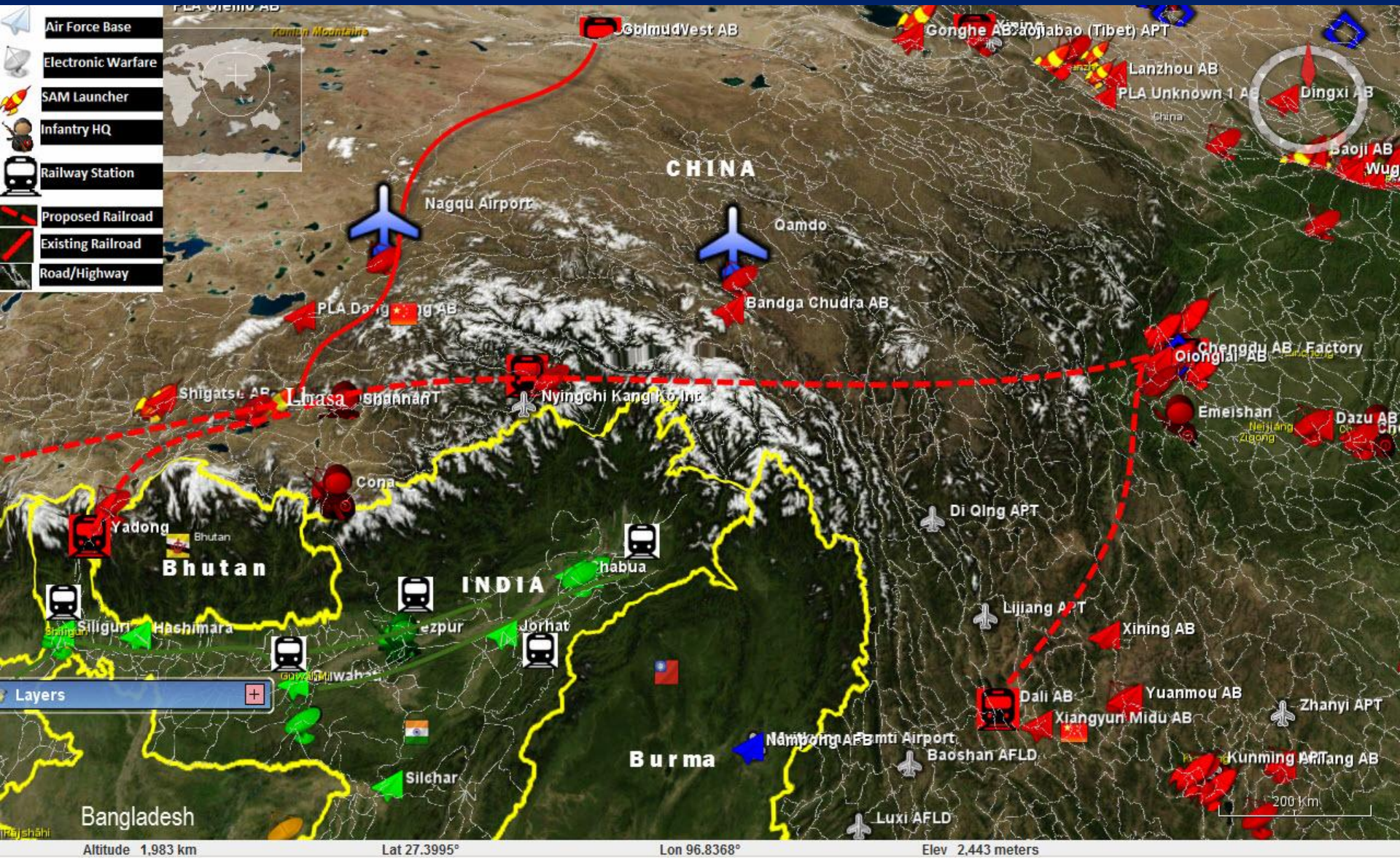


# Rapid Deployment





# Infrastructure





















# India-US Relationship



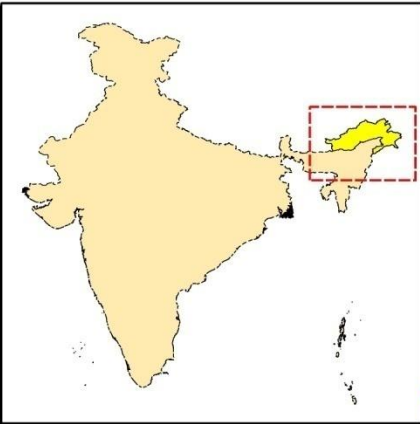


# Local Perspective on the Border





# Hydro Power Potential Sites: Arunachal Pradesh



# Complexity of the Negotiations

- 1993 Agreement: Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the India - China Border Area
- 1996 Agreement: CBMs in the Military Field
- 2003 Agreement: Declaration on Principles for Relations and Comprehensive Cooperation
- 2005 Guiding principles
- Stalled? Fixed Positions? Swap?



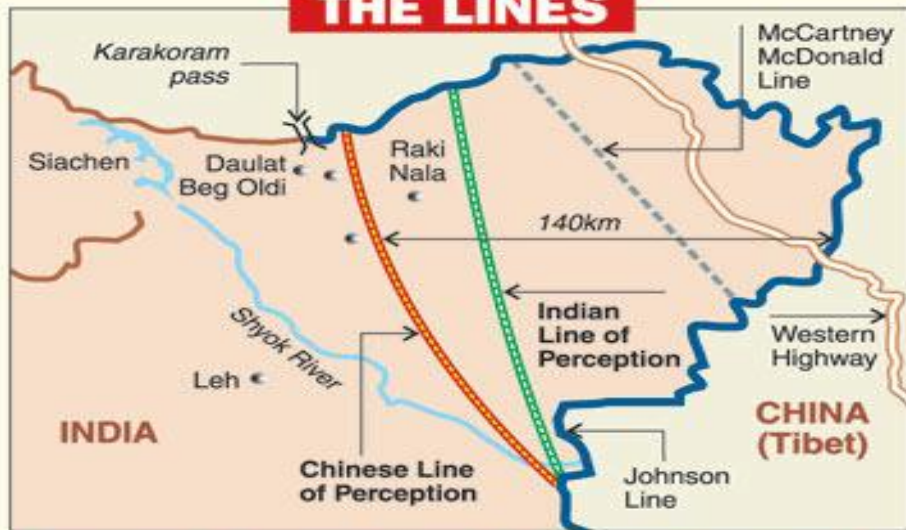
# Future Scenarios

- Deterrence Signaling
- Local Strength
- Governance and Riparian Issues
- Transparency?
- Accepting status quo?
- Military balance

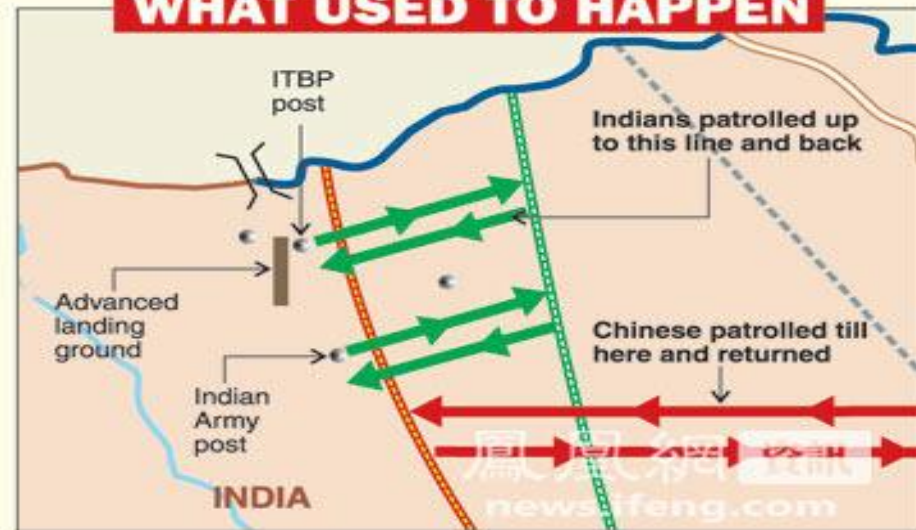


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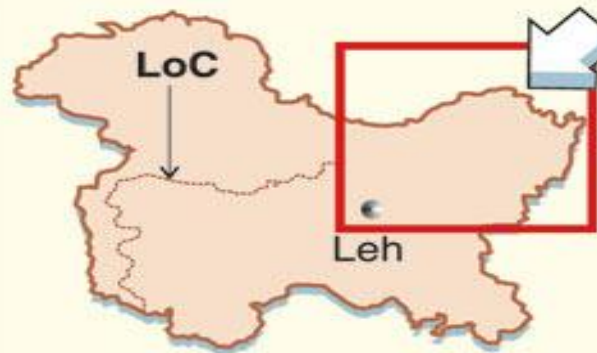
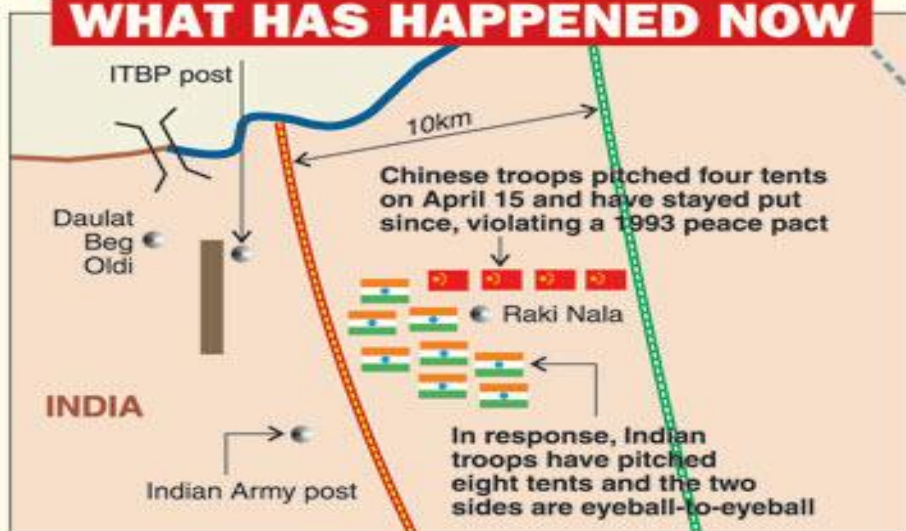
## THE LINES



## WHAT USED TO HAPPEN



## WHAT HAS HAPPENED NOW



Lines approximate  
Map not to scale

● Aksai Chin total area: 38500sqkm approx

● In Indian possession: 1500sqkm approx

● Johnson Line, drawn in 1865 by the British, is the original boundary that India claims

● McCartney McDonald Line, drawn in 1899, was at one point claimed by the Chinese as the boundary



