

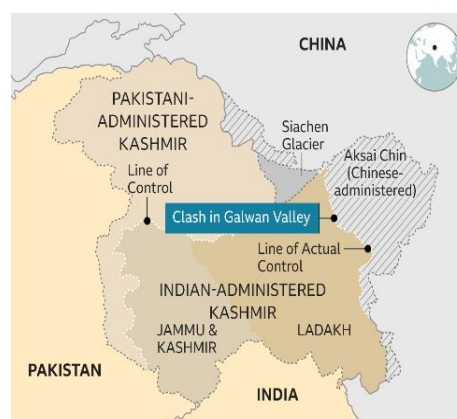
Places in News

1. Galwan river valley

There was a minor face-off between Indian and Chinese troops in the no-patrolling zone at Galwan Valley in eastern Ladakh in the first week of May 2021.

Background:

A no-patrolling zone extending to around 3 km, around 1.5 km each on either side of the clash site near the Y-junction of the Galwan Valley, was created after June 15, 2020, when 20 Indian Army personnel were killed in clashes with Chinese troops. A 30-day moratorium was also applied on foot-patrolling then. It was not known if it had been extended.



Where is Galwan Valley?

- The valley refers to the land that sits between steep mountains that buffet **the Galwan River**.
- The river has its source in Aksai Chin, on China's side of the LAC, and it flows from the east to Ladakh, where it meets the Shyok river on India's side of the LAC.
- The valley is strategically located between Ladakh in the west and Aksai Chin in the east (currently controlled by China).
- At its western end are the Shyok river and the Darbuk-Shyok-Daulet Beg Oldie (DSDBO) road.

2. Gulf Of Aden

Maiden Indian Navy - European Union Naval Force (EUNAVFOR) Exercise was held in **Gulf Of Aden**.

- **Gulf of Aden, also known as the Gulf of Berbera, is a deepwater gulf** between Yemen to the north, the Arabian Sea to the east, Djibouti to the west, and the Guardafui Channel, Socotra (Yemen), and Somalia to the south.
- In the northwest, it connects with the Red Sea through the Bab-el-Mandeb strait, and it connects with the Arabian Sea to the east. To the west, it narrows into the Gulf of Tadjoura in Djibouti.



3. Black Sea

- Black Sea is **an inland sea** located between far-southeastern Europe and the far-western edges of the continent of Asia and the country of Turkey.
- **Bordering Countries:** Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, and Turkey.
- It connects to the Mediterranean Sea first through **the Bosphorus Strait**, then through **the Sea of Marmara and the Dardanelles Strait**, then south through **the Aegean Sea and the Sea of Crete**.
- The Black Sea is also connected to the Sea of Azov by **the Strait of Kerch**.

