

AUKUS Announces Nuclear-Powered Submarine Deal Amid China's Aggressive Behaviour

The announcement was made after US President Joe Biden, UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese attended a summit meeting in San Diego on Monday.

The United States, Australia and the United Kingdom have announced a nuclear-powered submarine deal, a step aimed at countering the Chinese aggressive behaviour in the resource-rich Indo-Pacific region and ensuring that the region remains "free and open."

Under the Aukus agreement, Australia will first receive at least three nuclear-powered submarines from the US.

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"With the support and approval of the Congress, beginning in the early 2030s, the United States will sell three Virginia-class submarines to Australia with the potential to sell up to two more if needed, jumpstarting their undersea capability a decade earlier than many predicted," Biden said in the presence of Australian Prime Minister Albanese and British Prime Minister Sunak.

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