

# INDIA, CHINA MAJOR GENERALS DISCUSS DEPSANG

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The Depsang Plains along with the Pangong Tso are the two major areas of concern in the ongoing stand-off along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh.

This is the first Major General-level talks since the stoppage of all established meetings between Colonels, Brigadiers and Major Generals following the violent clash at Galwan on June 15.

Military talks since then have been limited to Corps Commander level.

As reported by *The Hindu* on June 2, there is heavy Chinese presence in the Depsang Plains, at a crucial area called the Bulge, and PLA troops have also been blocking Indian Army patrols from reaching the Patrolling Points (PP) 10 to 13. There has also been build up of tanks and armoured vehicles on the Chinese side very close to the LAC.

The Chinese ingress in this area threatens Indian positions at Burtse and Raki Nala well inside Indian territory and further DBO by bringing Chinese troops closer to the 255 km long crucial Darbuk-Skyok-DBO road.

Depsang is also close to the Karakoram Pass, overlooking the very strategic Salto Ridge and Siachen glacier.

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