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**China and India agree to peace over border – 10th June, 2020**

## Level 4

China and India resolved a tense border dispute. There were weeks of tit-for-tat attacks between the world's two most populous nations. The attacks between the nuclear powers took place along their Himalaya border. Chinese and Indian officials met in an area next to the border. They agreed to "peacefully resolve" their dispute in a "cordial" meeting. Both sides agreed to peacefully resolve the situation and follow "various bilateral agreements".

The disputed area is called the Line of Actual Control (LAC). It was created in 1993 and is one of the world's longest borders. Conflicts have taken place since a China-India war in 1962. The icy terrain along the LAC means the border keeps moving. It is difficult to know what areas belong to which country. Both sides agreed that an early resolution would contribute to the further development of their relationship.

## Level 5

China and India resolved a border dispute that was a worrying source of tension. The past few weeks saw tit-for-tat attacks between the world's two most populous nations. The flashpoints between the two nuclear powers took place in the Himalayas along the long border that divides the two countries. Chinese and Indian officials met on Saturday in an area adjacent to the border. They agreed to "peacefully resolve" their dispute in a "cordial" meeting. India said: "Both sides agreed to peacefully resolve the situation...in accordance with various bilateral agreements."

The disputed area is called the Line of Actual Control (LAC). It was established in 1993 and is one of the world's longest land borders. Small conflicts have taken place since the Sino-Indian War (also known as the Indo-China War) in 1962. The icy terrain along the LAC means the border is shifting. This has made it difficult to know what areas of the landscape belong to which country. China said the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two countries meant that, "both sides agreed that an early resolution would contribute to the further development of that relationship".

## Level 6

China and India have agreed to resolve a border dispute that was a worrying source of tension between them. The past few weeks have seen tit-for-tat attacks between the world's two most populous nations. The skirmishes between the two nuclear powers took place high up in the Himalayas. There have been various flashpoints along the long border that divides the two countries. Chinese and Indian officials met on Saturday in Ladakh, an area adjacent to the border. They agreed to "peacefully resolve" their dispute in a "cordial" meeting. India's Foreign Ministry said: "Both sides agreed to peacefully resolve the situation in the border areas in accordance with various bilateral agreements."

The area under contention is called the Line of Actual Control (LAC). This was a border established in 1993. It is one of the longest land borders in the world. Minor conflicts have taken place along it since the bloody Sino-Indian War (also known as the Indo-China War) in 1962. The glacial terrain along the LAC means the physical location of the border is shifting. This has made it difficult to pinpoint what areas of the craggy landscape belong to which country. China said: "This year marked the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, and both sides agreed that an early resolution would contribute to the further development of that relationship".