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Why Provide Nuclear Submarines to Australia, But Not South Korea or Japan?



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Australia will get nuclear-powered submarines. Some see a proliferation threat.

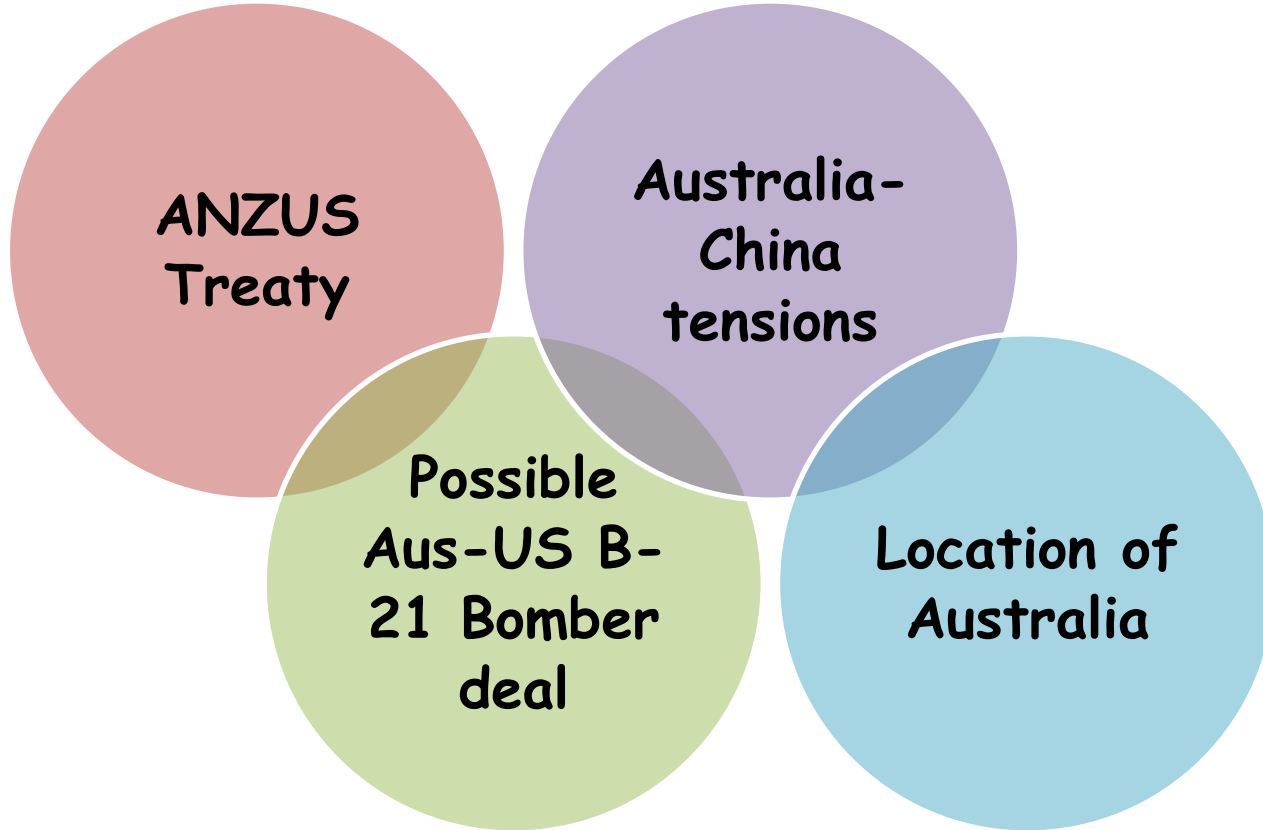
The announcement on September 15 that the United States and United Kingdom would support a Royal Australian Navy (RAN) program to acquire nuclear-powered attack submarines, the first of which will reportedly be launched by the end of 2039, represents one of the most significant developments of the year for East Asian security. Australia will become the seventh country to field such assets and the very first non-nuclear weapons state to do so, with U.S. reactors using weapons-grade uranium expected to power the new vessels.

You must be thinking...

**Why Australia
being given N-
Subs while other
partners like
Japan & South
Korea are
deprived of it?**

Note: Japan and South Korea have far larger defense budgets in comparison to Australia. They would be much better able to afford such acquisitions

Why Australia then?



B-21 Bomber

The B-21 is a stealth plane designed for silent bombing raids, making it the US Air Force's first new bomber in more than 30 years

- **Flies at minimum altitude of 60,000ft**



- **Designed to penetrate deep into enemy territory**

- **Can be piloted remotely from the US or fly itself**



B-21 BOMBER

- **Carries out nuclear and regular missile strikes**



- **First flight due in 2022**

The Location

