
US' RUBIO TO WELCOME ASIAN 'QUAD' BACK TO WASHINGTON

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US Secretary of State Marco Rubio will welcome counterparts from the Quad – Australia, India and Japan – to Washington on June 24, in an at least brief re-focus on Asia, the State Department announced.

Mr Rubio had welcomed Quad foreign ministers on Jan 21 in his first meeting after President Donald Trumps inauguration, seen as a sign that the new administration would prioritise engagement with like-minded countries to counter China.

Since then, much of Mr Rubios attention has been on the Middle East, with the United States bombing Iranian nuclear sites in support of Israel, and on Ukraine, as Mr Trump unsuccessfully seeks a ceasefire in Russias invasion.

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