
US, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, INDIA REAFFIRM 'UNWAVERING SUPPORT' FOR ASEAN 'UNITY, CENTRALITY'

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The top diplomats of the US, Japan, Australia, and India on Wednesday reaffirmed their "unwavering support" for the "unity and centrality" of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), according to an official statement.

It came during a meeting of US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and his counterparts from Australia, India, and Japan, a grouping commonly known as Quad, in Manila, the capital of the Philippines, the current chair of the 11-member bloc.

They met on the sidelines of the 59th annual summit of the top ASEAN diplomats, the statement by the US State Department said.

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