Bravado Could Escalate India-Pakistan Attacks to Nuclear Level

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National pride and honor can be tricky variables, especially when not accompanied by common sense.

The Pakistani and Indian air forces clashed this morning, with both Islamabad and New Delhi claiming victories. Is there going to be further escalation between the two nuclear-armed neighbors? Possibly. Will there be a nuclear element? That, I am sorry to have to say, also is possible. Welcome to South Asia, where the rival militaries have gamed for years a nuclear war that isn’t quite Armageddon...

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