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The meeting centred on the dynamic geopolitical landscape of the Middle East in the aftermath of the June war between Israel and Iran, highlighting shifting alliances, regional realignments, and the implications for regional and global stability. Dr Manjari emphasised the historical roots of Iran-Israel hostility, particularly the critical impact of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, which transformed Iran's posture from a covert ally of Israel to a staunch adversary. Despite recent diplomatic overtures and normalisation efforts, many Arab nations have adopted a largely passive stance in the face of escalating tensions. The role of non-state actors—particularly Hamas and Hezbollah was underscored as pivotal in shaping the region's conflict dynamics, often acting as proxies in broader geopolitical rivalries. The ongoing need for technological advancement in military strategy has become apparent, as both Israel and Iran seek superiority through precision warfare, drones, and cyber capabilities. Meanwhile, the United States continues to balance its strategy in the region, aiming to retain influence without becoming deeply entangled, wary of leaving behind power vacuums that could be exploited by rival actors.

In terms of actionable points, it was observed that a summit was held on the India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC) in Delhi on August 5th and 6th between partner nations, which holds implications for regional trade, strategic partnerships and security aspects. Additionally, the growing international recognition of the State of Palestine is emerging, wherein some significant shifts are expected by September 2025. Finally, special attention should be paid to Egypt's militarisation of the Rafa crossing following the October 2023 conflict, an act with deep ramifications for the Gaza-Egypt border and broader regional security. These developments underscore the fluid nature of Middle Eastern geopolitics and the necessity for nuanced, forward-looking analysis.