IN DEFENSE OF INVESTMENTS: US HEGEMONY IN ASIA PACIFIC

**WEST ASIA**
- **Bahrain**
  - Naval Support Activity Bahrain
  - Isa Air Base
- **Iraq**
  - Al Asad Airbase
  - There were 505 bases at the U.S. occupation’s height, but the Iraqi parliament rejected the Pentagon’s wish to keep 58 “enduring” bases after the 2011 withdrawal. U.S. forces have occupied at least five bases since 2014 and are considering more installations.
  - Al Asad Airbase was a “base” and no inter-governmental basing agreement. The base was a “centre”, rather than an airbase, at Manas International Airport in Bishkek (2001) and is the largest of the Navy’s bases.
- **Kuwait**
  - Ali Al Salem Air Base
  - Camp Arifjan
  - Camp Butterscotch
  - Kuwait Naval Base
- **Oman**
  - RAFO Masirah
  - RAFO Thumrait
- **Qatar**
  - Al Udeid Air Base

**SOUTHEAST ASIA**
- **Afghanistan**
  - Camp Dwyer
  - Forward Operating Base Delhi
  - Forward Operating Base Geromino
  - Firebase Fiddler’s Green
- **India**
  - World’s biggest arms importer
  - The US is keen on working with India to counter China’s growing assertiveness in the South China Sea
- **Indonesia**
  - Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences
- **Philippines**
  - Cesar Basa Air Base (Luzon)
  - Antonio Bautista Air Base (Palawan)
  - Facility near Clark Air Base
  - Fort Magsaysay Military Reservation
  - Lumbia Air Base
  - Macan Benito Quezon Air Base
  - No permanent US Base, but can rotate troops, and operate and build their own facilities in Philippine bases (EDCA).
  - The US can utilize the entire country as its military base.
- **Singapore**
  - West Pac Navy Base and Sembawang Airbase
- **Thailand**
  - The Pentagon rents space at the U-Tapao Naval Air Base from a contractor, allowing US and Thai officials to insist there’s no US “base” and no inter-governmental basing agreement. The base was a major logistics hub for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

**CENTRAL ASIA**
- **Kyrgyzstan**
  - "Transit Center" in the Manas International Airport in Bishkek (2001)
  - The US Air Force opened a “transit centre”, rather than an airbase, at Manas International Airport near Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, in 2001 to support its activities in Afghanistan.
  - It was handed back to the Kyrgyz military in 2014, and American troops left, after Russia, China and others spent years calling for its closure.

**SOUTH ASIA**
- **Afghanistan**
  - 64th Air Expeditionary Group (inactive since 2014)
  - Prince Sultan Air Base
- **Pakistan**
  - PAF Base Samungli

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**EXISTING DIRECT INVESTMENTS OF US TNCs IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**
- **ASEAN** $239 billion
  - **Australia** $169 billion
  - **Japan** $129 billion
  - **China** $108 billion
  - **India** $44 billion
  - **South Korea** $42 billion
  - **Taiwan** $17 billion
  - **New Zealand** $12 billion

**PACIFIC ISLANDS**
- **Australia**
  - Pine Gap
  - Marine Rotational Force – Darwin

**Guam**
- Andersen Air Base
- There are more than 5,000 troops permanently stationed on Guam, a small US island territory that North Korea has declared as its target.
- Andersen Air Base is where B-1 bombers are currently positioned. It is also home to a squadron of F-16 fighters.

**Japan**
- Still around 30 US bases in Okinawa
- The US military has a massive presence in Japan, rooted in the end of World War II, with a total of about 50,000 troops in the country.
- The largest contingent of these is made up by the Marine Corps, which has more than 20,000 Marines permanently stationed in Japan including at Futenma and Iwakuni air bases.
- The Navy has a carrier strike group permanently based at Yokosuka in Japan, led by the massive USS Ronald Reagan aircraft carrier.
- The ships are part of the 7th Fleet which is headquartered at Yokosuka and is the largest of the Navy’s forward-deployed fleets.

**South Korea**
- There are currently 28,500 US troops from the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy stationed in the South.
- The bulk of these – about 19,000 soldiers – are from the 8th Army which is garrisoned at Yongsan in Seoul, just 25 miles from the border with North Korea.