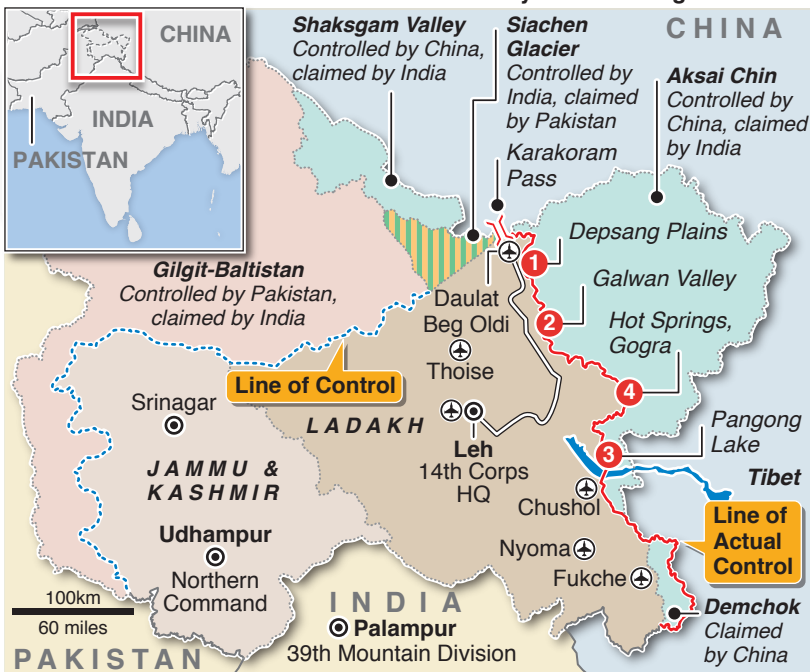


Battle lines at the top of the world

Stalemate between India and China drags on with each side currently deploying 50,000 to 60,000 troops along the fiercely contested Line of Actual Control in India's Himalayan Ladakh region



1 Early 2020: People's Liberation Army (PLA) occupies about 250sq km in **Depsang Plains**, putting strategic road to **Daulat Beg Oldi** airbase and **Karakoram Pass** in range of Chinese mortar fire

2 Jun 15, 2020: Clash between Indian Army and PLA troops in **Galwan Valley** results in deaths of 20 men from India's 16th Bihar Regiment, including its commanding officer, plus four PLA troops

3 Feb 20, 2021: PLA completes withdrawal of troops and 200-plus main battle tanks from 60sq km of south bank of **Pangong Lake** following military and diplomatic talks. Indian Army withdraws from lake's north bank

4 Jun 25: Eleventh round of military talks ends in stalemate with PLA refusal to withdraw from **Gogra** and **Hot Springs** as well as in **Demchok** and Depsang Plains