

Hotline to figure in talks with Chinese Minister

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India and China will attempt to resolve differences in the setting up of a hotline soon between the armies of the two countries, during Chinese Defence Minister Wei Fenghe's upcoming visit here, official sources said.

After the Wuhan summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping in April, both sides revived the hotline proposal – first mooted in 2013 – to avoid flare-ups on the border. But, the initiative hit a roadblock over differences on issues relating to protocol and technical aspects of the hotline.

China's Defence Minister General Wei Fenghe is to visit India later this month.



Wei Fenghe

While the Indian Army wants the hotline to be between its Director General of Military Operations and his equivalent official in the Peoples Liberation Army (PLA), Beijing proposed that the deputy commander of its Chengdu-based Western Theatre Command would engage with the Indian DGMO, the sources said.