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## **BIDEN BEGINS ASIA TOUR AIMED AT BOOSTING INDO-PACIFIC TIES**

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US President Joe Biden has arrived in South Korea on the first leg of an Asia tour aimed at reinforcing Washingtons commitment to the Indo-Pacific region and countering Chinas rise despite the global focus on Russias invasion of Ukraine.

He landed at the Osan Air Base, south of Seoul, on Friday evening.

After a three-day visit that includes a summit with his South Korean counterpart, Yoon Suk-yeol, Biden will leave for Japan on Sunday for talks with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

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