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Bahrain

Bahrain needs “drone age” rules

News of Bahrain, September 25, 2022

With the launch of the iPhone14, Bahrain entered the sci-fi world of drones in a unique way. Batelco, in collaboration with the Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) delivered the first iPhone14 in the Kingdom at a midnight launch by drone. Given the traffic on Bahrain’s streets especially on weekends, does this mean we can look forward to commercial use of drones to beat the crush of vehicles on our streets? Of course, this may quickly lead to hazardous air traffic conditions, so we have to be careful what we wish for.

<https://www.newsofbahrain.com/views/84272.html>

Bahrain to host Arab international cybersecurity summit in December

News of Bahrain, September 25, 2022

Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the kingdom will host the Arab International Cybersecurity Summit (AICS). Held at the Bahrain International Exhibition and Convention Centre on December 6-8, the event will attract a wide range of participants from various countries. On the occasion, National Security Advisor, Royal Guard Commander, His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, asserted that cybersecurity is a fundamental pillar of the kingdom's national security and economic development.

<https://www.newsofbahrain.com/bahrain/84293.html>

Bahrain, US discuss maritime cooperation

News of Bahrain, September 27, 2022

Chief of Public Security Lieutenant-General Tariq Al Hassan received U.S. Coast Guard Vice Admiral Peter W. Gautier. The Chief stressed the importance of enhancing bilateral relations and security cooperation especially in the maritime sector. The meeting discussed topics of shared interest, including joint exercises, exchange of expertise, and the latest technology in maritime security.

<https://www.newsofbahrain.com/bahrain/84349.html>

Focus on ways to advance Bahrain-Japan strategic partnership

News of Bahrain, September 27, 2022

His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida explored opportunities to advance the Bahrain-Japan strategic partnership, in view of the long-standing relations and progress made in various fields. HRH Prince Salman yesterday held a meeting with Prime Minister Kishida at Akasaka Palace in Tokyo as they discussed prospects for joint cooperation, the latest regional and international economic developments, and issues of common interest. His Royal Highness highlighted the depth of Bahrain-Japan relations, noting the Kingdom’s commitment to furthering bilateral ties, with the support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa.

<https://www.newsofbahrain.com/bahrain/84399.html>

Türkiye

Turkish contractor IC İçtaş reaches deal with Russia on Akkuyu

Daily Sabah, September 16, 2022

Turkish contractor IC İçtaş got back the Akkuyu nuclear power plant construction contract after reaching an agreement with Russia, sources said Friday. Akkuyu is the world's first nuclear power plant project implemented through a build-own-operate model. Under the long-term contract, Rosatom has agreed to provide the power plant's design, construction, maintenance, operation and decommissioning. Last month, Russian state nuclear energy company Rosatom terminated a contract with IC İçtaş, its Turkish partner, over alleged "violations" in the contract.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/energy/turkish-contractor-ic-ictas-reaches-deal-with-russia-on-akkuyu>

Russian state firm signs \$9.1bn loan deal to fund nuclear plant in Türkiye

Middle East Eye, September 16, 2022

A Russian state-owned company signed a \$9.1bn loan deal with Gazprombank in August to fund the construction and development of Turkey's Akkuyu nuclear power plant, according to the official documents. In a public announcement on Wednesday, Rosatom Corp published the deal signed on 3 August, which opens a line of credit to finance Akkuyu Nuclear JSC, its subsidiary in Turkey. The official documents suggest the money would be used for the following: \$7bn for construction and operation of a nuclear power plant at the Akkuyu site, including four power units with VVER-1200 reactors. \$1.6bn for financing the acquisition and development of a uranium deposit in

Kazakhstan. \$500m for financing expenses for the acquisition and development of lithium assets.

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/russia-a-turkey-gazprombank-akkuyu-plant-loan-fund>

Türkiye, Russia reach deal resolving nuclear plant dispute, media report

Reuters, September 17, 2022

President Tayyip Erdogan said Turkey and Russia had reached a deal resolving a dispute over a nuclear power plant being built at Akkuyu in southern Turkey, reinstating a Turkish contractor, broadcaster NTV and other media said on Saturday.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/turkey-russia-reach-deal-resolving-nuclear-plant-dispute-erdoganmedia-2022-09-17/>

Türkiye's 1st nuclear power plant to start operating next year

Mehr News Agency, September 19, 2022

Minister of Energy and Natural Resources of Turkey Fatih Donmez announced that Turkey's first nuclear power plant will start operating next year. "An agreement has been reached regarding the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant. Our ministry, as well as the president, have made great efforts to encourage the parties involved in this project to reach a consensus and overcome the problems that have arisen," Donmez told news sources on Monday. He went on to say that the work will continue at a faster pace as they have to start operating the first unit in 2023.

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/191606/Turkey-s-1st-nuclear-power-plant-to-start-operating-next-year>

Türkiye concerned about Russian referenda in Ukraine

Daily Sabah, September 21, 2022

Türkiye expressed concern about Russia's attempts to hold referenda in occupied regions in Ukraine, the Foreign Ministry said Wednesday. Referring to the referenda as "illegal fait accompli," the ministry said such attempts will not be recognized by the international community. "On the contrary, they will complicate efforts to revive the diplomatic process and will further deepen instability," the ministry said.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/diplomacy/turkiye-concerned-about-russian-referenda-in-ukraine>

US senators gave 'positive' feedback on F-16 fighters: Erdoğan

Daily Sabah, September 21, 2022

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on Tuesday said that he has received "positive" feedback from two U.S. senators he met with in New York on their potential support for the sale of F-16 fighter jets to Türkiye. Türkiye has been seeking to modernize its air fleet and sought to buy 40 F-16 jets and nearly 80 modernization kits from the U.S. President Joe Biden has said he supports the sale and that he would work to convince lawmakers to deliver the F-16 jets for Türkiye's air force. Erdoğan earlier this month said his country may turn to other countries such as Russia if the U.S. fails to follow through on its promise to deliver F-16s after a bill recently approved by American lawmakers created a new hurdle for any purchase by Türkiye.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/us-senators-gave-positive-feedback-on-f-16-fighters-erdogan>

Türkiye sells its famed battle-tested drones to UAE as ties mend

Daily Sabah, September 21, 2022

Turkish defense firm Baykar has delivered 20 of its pioneering armed drones to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this month and could sell more, two sources said Wednesday, as a diplomatic detente between the former regional rivals expands into military contracts. International demand for Baykar's drones soared after their impact in conflicts in Syria, Ukraine and Libya, where their laser-guided armor-piercing bombs helped repel an offensive by UAE-supported forces two years ago. Now the United Arab Emirates and its ally Saudi Arabia are hoping to benefit from their rapprochement with Türkiye to counter a growing security challenge from Iran and its proxy forces, military sources say.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkiye-sells-its-famed-battle-tested-drones-to-uae-as-ties-mend>

Array of new defense platforms to crown centennial of Republic of Türkiye

Daily Sabah, September 21, 2022

A range of new long-awaited platforms, which will be delivered in 2023 when Türkiye marks the 100th anniversary of the Republic, promise to display the latest breakthrough achieved by the lucrative Turkish defense industry. Aiming to provide security forces with the most advanced equipment developed with indigenous resources under the Presidency of Defense Industries (SSB), the Turkish defense industry will take critical steps in many projects in about a year. The National Combat Aircraft (MMU), the most

important technology project in the country and carried out by Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI), will leave the hangar on March 18, 2023. The TF-X MMU, a fifth-generation jet with similar features to Lockheed Martin's F-35 Lightning II, will replace the F-16 jets, which are planned to be phased out by the 2030s. It will make its maiden flight in 2025 and start its duty in 2028.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/array-of-new-defense-platforms-to-crown-centennial-of-republic-of-turkiye>

Erdoğan may speak with Biden as F-16 talks 'go on positively'

Daily Sabah, September 22, 2022

Negotiations with the United States on sales of F-16 fighter jets are "going on positively," President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said on Thursday, adding that he may later discuss this issue over the phone with U.S. President Joe Biden. The remarks come just two days after Erdoğan said that he had received "positive" feedback from two U.S. senators he met with in New York on their potential support for the sale of F-16s to Türkiye. Türkiye has been seeking to modernize its air fleet and sought to buy 40 F-16 jets and nearly 80 modernization kits from the U.S. Biden has said he supports the sale and that he would work to convince lawmakers to deliver the F-16 jets for Türkiye's air force.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/erdogan-may-speak-with-biden-as-f-16-talks-go-on-positively>

UN chief thanks Türkiye for its role in Russia-Ukraine prisoner swap

Daily Sabah, September 22, 2022

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Thursday thanked Türkiye for its role in the exchange of prisoners of war between Ukraine and Russia. "I thank the governments of Türkiye and Saudi Arabia for their role in securing this agreement," Guterres said at the U.N. Security Council meeting on Ukraine. "Yesterday's news that more than 250 prisoners of war were exchanged between Ukraine and the Russian Federation was a welcome development," he added.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/diplomacy/un-chief-thanks-turkiye-for-its-role-in-russia-ukraine-prisoner-swap>

Türkiye says Malaysia, Indonesia interested in buying its armed drones

Daily Sabah, September 26, 2022

Malaysia and Indonesia have expressed a keen interest in buying armed drones from Turkish defense firm Baykar, which has supplied the weapons to several countries after battlefield successes, Türkiye's top diplomat said on Monday. Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu also expressed hopes his country would be able to sell the unmanned combat aerial vehicles to Japan. "Many Asian countries, especially Malaysia and Indonesia, show great interest in our defense industry products. Agreements are being signed," Çavuşoğlu told a press conference in Tokyo. Türkiye sees big

potential in deepening defense ties with Japan, the minister said, on a visit there to attend the funeral of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkiye-says-malaysia-indonesia-interested-in-buying-its-armed-drones>

Türkiye armed unmanned vessel shows naval capacities in NATO drill

Daily Sabah, September 27, 2022

Turkish armed unmanned surface vehicle (AUSV) demonstrated its abilities at a recent NATO exercise in southwestern Portugal, becoming Türkiye's first such platform to join the alliance's military drill. Developed by Turkish defense pioneer Aselsan and the Sefine Shipyard in northwestern Yalova province under the coordination of the Presidency of Defense Industries (SSB), MARLIN took part in the drill with around 100 other unmanned aviation and marine vehicles. Around 20 ships were also part of the six-day exercise that began on Sunday and was named Dynamic Messenger 2022.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-armed-unmanned-vessel-shows-naval-capacities-in-nato-drill>

US cannot find another ally like Türkiye, Erdoğan says

Daily Sabah, September 28, 2022

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan criticized the U.S. for its stance regarding Türkiye-Greece tensions, saying that it has lost its impartiality and cannot find an ally like Ankara. "The U.S. does not act fairly regarding NATO member-states. Both Greece and Türkiye are NATO member states and Türkiye is in the top five in terms

of its contributions to the bloc," the president told a live interview on broadcaster CNN Türk. He continued by saying that there is no comparison between Türkiye and Greece's standing in NATO, and Washington cannot find another ally like Ankara.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/diplomacy/us-cannot-find-another-ally-like-turkiye-erdogan-says>

Military training co-op between Türkiye and Libya continues

Daily Sabah, September 29, 2022

Joint training was held in Tripoli on Thursday with the participation of the Turkish Naval Forces and the Libyan Naval Forces. In this context, the IBN OUF-132, affiliated with the Libyan Naval Forces Command, and the TCG Gaziantep, under the command of the Turkish Naval Task Group Command, participated in the joint training. Cooperation in military training continues between Türkiye and Libya. According to authorities, the wide range of training – successfully completed with semaphores, a visible means of communication between two ships – and maneuvering drills in the Mediterranean strengthened the relations between the naval forces of the two countries.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/diplomacy/military-training-co-op-between-turkiye-and-libya-continues>

Türkiye to send more troops, arms to TRNC amid tensions with Greece

Daily Sabah, September 29, 2022

Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu said Türkiye will deploy more forces to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

(TRNC) to help meet the Turkish Cypriots' needs. Speaking at a youth gathering in Pamukkale province, the foreign minister said Türkiye is determined to protect the rights and interests of Turkish Cypriots in the Eastern Mediterranean and Aegean. "We will deploy more forces to protect Turkish Cypriots and provide anything they need in terms of arms," he said.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/diplomacy/turkiye-to-send-more-troops-arms-to-trnc-amid-tensions-with-greece>

Türkiye to reinforce military presence in Northern Cyprus

i24 News, September 29, 2022

'The United States... will lead to an armament race on the island with this step'. Turkey will reinforce its military presence in Northern-Cyprus after the United States lifted defense trade restrictions on the Mediterranean island country, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday. Earlier this month, the US State Department said Secretary of State Antony Blinken lifted the defense trade restrictions for Cyprus for the fiscal year 2023.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/middle-east/levant-turkey/1664462614-turkey-to-reinforce-military-presence-in-northern-cyprus>

Türkiye drones to be put into service in Albania soon: PM Rama

Daily Sabah, September 29, 2022

Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama said Turkish-made Bayraktar drones agreed to be purchased by his country will be put into service very soon. "These satellites will be

followed very soon by (Bayraktar) drones. In line with new developments, we decided to complete them and buy armed drones," Edi Rama said at the signing of a satellite service contract between the Albanian National Civil Defense Agency and the firm Satellogic USA to monitor the country with advanced defense and security technology. "Of course, armed drones are for extreme situations against terrorism or a potential enemy. However, these drones have a number of complementary functions in harmony with satellites," he added. According to Rama, the agreement is worth \$6 million.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-drones-to-be-put-into-service-in-albania-soon-pm-rama>

Iraq

Air Force Command plans achieving 100% transfer of responsibility to Iraq

Iraqi News Agency, September 16, 2022

Air Force Command revealed Friday plans to achieve a 100% transfer of responsibility to Iraqi hands, while affirming the leadership in suppressing Daesh terrorism. The Commander of the Air Force, Lieutenant-General Shihab Jahid, told the Iraqi News Agency (INA): "The requirements that the Iraqi Air Force needs are of two types: technical and training," noting that "the requirements complete skills using weapons, reduce accidents and reflect positive results on affiliates, pilots and maintenance personnel. He added that "the Air Force has many foreign dealings, given that its weapons are diverse," noting that "each type of aircraft has contracts, maintenance with the manufacturer, and training courses so that Iraq is qualified to

work on it." He pointed out that "the Air Force is now in the modern planning period, and there is a prepared plan that started in 2020 to the end of 2025," noting that "the plan includes placing all aircraft operating in the Air Force with a transfer rate of more than 80%."

<https://ina.iq/eng/21876-air-force-command-plans-achieving-100-transfer-of-responsibility-to-iraq.html>

CTS: Cyber war is part of our duties to eliminate the remnants of ISIS

Iraqi News Agency, September 16, 2022

The Counter-Terrorism Service-CTS, today, Friday, clarified its basic tasks, and while stressing the existence of international cooperation to eliminate terrorists, he indicated that cyber war is part of its work because of its impact on security. CTS spokesperson, Sabah al-Numan, told the Iraqi News Agency (INA), that "CTS's primary mission is to combat terrorist crime and various terrorist crimes, not just field work or combat," noting that "part of CTS work is combating cyber war, which is a type of terrorist crime that, if exploited by terrorist organizations, would have a significant impact on security. " Al-Numan added, "The capabilities of the Counter-Terrorism Service and its mission, according to the CTS strategy, is to combat the causes and prevention of terrorism and combat all forms of terrorist crime, not just the field combat of ISIS and other organizations."

<https://ina.iq/eng/21880-cts-cyber-war-is-part-of-our-duties-to-eliminate-the-remnants-of-isis.html>

Iraqi security forces kill eight ISIS militants in country's north

The National News, September 17, 2022

Fighting broke out late on Sunday between Iraqi forces and ISIS in northern Iraq, killing eight militants and two security members. The Iraqi Army and the Popular Mobilisation Forces, a state-sanctioned paramilitary group mainly comprising powerful Iran-backed militias, conducted a search operation in Jazerat Al Hadar south of Mosul, the government said. "As the forces tried to break into one of the terrorists' dens, a terrorist blew up himself up," the Joint Operation Command said.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/mena/iraq/2022/09/19/iraqi-security-forces-kill-eight-isis-militants-in-countrys-north/>

Iraqi Defense Minister meets with French ambassador, military attaché

Iraqi News, September 20, 2022

The Iraqi Minister of Defense, Juma Inad, received on Tuesday the French Ambassador to Iraq and the Military attaché, according to a statement reported by the Iraqi News Agency (INA). The statement elaborated that Inad received the French Ambassador to Iraq, Eric Chevalier, and the French military attaché to Iraq in the headquarters of the Ministry of Defense in Baghdad. The meeting discussed ways to enhance joint cooperation and the bilateral relations between the two countries, according to the statement. INA reported last February that the Iraqi Ministry of

Defense intends to purchase fighter jets and defense systems from France, Russia and Pakistan.

<https://www.iraqinews.com/iraq/iraqi-defense-minister-meets-with-french-ambassador-military-attache/>

Iraqi FM discusses US-Iraqi military, security relations

Iraqi News, September 21, 2022

The Iraqi Minister of Foreign Affairs, Fuad Hussein, met on Wednesday with the Deputy Assistant to President Biden and the National Security Council Coordinator for the Middle East and North Africa, Brett McGurk, on the sidelines of the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly held in New York. A statement issued by the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs mentioned that the meeting addressed the bilateral relations between Iraq and the United States of America, particularly the military and security relations, and the mechanism for implementing the steps that were adopted during the strategic dialogue session.

<https://www.iraqinews.com/iraq/iraqi-fm-discusses-us-iraqi-military-security-relations/>

CTS: We have a large database of ISIS leaders inside and outside the country

Iraqi News Agency, September 25, 2022

The Counter-Terrorism Service-CTS announced today, Sunday, that 90% of ISIS members are now local, while noting that the organization's remnants do not now pose any field or media threat. A spokesman for the Counter-Terrorism Service, Sabah al-Numan, said in a

statement to Al-Iraqiya News, which was followed by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), that "the anti-terrorist agency continues to pressure ISIS remnants and prevent them from carrying out terrorist operations," noting that "during September we carried out 117 operations, and arrested many terrorists, and we killed others, including leaders, while destroying their dens." Numan added, "The operations carried out by the Counter-Terrorism Service thwarted many of the intentions and plans of the organization," noting that "ISIS is trying to re-establish its presence and carry out operations, most of which are for media gain." He stated that "the agency has a large database of terrorists locally and abroad," explaining that "90% of the ISIS militants now are local."

<https://ina.iq/eng/22044-counter-terrorism-we-have-a-large-database-of-isis-leaders-inside-and-outside-the-country.html>

Air force destroys a hideout of terrorist elements in Hamrin Mountains

Iraqi News Agency, September 25, 2022

The Security Media Cell(SMC) announced on Sunday, that the Iraqi Air force destroyed a hideout of terrorist elements in Hamrin Mountains. SMC said in a statement received by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), that "the Military Intelligence Directorate, in coordination with the targeting cell of the Joint Operations Command, continued to monitor the movements of ISIS gang members the terrorist, as it was able to monitor two ISIS elements inside a den near Hamrin Lake in the Narin area within the sector of the Diyala Operations Command." The statement added, "The Iraqi Air Force

planes carried out two air strikes by F_16 planes on hideout of terrorist."

<https://ina.iq/eng/22040-air-force-destroys-a-hideout-of-terrorist-elements-in-hamrin-mountains.html>

Iraq summons Iranian ambassador after drone bombing campaign

Arab News, September 29, 2022

Iraq summoned the Iranian ambassador on Thursday to deliver a diplomatic complaint following a deadly drone bombing campaign, the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said in a statement. The Iranian drones targeted an Iranian-Kurdish opposition group in northern Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least nine people and wounding 32 others. The strikes took place as demonstrations continued to engulf the Islamic Republic after the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian Kurdish woman who died while in the custody of the Iranian morality police. Iran's attacks targeted positions of the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan in the town of Koya, some 65 kilometers (35 miles) east of Irbil, the main city and capital of Iraq's northern semi-autonomous Kurdish region. The group, known by the acronym KDPI, is a leftist armed opposition force banned in Iran.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2172151/middle-east>

Iran

Pakistan to send delegation to Iran to boost ties

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 16, 2022

Pakistan will send a delegation to Iran to advance trade collaborations in various areas, including in energy sector, the office

of the prime minister of Pakistan said in a statement on Friday. Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi and Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif met on Thursday on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Sherif reiterated his invitation to President Raisi to visit Pakistan at the earliest convenience and the president renewed his invitation to the premier to visit Iran, according to the statement.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84888855/Pakistan-to-send-delegation-to-Iran-to-boost-ties>

Raisi: Guarantees needed to ensure 'lasting removal' of sanctions

Tehran Times, September 16, 2022

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has said that U.S. sanctions must be lifted to reach an agreement to revive 2015 nuclear deal, noting guarantees must be established to ensure their "lasting removal". "Removal of sanctions should be accompanied with the resolution of safeguards. There are some political and baseless accusations against Islamic Republic of Iran when it comes to safeguard issues," Raisi told Al Jazeera in the city of Samarkand, where he attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization meeting on Thursday. "So, we should finalize these safeguard issues," he said. "Regarding the guarantees, if we have the trustworthy guarantees, and we have the lasting removal of the sanctions, not temporary removal of sanctions, and if there is a lasting solution for the safeguard issues, for sure it is possible to reach agreement," the president said.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47677/7/Raisi-Guarantees-needed-to-ensure-lasting-removal-of-sanctions>

Xi calls ties with Iran strategic, backs Iran's membership in BRICS

Tehran Times, September 16, 2022

The Chinese president on Friday praised Iran's independent position toward international developments and called the relations between Beijing and Tehran "strategic". "The relations of Iran and China is strategic and will develop irrespective of any international event," Xi Jinping said in a meeting with Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi who has attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Xi also pointed to Iran's important position in the region and the larger world and said, "China supports the membership of Iran in BRICS." BRICS is the acronym coined to associate five major emerging economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Xi also invited Raisi to visit China.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/476779/Xi-calls-ties-with-Iran-strategic-backs-Iran-s-membership-in>

Raisi meets Pakistan PM, says Iran see no limit in ties with Islamabad

Tehran Times, September 16, 2022

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, who held talks on Thursday with Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, said his country sees no limit to develop relations with Islamabad. President Raisi and Prime Minister Sharif had visited Samarkand to attend the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) hosted by Uzbekistan. "Iran does not consider any limit for developing relations

with Pakistan," Raisi noted, highlighting the importance of relations between the two neighboring countries. The two sides also welcomed cooperation in the field of energy and emphasized the need to remove the obstacles in implementing the projects for the purpose.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/476780/Raisi-meets-Pakistan-PM-says-Iran-see-no-limit-in-ties-with>

SCO final statement stresses need for all sides' commitment to JCPOA

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 17, 2022

The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Conference in its final statement asked for all sides' full commitment to nuclear agreement with Iran. In the final statement of the conference held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, it is said that the JCPOA member countries must remain committed to all their obligations in the framework of the UN Security Council resolution 2231. It adds that the member countries in the SCO ask every side in the JCPOA to remain fully and effectively committed to their nuclear agreement obligations. The SCO heads of states, meanwhile, stressed the need for expanding defense and security cooperation among themselves, inclusive of holding joint war-games aimed at combatting terrorism at global level, and improvement of methods for uprooting terrorism.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84889376/SCO-final-statement-stresses-need-for-all-sides-commitment-to>

Raisi urges expansion of ties with India in meeting with PM

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 17, 2022

Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi said in a meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday that the two countries could leverage existing capabilities to expand ties. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the 22nd Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. During the meeting, Raisi said that boosting ties with India was among Iran's foreign policy priorities, describing the current relationship between the two nations as friendly. The Iranian President said that Tehran and New Delhi could elevate their relations and expand collaborations by leveraging the existing capabilities in oil, gas, and transportation, especially Chabahar-Central Asia route which connects the Indian Ocean to Central Asia, as well as cooperation in regional and international issues where they share common views.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84889435/Raisi-urges-expansion-of-ties-with-India-in-meeting-with-PM>

Iran officially joins SCO

Tehran Times, September 17, 2022

Iran's full membership in the SCO was announced by the President of Uzbekistan, which was applauded by the participants. China, Russia, India, Iran, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan attended the 22nd SCO summit. Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi

spoke at the second day of the summit on Friday, stressing that maximum interaction and relation with the countries of the region, including the SCO states. He also said effective presence in regional and international orders are the focus of Iran's foreign policy.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/476818/Iran-officially-joins-SCO>

No deal without guarantees

Tehran Times, September 19, 2022

Iranian President Ayatollah Seyed Ebrahim Raisi has made it clear that without guarantees there will be no deal. He made the remarks before heading to New York on Monday for high-level meetings during the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly. He added, "We cannot trust the Americans because of the behavior that we have already seen from them. That is why if there is no guarantee, there is no trust." President Raisi further elaborated on the issue of guarantees in a separate interview with Al Jazeera. "If it's a good deal and fair deal, we would be serious about reaching an agreement. It needs to be lasting. There needs to be guarantees. If there were a guarantee, then the Americans could not withdraw from the deal," Ayatollah Raisi said in an interview with CBS's 60 Minutes.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/476893/No-deal-without-guarantees>

Iran president rules out negotiations with U.S. ahead of trip to New York

Tehran Times, September 19, 2022

Iranian President Ayatollah Ebrahim Raisi has said that he has no plans to hold

negotiations or meetings with the American side during his trip to New York. Ayatollah Raisi spoke to reporters in Tehran before leaving for New York to participate in the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly. After a short statement about his plans in New York, the Iranian president left Tehran for New York on Monday morning. Ayatollah Raisi was officially seen off at the airport by the First Vice-President and Advisor to the Supreme Leader in International Affairs, as well as a group of cabinet members.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/476894/Iran-president-rules-out-negotiations-with-U-S-ahead-of-trip>

Iran spox doesn't rule out talks on JCPOA in New York

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 19, 2022

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman doesn't rule out the possibility of talks on the fate of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal in New York, as the Iranian president is on the way to the United Nations seat to attend the 77th General Assembly. Nasser Kanaani told reporters in his weekly press conference on Monday that there was no defined plan for any talks on removing the sanctions against Iran in President Ebrahim Raisi's visit to New York to attend the UNGA. Kanaani, however, said that international meetings are naturally a good opportunity for the officials of countries to express their political views and hold sideline talks.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84891321/Iran-spox-doesn-t-rule-out-talks-on-JCPOA-in-New-York>

AEOI chief: IAEA intends to close case of alleged locations

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 19, 2022

Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Mohammad Eslami stressed on Monday that messages delivered by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to us show that they intend to close the case of alleged locations. Referring to the messages from the IAEA, Eslami said that IAEA wants to close the case of alleged locations. He expressed hope that the IAEA would be honest in this case and would not waste its time anymore, adding that they should not think that in such cases they can exert maximum pressure. Referring to the agreement with the IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi, Eslami added that Iran will answer the questions on the condition that IAEA closes the case.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84891861/AEOI-chief-IAEA-intends-to-close-case-of-alleged-locations>

Iran president demands US 'guarantees' on nuclear deal

Iraqi News, September 19, 2022

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi demanded US "guarantees" it will not withdraw again from a nuclear deal if it is revived ahead of his debut visit to the United Nations. With Western hopes fading for restoration of the landmark 2015 agreement with world powers, the hardline cleric said in a US television interview that he would still back a "good deal and a fair deal". But he said: "It needs to be lasting. There needs to be guarantees." "We cannot trust the

Americans because of the behavior that we have already seen from them. That is why if there is no guarantee, there is no trust," he told CBS News' "60 Minutes" program.

<https://www.iraqinews.com/arab-world-news/iran-president-demands-us-guarantees-on-nuclear-deal/>

Iran president repeats call for nuclear deal guarantees ahead of UN visit

Arab News, September 19, 2022

Tehran would be serious about reviving a deal on its nuclear program if there were guarantees the United States would not again withdraw from it, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said in an interview broadcast on Sunday. Last month, Iran's foreign minister said Tehran needed stronger guarantees from Washington for the revival of the 2015 deal and urged the UN atomic watchdog to drop its "politically motivated probes" of Tehran's nuclear work. Speaking to the CBS show 60 Minutes in a interview conducted last Tuesday, Raisi said, "If it's a good deal and fair deal, we would be serious about reaching an agreement." In his remarks ahead of a visit to the United Nations General Assembly in New York this week, Raisi added, "It needs to be lasting. There need to be guarantees. If there were a guarantee, then the Americans could not withdraw from the deal." He said the Americans had broken their promises on the deal, under which Tehran had restrained its nuclear program in exchange for relief from US, European Union and UN economic sanctions.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2165166/middle-east>

Nuclear chief: IAEA intending to close anti-Iran cases

Fars News, September 20, 2022

Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Mohammad Eslami said the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has voiced readiness to drop cases against Tehran, and underlined that the maximum pressure campaign against his nation is destined to failure. "Messages delivered by the United Nations nuclear agency to us show that they intend to close the case of alleged locations," Eslami stated on Monday. He expressed hope that the IAEA would be "honest" in this case and would not "waste its time" anymore, adding that they should not think that in such cases they can exert "maximum pressure".

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010629000169/Nclear-Chief-IAEA-Intending-Close-Ani-Iran-Cases>

Iran's nuclear chief, IAEA's Grossi discuss continuation of cooperation in Vienna

Fars News, September 20, 2022

Vice-President and Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Mohammad Eslami and Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael Grossi in a meeting in Vienna on Tuesday discussed the continuation of mutual cooperation. Eslami is in Vienna to participate in 66th IAEA General Conference. During the meeting in the Austrian capital today, Eslami and Grossi reviewed ways for continuing their cooperation in the field of atomic energy and also the technical issues. In a relevant development on Monday while addressing

the 66th Annual Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference in Vienna, Eslami made called on the IAEA to stop putting forward unfounded claims against Iran's nuclear program. "The IAEA should refuse to rely on baseless information, which has been proposed by untrustworthy sources," he said, urging the United Nations (UN) nuclear watchdog to pursue reliable and powerful verification.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010705000225/Iran's-Nclear-Chief-IAEA's-Grssi-Discss-Cninain-f-Cperain-in-Vienna>

Iran's power is growing every day: army commander

Tehran Times, September 20, 2022

"According to the constitution, the Iranian Army has the mission of protecting the independence and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and you, the future officers and commanders, are such an army and are ready to carry out this very important and vital mission in the best way possible," Major General Mousavi stated. "Today, the Iranian army is moving stronger and becoming more powerful over the world, and has not permitted the adversary to take even the slightest step against the country's freedom," he added.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/476943/Iran-s-power-is-growing-every-day-army-commander>

Commander: US sanctions helping Iran's military self-sufficiency

Fars News, September 20, 2022

Commander of the Iranian Army Air Force Brigadier General Hamid Vahedi stated on Tuesday that the air force has reached self-sufficiency in terms of manufacturing its equipment and weapons by the use of

capabilities of domestic experts. "Sanctions, as a blessing, created a situation for progress and self-sufficiency of the Army Air Force to become an equipment-oriented force," Brigadier General Vahedi continued, noting that the air force personnel are completely prepared to safeguard territorial integrity of the Islamic country. "The doctrine of the Islamic Republic of Iran is totally defensive and the neighboring states should be sure that the Iranian military capabilities are a good backbone for preserving regional security in order to be independent from foreign presence," he argued.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010629000647/Cmmander-US-Sancins-Helping-Iran%E2%80%99s-Miliary-Self-Sfficiency>

Iran FM holds separate meetings with Qatari, South Korean, Lebanese counterparts

Tehran Times, September 20, 2022

Prior to the 77th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, the foreign ministers of Iran and Qatar discussed the most recent developments during negotiations in Vienna on the resurrection of the 2015 nuclear agreement and looked into possibilities for furthering the development of relations between the two Muslim nations. In a tweet, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani, the Foreign Minister of Qatar, expressed pleasure at speaking with his Iranian counterpart Amir Abdollahian on the future of the nuclear agreement, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/476938/Iran-FM-holds-separate-meetings-with-Qatari-South-Korean-Lebanese>

Iran showcases ballistic missiles, radar and missile systems during military parades

Fars News, September 22, 2022

On Thursday, the Iranian Armed Forces held military parades across the country and in the Persian Gulf waters to mark the Sacred Defense Week. Forces from the Iranian Army, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), Police, Border Guards, and Basij are participating in the parades. During the parade in Tehran, the Iranian Armed Forces unveiled a surface-to-surface ballistic missile, Rezvan, for the first time. Rezvan is a liquid-fuel single-stage missile with a detachable warhead that has a range of up to 1,400 kilometers. It can be launched from a variety of fixed and mobile platforms. IRGC Commander Major General Hossein Salami introduced the Rezvan Missile as the one capable of entering the atmosphere with a speed that is eight times higher than the speed of sound.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010631000129/Iran-Shwcases-Ballisic-Missiles-Radar-and-Missile-Sysems-Dring>

Iran's leader decries West's 'double standard' towards country's nuclear program

Saudi Gazette, September 22, 2022

Taking the rostrum at the annual United Nations General Assembly, Iran's president decried as a great injustice the "double standard" exhibited by Western nations towards what he described as his country's peaceful nuclear activities. "I explicitly declare that the Islamic Republic of Iran is not seeking to develop nuclear weapons and such weapons have no place in our defense

doctrine," Seyyed Ebrahim Raisi told Member States gathered for the high-level general debate. This is despite the fact that other governments have continued to produce and use nuclear weapons and "gift" them to others, he continued, lamenting the West's "double standard position" towards his country's nuclear activities as a "manifestation of injustice." "Countries that have to be disarmed are rewarded, and countries that have adhered to their commitments are even deprived of the rights contained in the NPT," said Raisi, referring to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, which seeks to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons and weapons technology, to promote cooperation in the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and to further the goal of achieving nuclear disarmament and general and complete disarmament.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/625296/World/America/Irans-leader-decries-Wests-double-standard-towards-countrys-nuclear-program>

IRGC air force unveils new missiles on Sacred Defense Week

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 22, 2022

Aerospace Force of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) unveiled for the first time on Thursday a sample of its missiles dubbed "Sevvom-e Khordad"- in Persian means the third day of the third month of the Iranian calendar year- with air defense system and 200-km range. The unveiling ceremony was held on the first day of Sacred Defense Week started today (September 22.) Sacred Defense Week starts in Iran on September 22. The Week is

annually celebrated nationwide to mark martyrs and war veterans of the Iraqi imposed war on Iran in 1980-88. Sevvom-e Khordad air defense system is capable of countering different types of air targets including helicopter, fighter, drone and cruise missile.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84895382/IRGC-air-force-unveils-new-missiles-on-Sacred-Defense-Week>

US imposes sanctions on Iran's security forces

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 22, 2022

As part of the United States sanctions campaign against the Islamic Republic of Iran, the US Treasury Department has imposed new sanctions on six Iranian figures, including Iran's security officials. The US Treasury Department claimed on Thursday that the six figures are being sanctioned because of what it said was violence against women and peaceful protestors. The department issued sanctions on top directors of the Ministry of Information, the Basij Force, Islamic Republic of Iran Army Ground Forces and the Law Enforcement Command of Islamic Republic of Iran. Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi ordered Minister of Interior Ahmad Vahidi to investigate the reason and details of the death of an Iranian Kurdish woman named Mahsa Amini.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84895736/US-imposes-sanctions-on-Iran-s-security-forces>

Iran ready for fair nuclear deal if US guarantees it will abide by commitments: official

Tehran Times, September 23, 2022

The chief of the political office of the Iranian presidency has said Iran is ready for a just agreement to revive the 2015 nuclear deal if the United States gives guarantees that it will not renege on the deal again and gives guarantees that it will commit itself to its obligations. "If the other side gives guarantee that it will not repeat its past behaviors and remain committed to its obligations, Iran is ready for access to a fair deal," Mohammad Jamshidi remarked. He also said in his speech to the UN General Assembly on Wednesday, President Ebrahim Raisi expressed Iran's logical behavior and approach in the nuclear negotiations. "The president clearly said that our main issue in the negotiations is that if the other side shows seriousness in honoring its commitments, the way is open for achieving a fair agreement," Jamshidi explained.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/476985/Iran-ready-for-fair-nuclear-deal-if-US-guarantees-it-will-abide>

Iran will always be in danger if Safeguards probes are not closed, Raisi says

Tehran Times, September 23, 2022

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi on Thursday stuck to his position regarding nuclear talks with world powers, saying he saw no point in a deal that did not close

investigations by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on claims of undeclared nuclear sites. "How can we have a lasting agreement if these probes are not closed?" he told a news conference on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, Reuters reported. "To reach a real and assuring deal the safeguards probes in the IAEA should be closed otherwise Iran will always be on brink of danger," Raisi added. "The deal should have economic benefits for the Islamic Republic of Iran. Those who want to work with us ask who can we work with you when there is not deal?" the president asked.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47698/6/Iran-will-always-be-in-danger-if-Safeguards-probes-are-not-closed>

Iran discloses surface-to-surface ballistic missile with 1400-km range

Tehran Times, September 23, 2022

The one-stage ballistic missile, named Rezvan, is powered by solid fuel and equipped with a detachable warhead. It was disclosed by the IRGC Aerospace Force while an annual military parade was held near the shrine of Imam Khomeini in southern Tehran to mark Saddam Hussein's military invasion of Iran on September 22, 1980.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47698/4/Iran-discloses-surface-to-surface-ballistic-missile-with-1400-km>

It's Israel's habit to spread hatred: Iran

Tehran Times, September 24, 2022

The remarks by Kanaani came after Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid made military threats against Iran while speaking at the

annual United Nations General Assembly in New York on Thursday. However, Kanaani said the Islamic Republic has "proven that it won't hesitate to give a dreadful response to any aggression." The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman added Lapid as the prime minister of the world's "number one" terrorist regime is "mimicking his failed predecessor" Naftali Bennett and abuses the UN podium "to spread hatred and threaten Iranian nation."

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47702/9/It-s-Israel-s-habit-to-spread-hatred-Iran>

Iran's lead nuclear negotiator to meet UN watchdog chief amid dispute over probe

The Time of Israel, September 24, 2022

The head of Iran's atomic energy agency said Saturday he will meet next week with the chief of the UN's nuclear watchdog, as attempts to revive the country's nuclear deal stall. "I will go to Austria to take part in the annual general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, where I will meet with Director General Rafael Grossi," Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Mohammad Eslami told state television.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/irans-lead-nuclear-negotiator-to-meet-un-watchdog-chief-amid-dispute-over-probe/>

FM reiterates Iran determination to reach durable deal over JCPOA

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 24, 2022

Amirabdollahian and Wopke Hoekstra held talks in New York on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly summit. The top

Iranian diplomat named the initiatives his country has presented during talks aimed at reviving the JCPOA and said that Tehran is determined to reach a deal which also aims to remove sanctions against the country. The Dutch diplomat, on his part, expressed hope that a revival deal is reached as soon as possible so that restrictions hindering the progress of the Iranian-Dutch ties can be removed.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84897170/FM-reiterates-Iran-determination-to-reach-durable-deal-over-JCPOA>

Iran regrets Ukraine's downgrading of ties over drones

Arab News, September 24, 2022

Iran regrets Ukraine's decision to downgrade ties over the reported supply of Iranian drones to Russia, the Iranian foreign ministry spokesperson said on Saturday. Nasser Kanaani said Ukraine should "refrain from being influenced by third parties who seek to destroy relations between the two countries," a ministry statement said. Ukraine said on Friday that it would downgrade diplomatic ties with Iran over Tehran's decision to supply Russian forces with drones, a move President Volodymyr Zelensky called "a collaboration with evil."

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2168631/middle-east>

Will Iran's influence in the Middle East weaken?

Daily Sabah, September 24, 2022

Iran is stuck between the demands of its people and its claims to become a regional power. Iran was the country in which the

United States had the most persuasive influence in the Middle East during the Shah Pahlavi era. The Iranian state, which gained its independence in the 1950s, could not shed the influence of the U.S. and the United Kingdom. For instance, the nationalization efforts of Iranian oil, initiated by then-Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh, were terminated with a coup d'état in 1953, orchestrated by British MI6 agents and the U.S. CIA. Since the Iranian Revolution took place during a period when the strength of the U.S. and the West was at its peak in the world, it was witnessed attentively by all nations as a historical turning point.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/opinion/columns/will-irans-influence-in-the-middle-east-weaken>

IRGC strikes terrorist bases in northern Iraq

Tehran Times, September 24, 2022

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) on Saturday pounded terrorist bases in northern Iraq with artillery fire. The attack was conducted by ground forces of the IRGC. Units belonging to the Hamzeh Seyed al-Shohada base launched the operation to "destroy the positions of anti-Iran terrorist groups affiliated with global arrogance in northern Iraq who have in recent days trespassed on Iran's northwestern borders and attacked some border bases of our country," the IRGC said in a statement. It added that the IRGC security forces gave a decisive response to the terrorists' attacks after officials in northern Iraq refrained from taking an appropriate measure and paying due attention to numerous warnings given to

them against the deployment and activity of anti-revolution mercenaries and terrorists against Iran, Press TV reported.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47703/0/IRGC-strikes-terrorist-bases-in-northern-Iraq>

Iran FM says U.S. has sent messages in recent days to save nuclear deal

Tehran Times, September 25, 2022

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian who is in New York for the annual UN conference announced on Saturday that he has received messages in recent days from American sides in which they have said Washington is determined and has the “goodwill” to reach an agreement to revive the 2015 nuclear deal, officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Amir Abdollahian said he has instead sent messages to the Americans that it is necessary that they show “determination and goodwill” for achieving an agreement. “Even in the recent days the American side declared to us that they have the necessary will and goodwill for reaching an agreement, and we told them to show their determination and goodwill in a realistic way and prove that we can reach the point of an agreement,” Amir Abdollahian told IRNA and IRIB correspondents in New York.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47704/0/Iran-FM-says-U-S-has-sent-messages-in-recent-days-to-save-nuclear>

Ukraine says Iranian drones renew attacks on Odesa port

i24 News, September 25, 2022

Ukraine said Sunday that the southern port city of Odesa was attacked by Iranian-made

suicide drones overnight, two days after a Russian attack with such a weapon killed two civilians. "Odesa was attacked again by enemy kamikaze drones," said the Ukrainian army's Operational Command South. "The enemy hit the administrative building in the city center three times," it said in a Facebook message. "One drone was shot down by (Ukrainian) air defense forces. No casualties (were) recorded," it said.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/middle-east/iran-eastern-states/1664106082-ukraine-says-iranian-drones-renew-attacks-on-odesa-port>

Iran calls for nuclear disarmament of Zionist regime

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 26, 2022

Najafi was speaking at a ceremony held to mark the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. He called nukes a real threat to humanity, saying that their elimination is a global priority and commitment. But, he added, the United States at a global level and the Zionist regime at the regional level are blocking efforts to achieve the goal of nuclear disarmament. The Iranian official said that the danger of using nuclear weapons has increased today. Yet, he added, nuclear states have entered a race to use such weapons by saying that they seek nuclear deterrence, and they even transfer nukes to their allies in violation of their commitments.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84898472/Iran-calls-for-nuclear-disarmament-of-Zionist-regime>

Iran indicts 14 in top nuclear scientist's assassination

i24 News, September 26, 2022

Iran charged 14 people in connection with the killing of top nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, who died in an attack Tehran has attributed to Israel, according to the Islamic Republic News Agency on Monday. According to Monday's state news agency report, those indicted were charged with crimes that include "corruption on earth, contribution to intelligence and espionage for the Zionist regime, collusion aimed at disrupting Iran's security and endangering the Islamic country's security."

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/middle-east/iran-eastern-states/1664193645-iran-indicts-14-in-top-nuclear-scientist-s-assassination>

Nukes pose serious threat to humanity: Iran

Tehran Times, September 27, 2022

"I would like to reaffirm the global responsibility towards nuclear disarmament as a priority while paying homage to the victims of nuclear weapons at the hands of the U.S. twice in 1945," Reza Najafi, Iran's deputy foreign minister for legal and international affairs, said at the High-Level Plenary Meeting of the UN General Assembly to Promote the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear-Weapons.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/477094/Nukes-pose-serious-threat-to-humanity-Iran>

Iran, UN nuclear watchdog restart dialogue

Tehran Times, September 27, 2022

Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Mohammad Eslami arrived in Vienna on Sunday to participate in the International Atomic Energy Agency General Conference of 2022. Eslami met with IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi on the next day to discuss the state of play between Iran and the Agency. After the meeting, Grossi announced the resumption of dialogue with Iran on a set of issues that have stymied the conclusion of the Vienna talks over reviving the 2015 Iran nuclear deal, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). "Dialogue has restarted with #Iran on clarification of outstanding safeguards issues," the IAEA chief said on Twitter.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/477095/Iran-UN-nuclear-watchdog-restart-dialogue>

Iran says willing to cooperate with IAEA to address unresolved concerns

Tehran Times, September 27, 2022

The comments were made by Hossein Amir Abdollahian in a special interview with the al-Monitor news website, which was released on Monday. Rafael Grossi, the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), has urged Iran to provide an explanation for what he believes are "traces of uranium" discovered at locations "that were never reported as nuclear-related sites" by the Islamic Republic. The Islamic Republic dismisses

the reported worries, pointing out that its nuclear energy program has undergone the broadest inspections regime in the Agency's history.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47709/9/Iran-says-willing-to-cooperate-with-IAEA-to-address-unresolved>

IAEA head meets with Iranian atomic chief amid dispute on undeclared nuclear sites

The Time of Israel, September 27, 2022

The chief of the UN's nuclear watchdog said Monday he had met with the head of Iran's atomic energy agency, as attempts to revive the country's nuclear deal stall. Efforts to salvage a tattered 2015 agreement — which offered an easing of international sanctions in exchange for a drastic limitation of Iran's nuclear activities — have flailed since then-US president Donald Trump had America withdraw from it in 2018.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/iaea-head-meets-with-iranian-atomic-chief-amid-dispute-on-undeclared-nuclear-sites/>

Iran's nuclear chief resumes dialogue with IAEA

Tehran Times, September 27, 2022

Mohammad Eslami, director of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) who was in Vienna to attend the International Atomic Energy Agency's General Conference met with IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi late on Monday. No details of the meeting have been published so far. Nevertheless, after meeting Eslami, Grossi tweeted, "Dialogue has restarted

with #Iran on clarification of outstanding safeguards issues. I received Mohammad Eslami, Vice-President and Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, during @IAEAorg's #IAEAGC." The IAEA director general has repeatedly recounted the allegations about what he has called nuclear activities in undeclared sites in Iran. The claim was first made by former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and was subsequently fueled by Western media as well as the E3 (France, UK, and Germany) negotiators. In this regard, Eslami rejected all the accusations against Iran.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47709/7/Iran-s-nuclear-chief-resumes-dialogue-with-IAEA>

Iran unveils upgraded training drone

Tehran Times, September 28, 2022

The Iranian Army's Aerial Division on Wednesday unveiled an upgraded version of the Shahab training drone. The drone has the ability to identify targets, possesses a flight height of 11,000 feet and its flight duration is eight hours, the officials declared. The flight radius of the UAV which is meticulously designed for training activities is 10 km, although it has the ability to increase the flight radius for the reconnaissance mission at a range of 200 km. The Shahab training drone is an upgraded version of Safir, according to media reports. This UAV is built according to training activities and therefore possesses special aerodynamic capabilities, as well as a strong structure.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47713/6/Iran-unveils-upgraded-training-drone>

KRG ignores Iran's warnings, IRGC resumes operation in northern Iraq

Tehran Times, September 28, 2022

After sending repeated warnings to the Iraqi Kurdistan Region's authorities, and only after they ignored these warnings, the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps resumed operations against terrorist bases in northern Iraq. The first phase of this operation began on Saturday by the IRGC ground forces. Units belonging to the Hamzeh Seyed al-Shohada base launched the operation to "destroy the positions of anti-Iranian terrorist groups affiliated with global arrogance in northern Iraq who have in recent days trespassed on Iran's northwestern borders and attacked some border bases of our country," the IRGC said in a statement. Iran has repeatedly warned the Iraqi Kurdistan Region's officials that it will not tolerate the presence of terrorist groups in northern Iraq.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/477135/KRG-ignores-Iran-s-warnings-IRGC-resumes-operation-in-northern>

For Iran, the IRGC's regional role is as important as the nuclear deal

Arab News, September 28, 2022

As the latest round of talks in Vienna is declared to have failed, what seems a side issue in the negotiations over the Iran nuclear deal may in fact be as important as the agreement itself. The role of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in exporting the revolution was always at the table, either directly or indirectly, and is fundamental to Iranian policy in the region. The regional role of the IRGC is included in the preamble of Iran's constitution of 1979, in which it is given the responsibility

for "fulfilling the ideological mission of jihad in God's way; that is, extending the sovereignty of God's law throughout the world." This translates into militias wreaking havoc in the region and crushing revolts at home. From an Iranian perspective, the US has been defeated three times over the past 40 years — twice by military action and the third time by the negotiations over the 2015 nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2171481>

Iran's air force showcases shahab training drone

Fars News, September 28, 2022

The 'Shahab' training drone is used for surveillance purposes, and it was unveiled at the Eqtedar (Strength) Exhibition where all types of manned and unmanned aircraft of Iran Air Force are displayed. Shahab surveillance drone can fly at the height of 11,000 feet for 8 hours and its flight radius is 10 km which can be increased to 200 km for reconnaissance missions. The unmanned aerial vehicle also has an inverted V-shaped tail in order to maintain its balance during takeoff, flight and landing. Shahab drone is an upgraded and advanced version of its predecessor Safir (Envoy) and is significantly lighter.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010706000699/Iran's-Air-Frce-Shwcases-Shahab-Training-Drne>

Border guards destroy terrorist team in northwest Iran

Tehran Times, September 28, 2022

General Ahmad Ali Goodarzi broke the news while visiting the border units of the

Khodaafrin border regiment on Wednesday. "All borders of the country are under the intelligence and operational monitoring of the border guards," Goodarzi said. He then noted that with the specialized training and use of modern equipment, there is now complete security at national borders, especially in the north and northwest of the country. The border guard commander stated that Iran will confront any illegal traffic and armed action on the borders of the country.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/477137/Border-guards-destroy-terrorist-team-in-northwest-Iran>

Iran presents demands from IAEA at 66th conference in Vienna

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 29, 2022

Mohammad Eslami, Head of Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, have attended the 66th Annual Regular Session of the IAEA General Conference in Vienna, Austria, and delivered a speech to the event. On the sidelines of the conference, Eslami has held talks with the IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi, members of delegation from Rosatom- Russia's nuclear energy corporation and Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84899985/Iran-presents-demands-from-IAEA-at-66th-conference-in-Vienna>

IRGC smashes terrorist strongholds by 73 missiles, tens of drones

Fars news, September 29, 2022

Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) Ground Force

Brigadier General Mohammad Pakpour said that his forces have pounded terrorist sites in Iraq's Kurdistan region with dozens of ballistic missiles and suicide drones, and vowed that the IRGC will continue to pound the terrorists' bases. Commenting on the ongoing military operation in Northern Iraq Brigadier General Pakpour stated so far 73 surface-to-surface ballistic missiles and tens of kamikaze drones have hit the terrorist bases which led to "complete destruction" of the designated targets. "These targets were scattered across 42 points," he explained, adding that they were 400 km away from each other in some cases.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010707000087/IRGC-Smashes-Terris-Srnghlds-by-3-Missiles-Tens-f-Drnes>

Raisi says he lamented France's passiveness regarding JCPOA

Tehran Times, September 30, 2022

Speaking in his 7th live interview since he took office late on Wednesday, President Ebrahim Raisi said he lamented France and its President Emmanuel Macron for its passiveness regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), the official name for the 2015 nuclear deal. Speaking about his meeting with Macron in New York on the sidelines of the 77th United Nations General Assembly, Raisi said that the main point he emphasized was that the Americans unilaterally withdrew from the JCPOA and the Europeans failed to fulfill their obligations. "Mr. Macron agreed that the Europeans did not fulfill their commitments. I said that this time we should focus on adherence to commitments. Our positions were such that he said that he

will personally go and talk to the Americans and Europeans and will explain our positions to them and will inform us about it,” the president stated.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/477174/Raisi-says-he-lamented-France-s-passiveness-regarding-JCPOA>

Iran warns against American threat as it pounds terrorist sites

Tehran Times, September 30, 2022

Iran’s Armed Forces Chief of Staff Major General Mohammad Bagheri warned the Americans on Friday that Iran will respond “appropriately,” if the Americans think of taking action against Iranian drones. Regarding the speculations surrounding the destruction of an Iranian drone by the American forces in northern Iraq, Bagheri said, “If the Americans take action against the Iranian drone, the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran will respond to this hostile action, and we reserve the right of confrontation and revenge for ourselves.” Bagheri stressed that Iran’s armed forces have complete and accurate information about several bases in northern Iraq, including bases in Harir, Erbil, and Dohuk. “At this point, we are only dealing with terrorists and separationists.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/477170/Iran-warns-against-American-threat-as-it-pounds-terrorist-sites>

Iran urges UN to maintain cooperative interaction between OPCW, Syria

Tehran Times, September 30, 2022

Iran has urged the UN Security Council to support the productive communications between the Syrian government and the Organization for the Prohibition of

Chemical Weapons (OPCW). Amir Saeed Iravani, Iran's ambassador and permanent representative to the UN, highlighted Syria's efforts to carry out its obligations under the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) during the Security Council meeting on Thursday. He emphasized that adopting a politicized approach and applying double standards to the Syrian chemical file will only divert technical discussions and can damage the Council's credibility and authority. The senior Iranian diplomat to the UN continued by emphasizing that the Islamic Republic has consistently denounced the use of chemical weapons by any party, anywhere, and under any circumstances.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/477177/Iran-urges-UN-to-maintain-cooperative-interaction-between-OPCW>

Iran nuclear chief says will expand production of radio medicines

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 30, 2022

Eslami said that Iranian patients receive radio medicine treatment in 205 medical centers across the country. Referring to the country’s 20-year strategic nuclear vision plan, he said that expansion of nuclear technology in different areas is high on the agenda of the country. Many in the world regard that nuclear technology is restricted to uranium enrichment while it is only one part of the technology, the official said, underlining the application of this science in the diagnosing and treatment of special diseases like cancer.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84900471/Iran-nuclear-chief-says-will-expand-production-of-radio-medicines>

Israel

Israeli sabotage should not be allowed to kill Iran nuclear deal: Middle East eye

Tehran Times, September 18, 2022

Talks started in April 2021 to resurrect the nuclear deal, officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPO), that was ditched by former U.S. president Donald Trump. Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu claimed responsibility for Trump's decision to pull the U.S. out of the nuclear deal. "We convinced the U.S. president [to exit the deal] and I had to stand up against the whole world and come out against this agreement, and we didn't give up," Netanyahu said.

Even now, Middle East Eye also wrote, Israel "has not missed any opportunity to subvert President Biden's policy to revive the JCPOA."

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/476862/Israeli-sabotage-should-not-be-allowed-to-kill-Iran-nuclear-deal>

Romania looks set to be first European country to buy Israel's Iron Dome

Haaretz, September 20, 2022

Romanian Defense Minister Vasile Dincu declines to discuss the missile defense system or Russia's war on Ukraine but says his country is eager to purchase radar and drones from Israel.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-09-20/ty-article-magazine/.premium/romania-looks-set-to-be-first-european-country-to-buy-israels-iron-dome/00000183-5b1f-d9c4-a1e3-df9f7ca60000>

Israeli army foiled dozens of Iranian cyberattacks in past year

Haaretz, September 21, 2022

Israeli officers say some attacks penetrated civilian infrastructure defense systems, even though none of them caused significant damage. Iran allegedly operates more than 20 cyber units, half of which are involved in targeting Israel

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/security-aviation/2022-09-21/ty-article/.premium/israeli-army-foiled-dozens-of-iranian-cyberattacks-in-past-year/00000183-5fc1-d26c-a1cf-7fcbb11d0000>

Israel successfully tests advanced anti-ship missile system

Haaretz, September 21, 2022

The 'Gabriel 5' missile system will 'help protect Israel's strategic assets,' the military said following the test conducted by the navy. The 'Gabriel 5' missile system will 'help protect Israel's strategic assets,' the military said following the test conducted by the navy.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-09-21/ty-article/.premium/israel-successfully-tests-advanced-anti-ship-missile-system/00000183-5ff6-ddc8-ab9b-5ffe66330000>

Israel PM: World must use 'force' if Iran builds nuclear bomb

Iraqi News, September 22, 2022

The international community should use "military force" if Iran develops nuclear weapons, Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid

told the United Nations on Thursday, as he reiterated support for creation of a “peaceful” Palestinian state. Israel has been conducting an intense diplomatic offensive in recent months to try to convince the United States and main European powers such as Britain, France and Germany not to renew the 2015 Iran nuclear deal. For the past 10 days, various officials have suggested the deal — which US then-president Donald Trump scrapped in 2018 — might not be renewed until at least mid-November, a deadline that Lapid has tried to use to push the West to impose a tougher approach in their negotiations.

<https://www.iraqinews.com/arab-world-news/israel-pm-world-must-use-force-if-iran-builds-nuclear-bomb/>

Abandon defunct Iran deal and negotiate a better one, Lapid tells UK's Truss

The Jerusalem Post, September 22, 2022

Prime Minister Yair Lapid urged his British counterpart, Liz Truss, to abandon the defunct Iran deal and begin talks with Tehran for a better agreement that would prevent the Islamic Republic from becoming a nuclear state. In their meeting at the UN on Wednesday on the sidelines of the General Assembly’s 77th opening session, Lapid told Truss that Israel’s expectation is the advancement of a longer and stronger deal that will provide a response to the full range of threats stemming from Iran. Downing Street said Truss confirmed there was “a need for a long-term strategy to contain the threat from Iran.”

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-717842>

Israeli army chief discusses Lebanon, Iran with French counterparts

Al-Monitor, September 22, 2022

Israel Defense Forces (IDF) Chief of Staff Aviv Kochavi concluded his visit to Europe today. Kochavi traveled at the beginning of the week to Poland for a three-day visit, continuing on the evening of Sept. 20 for a two-day visit to France. Poland and France are both members of NATO. The visit of Kochavi comes as Israel — a nonmember partner of NATO — tries actively to develop its cooperation with the organization. The visit of Kochavi to Poland was essentially diplomatic and symbolic, including a wreath-laying ceremony at the Memorial to the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, a visit to the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews and a visit to the Warsaw Jewish Cemetery.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/09/israeli-army-chief-discusses-lebanon-iran-french-counterparts#ixzz7gcwGRrRs>

Next Israel army chief may find his biggest mission lies within IDF ranks

Haaretz, September 23, 2022

Former lawmaker and journalist Ofer Shelah, now a senior researcher at the INSS, has written an extensive research on the state of the IDF's personnel and ground forces. He suggests a far-reaching overhaul while not overlooking the changes needed in the very ethos.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-09-23/ty-article/.premium/next-israel-army-chief-may-find-his-biggest-mission-lies-within-idf-ranks/00000183-6640-d203-a987-66e1b9540000>

Lapid: Iran can be forced into a better deal with strong military threat

The Jerusalem Post, September 25, 2022

Prime Minister Yair Lapid stressed that a better deal than the JCPOA nuclear deal could be reached with Iran if a believable military option is placed on the table, in an interview published by Walla on Sunday morning. "In 2015, when President Obama pressed the Iranians to reach a deal, he publicized the bunker-busting bombs the United States had developed. Iranians always blink when presented with the power of a superpower. The only time they shut down their military weapons program was in the US invasion of Iraq. They were scared."

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-718111>

Ukraine asks Israel for intel on Iran's support to Russia

i24 News, September 25, 2022

'The Israelis gave us some intelligence, but we need much more'. Ukraine asked Israel to share intelligence on Iran providing support to the Russian army, Israeli sources told the media. American and Ukrainian officials have previously accused Tehran of selling hundreds of drones to Moscow that are being used in its attacks on Ukrainian targets.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/ukraine-conflict/1664088965-ukraine-asks-israel-to-share-intelligence-on-iran-s-support-to-russia-report>

Israeli nuclear chief tells IAEA: Iran is 'leading factor' in Mideast instability

The Time of Israel, September 28, 2022

Israel's nuclear chief tells the International Atomic Energy Agency conference that Iran is "the leading factor" in instability in the Middle East, and that Israel will not accept Tehran obtaining a nuclear weapon. "The ongoing unrest in the Middle East is a threat to peace and security worldwide, and requires the attention of all member states," says Brig. Gen. (ret.) Moshe Edri, head of Israel's Atomic Energy Commission. "One country is the leading factor in the instability of the region."

https://www.timesofisrael.com/liveblog_entry/israeli-nuclear-chief-tells-iaea-iran-is-leading-factor-in-mideast-instability/

Israel may share nuclear tech with Abraham Accords states - Israeli atomic chief

The Jerusalem Post, September 28, 2022

Israel may share aspects of its nuclear technology and knowledge with countries that are part of the Abraham Accords, Israel Atomic Energy Commission Director-General Moshe Edri said Wednesday. "We are hopeful that the new spirit in our region, as demonstrated in the Abraham Accords, will mark a path forward for meaningful direct dialogue within our region, including in the nuclear fora," he said in a speech to the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna. "Israel's state-of-the-art technology provides us with

significant levels of knowledge and capabilities, which we are ready to share with others, of course, under the IAEA umbrella.”

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-718327>

Israel must end the occupation to ensure its security

Arab News, September 28, 2022

Israel gets nervous every time talk emerges about the revival of the Iran nuclear deal. However, whether the nuclear deal is revived or not, Israel should wake up to a new reality: Its technological edge is slowly fading. In addition to that, American public opinion is slowly changing. Therefore, the Israelis would be better off making peace with their neighbors. Being a tiny state in a hostile environment, Israel relied on its technological edge to secure its survival. Israeli confidence started with the 1967 war. In a preemptive strike, Israel was able to destroy the majority of the Egyptian Air Force while it was on the ground. Since then, it has acquired a pompous assertiveness that it can do whatever it wants and no one can stop it.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2171691>

Israeli forces kill 4 Palestinians in Jenin raid

Arab News, September 28, 2022

Four Palestinians were killed and dozens injured, some seriously, during an Israeli military raid early on Wednesday in the Jenin refugee camp in the occupied West Bank. Israeli forces said they shot dead two Palestinians suspected of involvement in recent gun attacks. Two more were killed and 44 injured as residents protested against

the incursion. Video footage showed plumes of smoke billowing from a house in the camp, apparently after an explosion. In the streets, men sheltered behind cars as heavy gunfire could be heard. President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah party said one of the men killed in the clashes was Ahmed Alawneh, a 24-year-old intelligence officer.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2171046/middle-east>

Al-Araji: Iraq needs to build a deterrence strategy

Iraqi News Agency, September 28, 2022

National Security Adviser Qassem Al-Araji stressed Wednesday the continuation of international pressure to prevent the return of Daesh, while noting that Iraq needs to build a strategy for deterrence. Al-Araji said in a meeting within the activities of Al-Rafidain Forum, which was attended by the reporter of the Iraqi News Agency (INA), that "Iraq after 2003 went through dangerous turns in the security situation and then confronted the terrorist organization Daesh," noting that "the fatwa of the supreme religious authority, Ali al-Sistani, and the persistence of sons of the people to fight ISIS achieved a great victory over terrorism. He stressed that "Iraq needs to build a strategy for deterrence," noting "the need to have the ability and strength to win the respect of all."

<https://ina.iq/eng/22079-al-araji-iraq-needs-to-build-a-deterrence-strategy.html>

INSS reveals a project specifying security and intelligence work fields

Iraqi News Agency, September 28, 2022

The head of the Iraqi National Security Service INSS, Hamid Al-Shatri, confirmed

Wednesday, that the citizen is the source of the information, while referring to the pursuit of achieving Iraqi security. Al-Shatri said in a meeting within the activities of Al-Rafidain Forum, which was attended by the reporter of the Iraqi News Agency (INA), that "the National Security Service , in all matters related to internal security, seeks information wherever it is," noting that "there is cooperation with the security services in the Region." He added, "Our first information is from the citizen, and we are gaining the trust of the citizen," noting that "the National Security Service participates with all intelligence and security agencies to integrate efforts and achieve security."

<https://ina.iq/eng/22081-insss-head-the-citizen-is-the-source-of-information-and-we-strive-to-achieve-iraqi-security.html>

Israel seeks technological cooperation with US

Al-Monitor, September 28, 2022

The term "strategic dialogue" in referring to talks between Israel and the United States is linked in people's minds to issues such as the Iranian nuclear program, ensuring Israel's military superiority, the geopolitics of the Middle East and military intelligence cooperation between the two sides. The strategic dialogue launched this week in Washington by two high-ranking delegations is unusual in the defense-security context, described as a "strategic high-level dialogue on technology." As strange as it may sound, the technological cooperation between these two longtime and deeply engaged allies has been found lacking. Israel does not have a foothold in the giant US labs with their cutting-edge

work on quantum computing, artificial intelligence and many other sensitive innovative fields.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/09/israel-seeks-technological-cooperation-us#ixzz7gcwk9JE3>

US confirms American citizen killed in Iranian rocket attack in Iraq

Al-Monitor, September 29, 2022

A US citizen was killed in an Iranian rocket attack in the Kurdistan region of northern Iraq on Wednesday, his family and the US State Department confirmed to Al-Monitor. Omar Mahmoudzadeh, a 59-year-old American born in Iran, moved from the United States to Iraq in 2019 to join the Democratic Party of Iranian Kurdistan (KDPI), an Iranian Kurdish opposition group that's considered a terrorist organization by Tehran. Khalid Azizi, a spokesman for the KDPI, described Mahmoudzadeh as a well-known party member and retired peshmerga fighter who previously fought against Iranian regime forces when the KDPI was still engaged in armed activities.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/09/us-confirms-american-citizen-killed-iranian-rocket-attack-iraq#ixzz7gcrv1hVZ>

Israel's atomic chief wants 'nuclear fora' with Abraham Accords nations

i24 News, September 29, 2022

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Accords. “We are hopeful that the new spirit in our region, as demonstrated in the Abraham Accords, will mark a path forward for meaningful, direct dialogue within our region, including in the nuclear fora,” said Moshe Edri, director-general of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/diplomacy/1664464312-israel-s-atomic-chief-wants-nuclear-fora-with-abraham-accords-nations>

Israel detains pair crossing border from Lebanon

i24 News, September 29, 2022

Soldiers caught the suspects after military surveillance spotted them crossing the border near Yiftah. The Israeli military said two suspects were arrested early Thursday after crossing the border from Lebanon near Yiftah, an Israel kibbutz on the eastern part of the border. The Israel Defense Forces' spokesperson's unit tweeted that military surveillance on the border spotted the suspects crossing the border. Soldiers responding to the alert caught the pair and interrogated them on the spot.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/1664411343-israel-detains-pair-crossing-border-from-lebanon>

Jordan

Eager Lion 2022 manoeuvres conclude in Jordan with participation of Saudi Armed Forces

Saudi Gazette, September 16, 2022

The activities of the 10th round of the multinational "Eager Lion 2022" maneuvers concluded in Jordan, in the presence of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Jordanian Armed Forces Major

General Yousef Al-Hunaiti, Head of the Saudi Armed Forces Education and Training Authority Major General Adel bin Mohammad Al-Balawi and a number of senior military officials from the participating countries.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/625045/SAUDI-ARABIA/Eager-Lion-2022-maneuvers-conclude-in-Jordan-with-participation-of-Saudi-Armed-Forces>

Jordan's foreign minister signals further obstacles to electricity deal with Lebanon

The National News, September 18, 2022

Jordan's foreign minister has signalled that the kingdom has to clear more hurdles before it can begin exporting power to Lebanon under a deal that has significant geopolitical implications for the region. Ayman Al Safadi told the Saudi Arabian-owned Al Sharq TV channel that Jordan was still awaiting US exemption from sanctions imposed on the Assad regime in Syria to start the flow of 250 megawatts of electricity to Lebanon. The power from Jordan would meet 7 per cent of demand in Lebanon but would have to be delivered through transmission lines passing through areas controlled by President Bashar Al Assad's forces south and west of Damascus.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/mena/jordan/2022/09/18/jordans-foreign-minister-signals-further-obstacles-to-electricity-deal-with-lebanon/>

Kuwait

Kuwait's Amir representative meets UN Secretary-General

Kuwait Times, September 17, 2022

The Representative of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber

Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah met with the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on the sideline of the UN 77th General Assembly Meeting. During the meeting, the Amir's Representative conveyed the greetings of His Highness the Amir and His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and reaffirmed Kuwait's support to the UN's important role and efforts. His Highness the Prime Minister also stressed the importance of participating in these meetings, which coincide with exceptional global conditions that the whole world is going through, calling on all member states to unite to face all the challenges and coordinate with the UN.

<https://www.kuwaittimes.com/kuwaits-amir-representative-meets-un-secretary-general/>

Defense Minister inspects Doha port

Kuwait Times, September 17, 2022

The Public Relations department at the Ministry of Interior has announced that the Deputy Prime Minister, Acting Interior Minister, Minister of Defense, Sheikh Talal Al-Khaled along with the head of Kuwait Customs, Sulaiman Al-Fahad among others, have inspected Doha port, where they reviewed procedural operations and ensured the correctness of inspection procedures for inspecting cargo, in order to stop smuggling illegal substances. "Workers in the port have an important role in cooperating with government departments, like in this case, as it's important to keep pursuing a common goal which is to stop smugglers and reduce smuggling which hurts our national security," Al-Khaled added. He said "The reason for the visit is to encourage and

increase confidence of the employees in order to stop the spread of illegal substances," he said.

<https://www.kuwaittimes.com/defense-minister-inspects-doha-port/>

Court sentences military man to 'death' for killing young bedoun in Julaia desert

Arab Times, September 24, 2022

The Criminal Court, headed by Counselor Abdullah Al-Othman, has sentenced a military man working for the Ministry of Interior to capital punishment after finding him guilty of suffocating to death a young man (bedoun) in the desert in Julaia and ordered the referral of the civil case to the competent court, reports Al-Rai daily. The daily added, this is the first murder recorded in 2022, and summed up that the suspect was released from the Central Prison weeks before he committed the murder. He was reportedly sentenced to 15 years in prison and was released on pardon after serving 10 years. The man was caught after the operations room of the Ministry of Interior received information about the dead body in early hours of the morning following which security personnel rushed to the spot and found the corpse of the victim born in 1987. There were clear traces of suffocation and blood. After the suspect was arrested, he confessed to committing the crime.

<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/news/court-sentences-military-man-to-death-for-killing-young-bedoun-in-julaia-desert/>

'Kuwait among top 3 Arab countries that spent most on military in 2022'

Arab Times, September 24, 2022

An Arab country has been ranked the top ninth country in the world in terms of military spending. The volume of military

spending of just three Arab countries will reach \$80 billion by the end of the year 2022, reports Aljarida daily. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is the largest Arab country in terms of military spending. Its defense budget ranks 9th in the world, according to the statistics published by the American website “Global Firepower” for the year 2022. Saudi Arabia is followed by the UAE in second place and Kuwait in third in terms of volume of military spending among Arab countries, according to the website’s statistics. These three countries spent about USD 80 billion for military purposes from the current year’s budget.

<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/news/kuwait-among-top-3-arab-countries-that-spent-most-on-military-in-2022/>

Kuwait’s military receives third batch of Eurofighter Typhoon jets

Arab News, September 28, 2022

Kuwait’s military said it received two more Eurofighter Typhoon Tranche 3 jets, making it the third batch out of a total of 28 aircraft the country has ordered, Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported. The jets, one of the latest multi-role fighters, characterized by electronic warfare and high-speed response capabilities, aim to enhance the combat readiness of the Kuwait Air Force, the air force said in a statement. The jets that Kuwait has received so far have achieved 100 flying hours, the statement added. A ceremony was held at the Ali Al-Salem Al-Sabah Air Base to mark the aircraft’s landing, according to KUNA.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2171641/middle-east>

Kuwait supports peaceful use of nuclear power

Kuwait Times, September 29, 2022

Kuwait Foreign Minister Dr Sheikh Ahmad Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Sabah took part in the IAEA 66th general conference of 2022 in Vienna on Tuesday, giving a speech addressing both members and constituents alike. He began by thanking the members for their efforts to put together the conference and also thanked Director General of the IAEA, Rafael Grossi and his staff for their efforts to uphold such a gathering in materializing the agency’s goals. He said that Kuwait had donated \$200,000 for the final stage of the modernization of its nuclear applications laboratories in Seibersdorf, near Vienna, putting the total amount of Kuwaiti donations to the project since its launching in 2015 at \$1.7 million. In the subsequent review of the 2021 yearly report of the agency, the minister expressed Kuwait’s satisfaction with the path of cooperation taken between Kuwait and the IAEA.

<https://www.kuwaittimes.com/kuwait-supports-peaceful-use-of-nuclear-power/>

Lebanon

New US idea on maritime border with Lebanon buoys Israelis

Haaretz, September 19, 2022

Amos Hochstein, the U.S. envoy mediating between Lebanon and Israel over their disputed maritime economic border, presented the parties last week with a new compromise proposal regarding the exact route of the border in the Mediterranean Sea.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-09-19/ty-article/.highlight/new->

[u-s-idea-on-maritime-border-with-lebanon-buoys-israelis/00000183-51e4-d98b-ade5-5bfcc5110000](https://www.haaretz.com/us-news/2022-09-20/ty-article/victims-of-hezbollah-rockets-awarded-millions-by-u-s-court/00000183-5aa8-d992-a9c3-ffb935cf0000)

Victims of Hezbollah rockets awarded millions by US Court

Haaretz, September 20, 2022

Such civil lawsuits brought against militant groups are difficult to enforce, but one of the lawyers representing the plaintiffs said it was an important legal victory against the Iran-backed group. A U.S. court has ordered the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah to pay millions of dollars in damages to a group of Americans who sued saying they were wounded by the group's rockets during a war with Israel in 2006.

<https://www.haaretz.com/us-news/2022-09-20/ty-article/victims-of-hezbollah-rockets-awarded-millions-by-u-s-court/00000183-5aa8-d992-a9c3-ffb935cf0000>

Mikati tells UN General Assembly of 'tangible progress' in sea border talks

Naharnet, September 22, 2022

Prime Minister-designate Najib Mikati on Thursday stressed to the U.N. General Assembly “the commitment of Lebanon to the implementation of all the stipulations of Resolution 1701 and all international legitimacy resolutions.” Turning to the issue of sea border demarcation with Israel, Mikati hailed the U.S. mediation in the file and emphasized Lebanon’s “ultimate adherence to its sovereignty, rights and resources in its territorial waters and Exclusive Economic Zone.” “We reiterate to you our honest desire to reach the long-awaited negotiated solution and I’m pleased to inform you that we have achieved

tangible progress which we hope will reach its aspired conclusions soon,” Mikati added.

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/292629-mikati-tells-un-general-assembly-of-tangible-progress-in-sea-border-talks>

Hezbollah has turned Lebanon into a narco-state

Arab News, September 22, 2022

When does a country become designated as a narco-state? Have Lebanon and Syria already reached that stage? The simple definition of such a state is that drugs are openly traded with the approval or even protection of the government. So, the answer is simple: The growing Captagon trade has made these two countries narco-states. There have been numerous reports describing the links between elements of the Syrian Army and the protection given by Hezbollah to drug smugglers. This trade primarily targets the Gulf countries, but it is extending to Europe as well. Last week, the Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior announced the seizure of 1 million Captagon pills hidden inside plastic boxes of grapes. The previous successful seizure in Kuwait was in June, when 5 million pills were found. Other major hauls have also been revealed in the past few months, including Turkey seizing 12.3 million pills in August and Saudi Arabia’s 15 million in July, while Jordan expects the trade to more than double.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2167776>

Lebanon passes budget after protest by retired servicemen

The National News, September 26, 2022

Lebanon's politicians have approved the 2022 budget after a day of protests outside

the Parliament building. Agreement on the budget is one of the key conditions set by the International Monetary Fund for a bailout. Legislators on Monday approved the budget with 63 votes in favour and 37 opposed. The budget sets expenditure at 41 trillion pounds (about \$1.2 billion under black market exchange rates), while revenues were projected at £30tn. Retired military personnel clashed with security troops outside the parliament in Beirut on Monday, during a protest against the draft 2022 budget and their financial situation.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/mena/lebanon/2022/09/26/tension-outside-lebanese-parliament-as-mps-discuss-controversial-draft-budget/>

US official says resolving Lebanon-Israel border dispute a priority for Biden

Naharnet, September 27, 2022

U.S. mediator Amos Hochstein is continuing efforts aimed at reaching an agreement over the demarcation of the maritime border between Lebanon and Israel, an official at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut said on Monday. In remarks to al-Jadeed TV, the unnamed official said the U.S. administration is continuing to narrow the gaps between all parties and that it believes that a sustainable settlement is possible. The official also lauded the spirit of cooperation which he said is being shown by both Lebanon and Israel, pointing out that resolving the border dispute is a priority for President Joe Biden's administration. The official added that Washington deeply believes that an

agreement would provide sustainable stability and economic prosperity for both sides.

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/292699-us-official-says-resolving-lebanon-israel-border-dispute-a-priority-for-biden>

Oman

Defence ministry secretary general receives Pakistani military officer

Oman Observer, September 20, 2022

Dr Mohammed Nasser al Zaabi, Secretary General at the Ministry of Defence received in his office at Muaskar Al Murtafaa on Tuesday Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi, Chief of Staff of Pakistan's Navy. The two sides reviewed the relations between the two countries and exchanged views on some matters of mutual interest. The meeting was attended by Rear Admiral Saif Nasser al Rahbi, Commander of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) and the Military attaché of Pakistan's embassy at Muscat.

<https://www.omanobserver.om/article/1125498/oman/defence-ministry-secretary-general-receives-pakistani-military-officer>

His majesty welcomes UAE president

Oman Observer, September 27, 2022

Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) arrived on Tuesday on a two-day state visit to the Sultanate of Oman. His Majesty Sultan Haitham bin Tarik led the welcoming party for the UAE President.

<https://timesofoman.com/article/121750-his-majesty-welcomes-uae-president>

Palestine

Israel must end its occupation of Palestine, Qatari emir tells UN general assembly

Arab News, September 20, 2022

Qatar's emir on Tuesday called on the international community to put pressure on Israel to bring to an end its occupation of the Palestinian territories, Speaking during the General Debate of the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani said: "The Security Council must shoulder its responsibility and must compel Israel to end the occupation of Palestinian territories and to establish a Palestinian state along the borders of 1967, with East Jerusalem as its capital. "Failure to implement international resolutions, and in light of the continuous change of the situation on the ground, the occupation and its settlement activities, is pursuing a policy of fait accompli. "This will change the rules of the conflict and will change the format of solidarity in the future. At this juncture, I stress that we stand in full solidarity with the brotherly Palestinian people in their aspiration to achieve justice." The emir then highlighted the plight of Syrians, millions of whom have been forced from their homes during the decade-long conflict in the country.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2166451/world>

Israel's PM Lapid supports 2-state solution with Palestine

Daily Sabah, September 22, 2022

Israel's Prime Minister Yair Lapid pledged support for a two-state solution with Palestine, as he repeated Tel Aviv's

determination to stop Iran from developing a nuclear bomb. His mention of a two-state solution, the first by an Israeli leader in years at the United Nations General Assembly, echoed U.S. President Joe Biden's support in Israel in August for the long-dormant proposal. Despite existing "obstacles," he said, "an agreement with the Palestinians, based on two states for two peoples, is the right thing for Israel's security, for Israel's economy and for the future of our children."

<https://www.dailysabah.com/world/mid-east/israels-pm-lapid-supports-2-state-solution-with-palestine>

Mossad, Shin Bet heads help Israeli war on Iran deal, Palestinian terror

The Jerusalem Post, September 25, 2022

When it comes to countering the Iran deal and Palestinian terrorism, there are two men who have enormous influence: Mossad director David Barnea and Shin Bet director Ronen Bar. There are still disagreements within the defense establishment over whether a return to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), with all of its flaws, is preferable over no deal at all and no apparent American Plan B.

<https://www.jpost.com/50-most-influential-jews/article-717727>

IDF to use armed drones for targeted killings in West Bank

The Jerusalem Post, September 29, 2022

IDF commanders in the West Bank have been given the green light to use armed drones to carry out targeted killings of Palestinian terrorists, with the approval of

Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Aviv Kohavi. According to sources, commanders will now be allowed to use the platforms not only as cover and intelligence for forces during operations but also to carry out strikes should armed gunmen be identified as posing imminent threats to their troops.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-718422>

Qatar

Qatar expresses concern over economic, social repercussions of armed conflicts

Gulf of Times, September 16, 2022

Qatar has expressed its concern about the economic and social repercussions resulting from armed conflicts, and their severe impact on the lack of food and the increase in poverty. Qatar also welcomed the appointment of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk, wishing him success in the performance of his duties. This came during a statement delivered by the HE Permanent Representative of Qatar in Geneva, Dr Hind bint Abdul Rahman al-Muftah, before the UN Human Rights Council at its 51st session, during the general debate on the updated statement of the High Commissioner. Al-Muftah said Qatar agrees with what was stated in the update when it comes to collective multilateral action providing an opportunity to strengthen the commitment to international human rights standards, noting that collective gatherings, such as major events can also play a role in building bridges and strengthening communication between societies and people.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/724383/Qatar-expresses->

[concern-over-economic-social-repercussions-of-armed-conflicts](#)

Qatar a reliable source in field of energy

Gulf of Times, September 21, 2022

Qatar is a reliable source in the field of energy, HE the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Mohamed bin Abdulrahman al-Thani has stressed in an interview with Bloomberg. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Wednesday published an infographic highlighting some of the key points mentioned by HE Sheikh Mohamed. Energy poverty is one of the issues that needs to be addressed, he said. "We are trying our best to help in providing Europe and countries in need of energy with whatever capacity we have." According to the Bloomberg report, Qatar and Germany are continuing to discuss supplies of natural gas, as Europe tries to reduce its dependency on Russia for the fuel. Also, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz is scheduled to travel to Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE this weekend, and discuss shipments of gas and hydrogen, the Bloomberg report added. Qatar believes in reviving the nuclear deal with Iran, and in "freeing our region of nuclear weapons", he said. Qatar has engaged with all parties in the negotiations in recent days and "we have heard positive intentions from them," HE Sheikh Mohamed told Bloomberg. "I believe that when the parties get together and they can find a common ground for these areas of disagreement, they can reach a deal."

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/724667/Qatar-a-reliable-source-in-field-of-energy-FM>

Qatar keen to enhance GCC unity under Amir's leadership

Gulf of Times, September 21, 2022

HE the Shura Council Speaker Hassan bin Abdullah al-Ghanim affirmed that, under the wise leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, Qatar has been committed to any joint action that would essentially enrich and enhance the unity of GCC states. During his speech at the 16th periodic meeting of heads of Shura, representatives, National Assembly, and Parliament Councils of the GCC states, held in Muscat, HE al-Ghanim pointed out that the indicators of this positive impact are candidly remarkable within the framework of Qatar's preparations to host FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, adding that some brotherly countries confirmed Hayya Card — which includes entry visa to Qatar during World Cup, as an entry visa to them. He pointed out that the escalation of the Russian-Ukrainian war increases the pace of nuclear threats and the possible eruption of a third cosmic war. He noted that Qatar is still working to protect the region against the nuclear threats and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), adding that Islam urges all to protect humanity from devastation and decimation, whether through the lethal weapons or the destruction of the proper elements of environment. He pointed out the political stability and the commitment to the joint action within the framework of GCC — which he described as the backbone of the Gulf council, emphasising that the council is a model for co-operation and cohesion, and that the political factors among the council's components are driving and

guiding tools toward achieving mutual goals.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/724668/Qatar-keen-to-enhance-GCC-unity-under-Amir-s-leadership>

Trustworthy mediator and reliable partner

Gulf of Times, September 22, 2022

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani's speech at the General Debate of the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) perfectly summed up, and highlighted, Qatar's leading role as an internationally reliable facilitator and trustworthy mediator. While focusing on national and human development internally, His Highness the Amir stressed Qatar's approach also focuses on adopting a foreign policy based on balancing interests and principles, and mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, in addition to being a responsible energy exporter. "This has empowered us to solidify our reputation as an internationally reliable partner," he said. In this context, he also underlined the need for an effective global crisis management mechanism that is in line with the fast-changing environmental, economic and military challenges gripping the world.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/724670/Trustworthy-mediator-and-reliable-partner>

Qatar, Germany keen on bolstering ties

Gulf of Times, September 25, 2022

His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani underlined that Qatar and

Germany aspire to promote their distinguished bilateral relationship in various areas, especially in economy, culture, higher education and sports. His Highness the Amir also affirmed that QatarEnergy and the German energy companies are discussing investment opportunities, noting that Qatar has been planning since years to expand the North Field to meet the growing global demand for gas which has future and has become of great importance. In a joint press statement by the Amir and Chancellor of the friendly Federal Republic of Germany Olaf Scholz at the Amiri Diwan Sunday evening, His Highness the Amir said Qatar is one of the largest investors in Germany; explaining that Qatar Investment Authority continues to explore investment opportunities in Germany, due to Qatar's great confidence in the German economy. His Highness the Amir expressed his happiness at the increasing demand by the friends in Germany for tickets to attend the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, wishing the German national team success and welcoming them and the German fans to Qatar.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/724871/Qatar-Germany-keen-on-bolstering-ties>

MoECC attends meeting of Arab-Asian countries on side-lines of IAEA general conference

Gulf of Times, September 29, 2022

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MoECC), represented by the Radiation and Chemical Protection Department, participated in the meeting of the Arab-Asian countries on the sideline of the 66th International Atomic Energy

Association (IAEA) General Conference in Vienna, Austria. During the meeting, Qatar reviewed its experiences and success in co-ordinating regional, national projects and technical co-operation projects, in addition to the accomplished progress in recent years in using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. Qatar also briefed the participants on the various projects related to peaceful uses of nuclear energy in agriculture, medicine, research, disease control, climate change, and others. Qatar has trained many human cadres, in co-operation with various authorities concerned, and relying on the latest equipment in the Central Radiation Laboratory. Also, Qatari cadres are seeking expertise exchange with international experts in monitoring, detection, and radiological analysis of the Qatari environment.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/725097/MoECC-attends-meeting-of-Arab-Asian-countries-on-sidelines-of-IAEA-general-conference>

Qatar elected as member of IAEA Board of Governors

Gulf of Times, September 29, 2022

Qatar was elected for membership of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for the period 2022-2024 during the 66th IAEA General Conference, currently being held in Vienna. This step reflects the international community's confidence in the constructive role played by Qatar in implementing the tasks of the Vienna-based agency. Qatar had been a member of the IAEA Board of Governors two times before, from 2013-2015 and from 2016-2018. The Board of Governors is one of the main policy-making bodies of the IAEA. The 35-

member board reviews and approves decisions related to the agency's budget, operational programmes, safeguard agreements and safety standards, and has the power to appoint the agency's Director General with the approval of the General Conference.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/725140/Qatar-elected-as-member-of-IAEA-Board-of-Governors>

Qatar joins IAEA board of governors

Arab News, September 29, 2022

Qatar has been elected for membership of the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency for 2022-2024, the Qatar News Agency reported. The election took place during the 66th IAEA general conference, which started on Monday and will run until Friday in Vienna. Qatar has previously served on the board of governors twice, from 2013 to 2015 and from 2016 to 2018. The 35-member board, which is in charge of the IAEA's main policy-making bodies, reviews and approves budgeting, operational programs, safeguards agreements and safety standards. It also has the authority, with the approval of the general conference, to appoint the agency's director general.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2172141/middle-east>

Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia plans to build positive relationship with Iran: FM

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 24, 2022

According to the France24 website, the Saudi foreign minister made the remarks in an interview with the French TV network

on Friday night, saying that they plan to build a positive relationship with Iran. However, he noted, there are still differences between the two countries, which hindered the Saudi foreign minister's meeting with his Iranian counterpart. Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic of Iran have held some meetings at the level of experts in Iraq so far.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84896437/Saudi-Arabia-plans-to-build-positive-relationship-with-Iran>

Saudi Arabia calls on Iran to urgently fulfill its nuclear commitments

Saudi Gazette, September 25, 2022

Foreign Minister Prince Faisal Bin Farhan called on Iran to urgently fulfill its nuclear commitments. Prince Faisal reiterated in the speech of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia he delivered on Saturday before the 77th UN General Assembly in New York, the need to resolve the Russian-Ukrainian crisis through a political solution to protect civilians. He urged the international community to work to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons. Prince Faisal affirmed the Kingdom's commitment to the United Nations Charter, but also stressed the need to reform the Security Council. "We support the principles of international legitimacy aimed at maintaining international peace and security, and calling for cooperation on the basis of mutual respect for the sovereignty and independence of states, resolving disputes by peaceful means, and not resorting to the threat of force."

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/625370/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-calls-on-Iran-to-urgently-fulfill-its-nuclear-commitments>

Saudi Arabia works with IAEA to develop human capabilities in nuclear technology sector: Minister

Saudi Gazette, September 26, 2022

Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman stated on Monday that Saudi Arabia is working with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in building a program for developing human capabilities in the nuclear technology sector. Prince Abdulaziz made these remarks while delivering the Kingdom's speech at the IAEA conference in Vienna. He indicated that as a result of the program, Saudi Arabia's national capabilities have grown rapidly to keep pace with the best international standards. The minister indicated the Kingdom's affirmation of its policy on the importance of developing peaceful uses of nuclear technology with the highest standards of transparency and reliability. Saudi Arabia reiterates the importance of concerted international efforts to implement the treaty's provisions, and stresses the importance of not politicizing non-proliferation issues and preserving the states' rights to benefit from peaceful nuclear technology and to invest in national natural resources.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/625425/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-works-with-IAEA-to-develop-human-capabilities-in-nuclear-technology-sector-Minister>

German envoy hosts press conference to highlight talks with Saudi Arabia

Arab News, September 26, 2022

German Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Dieter Lamle highlighted discussions that

took place between Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz at a press conference in Riyadh on Sunday. “The Kingdom has an active and very important role in this region, just as Germany has an active and important role in Europe, and it is apparent that these two very important countries meet in their region to talk about issues and ways to solve them,” Lamle said. “The goal is to strengthen and deepen the economic relations between the two countries, as well as in the field of education. What we want is to start a new page in the relations between Germany and the Kingdom, and what we did yesterday is the first step for this new stage,” he added.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2169776/saudi-arabia>

Saudi Arabia developing national capabilities in nuclear technology: Minister

Arab News, September 26, 2022

Saudi Arabia is working to enhance people's skills and abilities in the nuclear technology sector and its regulatory aspects, the Kingdom's minister of energy said. Speaking at the 66th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Austria, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman spoke of the importance of his government developing peaceful uses for nuclear technology with the highest standards of transparency, reliability and the highest levels of safety. “As a result of these programs, national capabilities have grown rapidly to keep pace with the best international standards,” he said, later adding: “We are also working in cooperation and coordination with the

agency to develop national plans to enable nuclear energy to contribute to the national energy mix.”

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2169821/business-economy>

Saudi Arabia's flag raised at IAEA HQ for being among donors to modernize nuclear labs

Saudi Gazette, September 26, 2022

Saudi Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi attended the ceremony to raise Saudi Arabia's flag at the Agency's headquarters in Vienna, and thus becoming among the countries that are contributing to the Agency's initiative to modernize its Seibersdorf laboratories (ReNuAL2). Speaking on the occasion, Prince Abdulaziz said that the Kingdom appreciates the main and important role of the IAEA in enhancing safety standards as these donations develop their capabilities in a way that enhances its vital role in harnessing the atom for peace. “These contributions are aimed to maximize the use of nuclear technologies and provide resources and services to IAEA member states to ensure the safe use of nuclear technology,” Prince Abdulaziz added.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/625439/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabias-flag-raised-at-IAEA-HQ-for-being-among-donors-to-modernize-nuclear-labs>

IAEA chief says Saudi Arabia is 'important partner'

Saudi Gazette, September 26, 2022

The Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Rafael

Mariano Grossi described Saudi Arabia as an important partner for the agency. Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz Bin Salman and Grossi discussed Saudi Arabia's nuclear power program perspectives, capacity-building, and SMRs potential. Grossi said he's looking forward to building on this important partnership. Prince Abdulaziz currently in Vienna is participating in the 66th regular session of the IAEA general conference.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/625441/SAUDI-ARABIA/IAEA-chief-says-Saudi-Arabia-is-important-partner>

Saudi Arabia, US sign MoU on cooperation in nuclear safety

Saudi Gazette, September 28, 2022

Saudi Arabia's Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Commission (NRRC) signed here on Wednesday a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, related to the technical information and cooperation in the nuclear safety. It was co-signed by CEO of the NRRC Dr. Khalid Al-Issa and Chairman of the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission Christopher Hanson. The signing of the MoU came within the activities of the 66th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). — SPA

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/625531/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-US-sign-MoU-on-cooperation-in-nuclear-safety>

New Saudi defense minister meets senior ministry officials

Arab News, September 28, 2022

Saudi Arabia's new minister of defense, Prince Khalid bin Salman, met senior

ministry officials in his office on Wednesday. Formerly the deputy defense minister, his appointment was announced on Tuesday as part of a cabinet reshuffle. He takes over from Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who was appointed prime minister. Prince Khalid gave a speech in which he thanked King Salman and the crown prince for the trust they have placed in him. He said the close attention his predecessor paid to the work of the Ministry of Defense had resulted the launch of its development program, which reflects the crown prince's belief in efforts to maintain the highest standards of military development. He stressed that the ministry will continue to follow the path set by the crown prince to become a modern institution staffed by professional and joint military forces capable of protecting homeland security from external threats, and leading alliances with high degrees of competency.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2171346/saudi-arabia>

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince meets with Kingdom's Minister of Defense

Arab News, September 28, 2022

Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, met with the Kingdom's Minister of Defense and commanders, Prince Khalid bin Salman bin Abdulaziz. Prince Mohammed bin Salman expressed his gratitude and appreciate for ministry of defense's efforts and the progress achieved in the development program. The Crown Prince also commended the increase in internal self-sufficiency of military industries, which saw a 13-percent rise from two percent to

15 percent, hoping it reaches 50 percent under the supervision of the minister of defense and the military personnel.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2170931/saudi-arabia>

Crown Prince: Internal self-sufficiency of military industries jumps from 2% to 15%

Saudi Gazette, September 28, 2022

Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman met at the headquarters of the Ministry of Defense in Jeddah on Wednesday, Prince Khalid bin Salman, Minister of Defense, and military commanders. The Crown Prince expressed his thanks and appreciation for the sincere efforts of the Ministry of Defense personnel and the great progress they have achieved with the implementation of the Ministry's development program, and the increase in the internal self-sufficiency of the military industries from 2% to 15%. He hoped that it will reach 50% under the command and supervision of the Minister of Defense and the Ministry personnel.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/625496/SAUDI-ARABIA/Crown-Prince-Internal-self-sufficiency-of-military-industries-jumps-from-2-to-15>

Khalid bin Salman reaffirms resolve to follow Crown Prince's path to build professional military forces

Saudi Gazette, September 28, 2022

Saudi Arabia's new Defense Minister Prince Khalid bin Salman reaffirmed on Wednesday that his ministry will follow the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman's path that he has formulated to make the ministry a modern institution possessing professional military

forces that can protect the security of the homeland and defend its interests. He said that the ministry of defense has well received the attention and follow-up of the Crown Prince, emphasizing that they will follow his approach, and the path he has set for it. Prince Khalid made the remarks in his first reaction to the royal order issued by Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman on Tuesday to appoint him as minister of defense.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/625512/SAUDI-ARABIA/Khalid-bin-Salman-reaffirms-resolve-to-follow-Crown-Princes-path-to-build-professional-military-forces>

Saudi Arabia condemns Iranian attack on Kurdish region in Iraq

Arab News, September 29, 2022

Saudi Arabia on Thursday has strongly condemned the Iranian attacks on the Kurdish region of northern Iraq. Iran's Revolutionary Guards said they had fired missiles and drones at militant targets in several Kurdish sites, killing over a dozen people. "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has expressed the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's strong condemnation of the Iranian attacks on Kurdistan Region of the Republic of Iraq, killing and wounding a number of innocent people," the Kingdom's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement. "The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reiterated its total rejection of all attacks that threaten the security and stability of Iraq, stressing the importance of the international community standing up against all Iranian violations that contradict international laws, charters and norms," the statement read.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2171816/saudi-arabia>

Syria

Behind the Israeli strikes on Syria

Tehran Times, September 17, 2022

In a statement, a Syrian military source said that "at 12:45 am today, Saturday, the Israeli enemy carried out an air aggression with missiles from the northeastern direction of lake Tiberias, targeting Damascus International Airport and some points south of the city of Damascus." The Israeli attacks are no longer a surprise for Damascus, as Syrian military experts are now analyzing the movement of enemy reconnaissance aircraft, anticipating the attacks, and are said to be preparing for them before they take place. Israel has frequently sought to weaken Syria as soon as the country's battle against Daesh terrorists begins to swing in favor of the government.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/476816/Behind-the-Israeli-strikes-on-Syria>

Israel strikes Damascus, kills five soldiers

Albawaba, September 17, 2022

Israeli warplanes struck the Syria capital of Damascus with a volley of missiles leading to the death of five soldiers. The attack happened just after midnight local time. This is being reported by the Syria news agency, Sana, on different social media platforms with different glaring images.

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/israel-strikes-damascus-kills-five-soldiers-1491463>

Israeli air strikes killed five soldiers near Damascus airport, Syria says

The National News, September 17, 2022

An Israeli air strike near Damascus airport killed five Syrian soldiers on Saturday, Syria's state media has reported. The strike was carried out at about 12.45am and came from the direction of Lake Tiberias in north-eastern Israel. Damascus airport and "some points south of Damascus" were the targets of the strikes, it reported. "The aggression led to the death of five soldiers and some material damage," Sana news agency reported, quoting a military source. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based war monitor, said the strikes killed five Syrian soldiers and two Iran-backed fighters.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/mena/syria/2022/09/17/israeli-air-strikes-killed-five-soldiers-near-damascus-airport-syria-says/>

Israel Hits Damascus Airport, Iran-Related Targets

Iran International, September 17, 2022

Israel carried out an airstrike on Syria's Damascus International airport and other positions south of the capital the ministry of defense said early on Saturday. This was the second attack on the airport in a little over two weeks, and the defense ministry said five soldiers were killed and the facilities sustained material damage. There was no immediate confirmation whether the strike had affected airport operations. Israel's military said it did not comment on foreign reports.

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202209176028>

Syria calls for taking serious steps to compel Israel to join Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

Syrian Arab News Agency, September 17, 2022

Vienna, SANA, Syria called on International Community to take a clear decision and serious practical steps to compel Israel joining Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and inspect all its facilities by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) without preconditions. "The International Community must take serious steps in order to oblige Israel to join Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons," Syria's permanent representative to UN and other international organizations in Vienna, Ambassador Hasan Khaddour, said in a statement before IAEA Board on Item "12" related to applying IAEA safeguards in the Middle East, Khaddour condemned the US bias to Israel and its double standards policy regarding the proliferation of mass destruction weapons.

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=283997>

Kurdish forces end 3-month operation against ISIS supporters in Syria's al-Hol camp

Alarabiya News, September 17, 2022

Kurdish forces in northeast Syria on Saturday announced the end of a three-week operation against ISIS supporters inside the overcrowded and increasingly lawless camp of al-Hol. They arrested more than 200 people, including dozens of women, discovered tunnels used by extremists and seized an arsenal of weapons. The internal security forces of the area's semi-autonomous Kurdish

administration carried out the massive sweep of the camp, which houses tens of thousands of relatives of suspected ISIS members. The number of murders inside the camp had risen recently, as had fears that al-Hol was becoming the hub from which the terrorist organization was planning its resurgence.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/middle-east/2022/09/17/Kurdish-forces-end-three-operation-against-ISIS-supporters-in-Syria-s-al-Hol-camp>

Russian MoD: 45 of Jabhat al-Nusra terrorists eliminated in Idlib

Syrian Arab News Agency, September 19, 2022

The Russian Air Force bombed a headquarters for Jabhat al-Nusra terrorist organization in Idlib Province, which led to the elimination of 45 terrorists, including field leaders, according to Deputy Head of the Russian Coordination Center in Hmeimim Oleg Egorov. “On the seventeenth of this month, the Russian Air Force launched an air raid on a base for Jabhat al-Nusra terrorist organization in the vicinity of Sheikh Yousef village in Idlib province, which resulted in the elimination of 45 terrorists, including the leaders, Bilal Saeed and Abu Dijana al-Deiri, and a number of weapons stores were destroyed,” Egorov said in a press statement on Monday.

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=284208>

Iran urges lifting of unilateral sanctions on Syria

Tehran Times, September 27, 2022

Zahra Ershadi, Iran’s deputy ambassador to the UN, said Iran supports the

implementation of UN Resolution 2642 on Syria, which focuses on humanitarian assistance. She made the remarks in the first meeting of the Informal Interactive Dialogue on Syria which was initiated based on UN Security Council Resolution 2642. The meeting was convened by France and was attended by Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for humanitarian affairs. “The adoption of Resolution 2642 (2022) was a significant step toward addressing Syria’s critical needs. The resolution, which focuses on humanitarian assistance, specifically calls for early recovery projects and emphasizes the critical importance of expanding cross-line delivery throughout Syria, along with cross-border operations,” Ershadi said.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/477093/Iran-urges-lifting-of-unilateral-sanctions-on-Syria>

Khadour: The Israeli entity’s non-compliance to the Non-Proliferation Treaty poses serious danger

Syrian Arab News Agency, September 28, 2022

Syria warned against the aggressive practices of the Israeli occupation entity in the region and its survival with its nuclear capabilities out of the surveillance and control of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and the Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement. “The resolution issued by the General Conference in its 53rd session entitled “Israeli Nuclear Capabilities” clearly expressed the international community’s concern about the threat posed by the proliferation of nuclear weapons to security and stability in the Middle East region, and also sent a clear message about the grave concern about

Israel's nuclear capabilities and demanded Israel to join the Nuclear non-proliferation Treaty and placement of all its nuclear facilities under comprehensive IAEA safeguards", Dr. Hassan Khaddour, the permanent representative of Syria to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Vienna, said in a statement Syria delivered today before the 66th session of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=285088>

UAE

Türkiye sells its famed battle-tested drones to UAE as ties mend

Daily Sabah, September 21, 2022

Turkish defense firm Baykar has delivered 20 of its pioneering armed drones to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this month and could sell more, two sources said Wednesday, as a diplomatic detente between the former regional rivals expands into military contracts. International demand for Baykar's drones soared after their impact in conflicts in Syria, Ukraine and Libya, where their laser-guided armor-piercing bombs helped repel an offensive by UAE-supported forces two years ago.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkiye-sells-its-famed-battle-tested-drones-to-uae-as-ties-mend>

UAE to Buy Israeli Air Defense Tech in First Deal Since Accords, Sources Say

Haaretz, September 22, 2022

Israel has agreed to sell an advanced air defense system to the United Arab Emirates, two sources familiar with the

matter said, in the first such known deal between them since they forged ties in 2020. The deal reinforces how, for some Arab states, resolving the decades-long Israel-Palestinian conflict has now been overshadowed by national priorities, such as security and the economy.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-09-22/ty-article/uae-to-buy-israeli-air-defense-tech-in-first-deal-since-accords-sources-say/00000183-65b6-dce0-a3ff-f5beff780000>

UAE's Barakah nuclear energy plant starts up third unit

Arab News, September 23, 2022

UAE's Nawah Energy Co. has successfully started Unit 3 of the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant, located in Abu Dhabi's Al Dhafra Region, its parent company the Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation announced on Thursday. The launch has been achieved a year after the start-up of Unit 2, with the next key milestone being the connection of Unit 3 to the national electricity grid in the coming weeks, WAM reported. Unit 3's startup reflects the progress being made in bringing the four units of the Barakah Plant — the first multi-unit operational nuclear plant in the Arab World — online and accelerating the decarbonisation of the UAE's power sector on the way to Net Zero by 2050.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2168136/business-economy>

Israel to sell advanced air defense system to UAE

i24 News, September 23, 2022

Israel agreed to sell an advanced air defense system to the United Arab Emirates (UAE),

in the first such deal between the allies since they established ties in 2020 in a US-brokered normalization accord, Reuters reported on Friday citing unnamed sources. Israel approved a UAE request in the middle of the summer and would reportedly supply the Gulf state with Rafael-made SPYDER mobile interceptors, declining to provide further details due to the sensitive nature of the deal.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/diplomacy/1663925433-israel-to-sell-domestic-produced-air-defense-system-to-uae>

UAE and Saudi Arabia sign agreement to use data and AI to bolster economic growth

The National News, September 29, 2022

The UAE and Saudi Arabia have signed a preliminary agreement to explore the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and data for bolstering policymaking and economic growth. The agreement between the UAE's Ministry of Economy and Planning and the Saudi Data & AI Authority (SDAIA) will allow for closer strategic co-operation in crucial areas such as developing indicators to monitor the impact and effectiveness of social and economic policies in the kingdom, the ministry said in a statement on Thursday. "The ministry's strategic agreement with SDAIA underpins a concerted effort to support and develop economic policy and development by turning data into a strategic asset that can be applied to pursue the public good," it said.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/business/technology/2022/09/29/uae-and-saudi-arabia-sign-agreement-to-use-data-and-ai-to-bolster-economic-growth/>

Yemen

Yemen's IAEA delegate calls on Iran to stop destabilizing country, region

Arab News, September 17, 2022

Haitham Shuja Al-Din, Yemen's delegate to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), has called on Iran to stop destabilizing the country and the Middle East region. By supporting the Houthi militia and providing the group with weapons, Iran continues to destabilize the security and stability of Yemen, as well as its neighboring countries, Al-Din said in a report from Yemen News Agency (SABA). "Iran has violated the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, and it must comply with its nuclear obligations within the framework of its comprehensive safeguards agreement," Al-Din told the IAEA Board of Governors meeting. The delegate also expressed his concern that Iran was not serious about the ongoing negotiations, SABA reported. The stalled negotiations have been an excuse for Tehran to develop its nuclear program for non-peaceful purposes, he said, adding that any new agreement with Iran would thus be "ineffective," according to SABA.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2164211/middle-east>

Yemen separatists take control of al-Qaeda stronghold

Albawaba, September 19, 2022

Yemen's separatist Southern Transitional Council (STC) said Sunday its forces captured a major stronghold for al-Qaeda terrorists in the southern Abyan province. STC spokesman Mohammad al-Naqeeb said southern forces brought under control

al-Qaeda stronghold in Mudiyah district, east of the provincial capital Zinjibar.

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/yemen-separatists-take-control-al-qaeda-stronghold-1491703>

Yemen troops seize control of ‘major’ Al-Qaeda position in Abyan

Arab News, September 19, 2022

Yemeni military forces have retaken a major military facility and surrounding mountains from Al-Qaeda in the southern province of Abyan, consolidating gains made against the militants within their strongholds. Mohammed Al-Naqeeb, a military spokesperson for the pro-independence Southern Transitional Council, told Arab News on Monday that their forces had fully taken control of a significant military base used by Al-Qaeda militants in the Omaran valley in Abyan.

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Yemeni troops take control of Abyan’s Omaran valley from Al-Qaeda

Arab News, September 20, 2022

Yemeni troops have announced they have taken control of a large valley in Abyan’s southern province from Al-Qaeda, forcing its fighters to abandon their hiding spots and training facilities. Mohammed Al-Naqeeb, a spokesperson for the pro-independence Southern Transitional Council, said forces had retaken control of the long and steep Omaran valley in the governorate, and were now working to defuse landmines and explosive devices to allow people to return to their villages. “We have removed all terrorist elements from the valley, forcing

them to flee to other mountains. We won’t let them surge again,” Al-Naqeeb said.

arabnews.com/node/2166321/middle-east

Quad condemns Houthi military reinforcement, attacks that threaten to derail Yemen truce

Arab News, September 25, 2022

Saudi Arabia, the UAE, the UK, and the US have condemned the Houthis’ large scale military reinforcement and all attacks that threaten to derail the truce in Yemen. The countries, known as the Quad, recently met to discuss the situation in Yemen and also condemned recent Houthi attacks on Taiz and a Houthi military parade that was put on in Hodeidah at the beginning of this month which violated the Hodeidah Agreement. The Quad welcomed the tangible benefits of the truce in Yemen for the country’s people since it began on April. 2 and the continued implementation of agreed confidence building measures by its government. The countries welcomed the flow of fuel into Hodeidah Port despite a Houthi order that delayed the established process for clearing ships, and the resumption of flights in and out of Sanaa airport.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2169206/middle-east>

Yemeni forces drive Al-Qaeda from stronghold after bitter fighting

Arab News, September 25, 2022

Yemeni forces say they have driven Al-Qaeda out of a key stronghold in the south of the country, after fierce fighting in which 32 soldiers and at least 24 militants were killed. Mohammed Al-Naqeeb, a

spokesman for the pro-independence Southern Transitional Council, which commands the military operations, told Arab News that the third phase of an offensive named “Eastern Arrows” had ended after their forces captured Omaran valley in Abyan province. He said 32 soldiers were killed and 42 wounded by Al-Qaeda counterattacks, booby traps and roadside bombs. The militants suffered 24 dead in combat or in the bombardment of Abyan’s high, rocky highlands.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2170576/middle-east>

UN envoy to Yemen Hans Grundberg in Riyadh for talks on truce expansion

The National News, September 27, 2022

UN Special Envoy to Yemen Hans Grundberg has visited Riyadh to discuss the expansion of the truce between the government and the Houthi rebel militia with Saudi and Yemeni officials. The UN-brokered truce, which began in April and has been extended three times in two-month increments, will expire on October 2. UN officials hope that this iteration of the truce will be expanded beyond two months. In an interview with Al Jazeera on Monday, Mr Grundberg said he is waiting for the warring parties to respond to a UN proposal for expanding the truce.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/mena/2022/09/27/un-envoy-to-yemen-hans-grundberg-in-riyadh-for-talks-on-truce-expansion/>

UN envoy says prospect of return to war in Yemen is 'real' as truce deadline approaches

The National News, September 28, 2022

The prospect of a return to war in Yemen is “real”, UN special envoy to the country Hans Grundberg has said. He was speaking after meetings with Yemeni, Saudi and Omani officials in Riyadh and Muscat this week as the deadline for renewing Yemen's truce approaches. “We are at a crossroads where the risk of a return to war is real and I am urging the parties to choose an alternative that prioritises the needs of the Yemeni people”, Mr Grundberg said after the meetings on Tuesday evening.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/mena/2022/09/28/un-envoy-says-prospect-of-return-to-war-in-yemen-is-real-as-truce-deadline-approaches/>

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