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## IRAN

### Iranian FM calls for U.S. ‘political statement’ on commitment to nuclear deal

Tehran Times, February 16, 2022

Iran has proposed that the U.S. Congress makes a “political statement” of its commitment to a nuclear accord with Tehran as talks in Vienna to revive the deal reach a critical juncture. In an exclusive interview with the Financial Times, Hossein Amir Abdollahian, foreign minister, said Washington had failed to address Iran’s demand for guarantees that no party is able to abandon the deal, as the U.S. did under former president Donald Trump in 2018. Amir Abdollahian said he had told Iran’s negotiators to propose to Western parties that “at least their parliaments or parliament speakers, including the U.S. Congress, can declare in the form of a political statement their commitment to the agreement and return to the JCPOA implementation.”

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/470213/Iranian-FM-calls-for-U-S-political-statement-on-commitment>

### Leader: Iran Never Seeks Nukes

Fars News Agency, February 17, 2022

Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei reiterated Iran's opposition to the production and use of atomic weapons and its determination to utilize peaceful nuclear energy. Ayatollah Khamenei made the remarks on Thursday, addressing thousands of people from Iran’s East Azerbaijan province via video conference, marking the anniversary of the popular uprising of the people of Tabriz, which took place on February 18, 1978. “You see how oppressively the enemy front is focusing on the issue of our nuclear

energy. They [the enemy] impose sanctions [on us] because of a nuclear energy [program] that they know is peaceful. And whatever they may say about Iran being a certain amount of time away from producing a [nuclear] bomb is nonsensical and meaningless,” the Leader said. “They know we are not seeking that; that we are not looking for a nuclear weapon. We are looking to benefit from nuclear energy in peaceful ways. They know this. [But] They do not want the Iranian nation to achieve such an outstanding scientific progress and that’s why they are pressuring us,” Ayatollah Khamenei added.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14001128000595/Leader-Iran-Never-Seeks-Nkes>

### Raisi, Macron consult on Vienna talks

Tehran Times, February 19, 2022

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his French counterpart held phone talks on Saturday afternoon over the ongoing nuclear talks in Vienna intended to revive the 2015 nuclear agreement, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). The telephone conversation comes as talks have reached a delicate stage and hopes have risen for restoring the multilateral agreement. President Raisi told Macron that if the agreement is revitalized, all false claims against Iran should come to an end. He added, “Political pressures or claims have been made to maintain pressure on the Iranian people and undermine the prospect of reaching an agreement.” Raisi stressed that any agreement in Vienna should include the lifting of sanctions, the provision of a valid guarantee and the closure of political issues and claims.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/470290/Raisi-Macron-consult-on-Vienna-talks>

### **Iran warns support for MKO will backfire on Europeans**

Tehran Times, February 19, 2022

A senior Iranian human rights official on Friday warned Europe that its support for the anti-Iran terrorist Mujahedin-e-Khalq Organization (MKO) will backfire on them just like the Daesh terrorist group. Kazem Gharibabadi, the Judiciary chief's deputy for international affairs and secretary of the High Council for Human Rights, censured the European Parliament for backing the MKO members by referring to them as "political opponents". It is shameful for members of the European Parliament to pursue their own political interests and turn a blind eye to the crimes committed by the MKO, which has killed over 12,000 innocent Iranians and still continues its terrorist activities while freely traveling through European countries, he stated.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47029/1/Iran-warns-support-for-MKO-will-backfire-on-Europeans>

### **Senior Iranian MP says sanctions under CAATSA should be lifted**

Tehran Times, February 20, 2022

Spokesman for the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee of the Iranian parliament suggested on Sunday that now that the Vienna talks are close to completion sanctions against Iran under CAATSA should be lifted. Meshkini said, "We do not go into details, but what is important for us is that the sanctions that must be lifted. Sanctions such as CAATSA (Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act) must be dealt with. If not, I do not think we will reach a conclusion in Vienna soon."

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/47032/6/Senior-Iranian-MP-says-sanctions-under-CAATSA-should-be-lifted>

### **Army's Fighter Jet Crashes in NW Iran, 3 People Killed**

Fars News Agency, February 21, 2022

A fighter jet of the Iranian Army's Air Force crashed in Tabriz in East Azarbaijan province in Northwestern Iran on Monday morning, killing three people. Public relations of the second base of Shahid Fakoori in Tabriz announced the crash of a fighter aircraft in the city. Investigations are underway into the main cause of the incident. Rescue teams have been dispatched to the scene. Two Air Force pilots were martyred and a citizen who was in his own car also lost his life in the incident. The fighter aircraft belonged to Shahid Fakoori Base in Tabriz.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14001202000534/Army's-Figher-Je-Crashes-in-NW-Iran-3-Peple-Killed>

### **Foreign Ministry: We will not back down from our red line in Vienna**

Tehran Times, February 21, 2022

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Monday the after the return of Iran's top negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani from Tehran to Vienna, the Iranian delegation submitted its proposals on the remaining issues in writing to the P4+1 (Russia, China, France, Britain and Germany). "In the framework of the negotiations, all sanctions that are inconsistent with the other parties' commitments and the economic benefits must be lifted," Saeed Khatibzadeh told his weekly press conference. He said the scope and number of issues to be resolved have been greatly reduced but the remaining issues are the most difficult ones. "The definite interests of the Iranian people, Iran's fundamental rights and the country's nuclear achievements are all protected in these negotiations and will remain as an

honor for this generation and future generations,” he noted.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/470370/Foreign-Ministry-We-will-not-back-down-from-our-red-line-in>

### **Top Commander: Iran’s Borders with Afghanistan Need Enhanced Security**

Fars News Agency, February 22, 2022

Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Baqeri said that shared borders of Iran and Afghanistan need to be more secure and tranquil. General Baqeri said that Iran's Eastern borders are in a very sensitive situation, adding that the country's Army has built a fortified multi-layer defense and security system on the borders. He made the remarks on an inspection visit to the Army 157 Brigade deployed on the Iranian Southeastern borders. During his visit, General Baqeri assessed the unit's combat preparedness, as well as the process of protection, security, and monitoring of the Southeastern borders.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14001203000516/Top-Cmmander-Iran%E2%80%99s-Brders-wih-Afghanisan-Need-Enhanced-Secriy>

### **Iran's Deputy N. Chief Visits Vienna for Talks with IAEA**

Fars News Agency, February 24, 2022

Spokesman and Deputy Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Behrouz Kamalvandi traveled to Vienna to hold talks with the UN nuclear watchdog officials on technical issues. Kamalvandi had also earlier this year traveled to Vienna and met and held talks with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director-General Rafael Grossi, after which, an agreement was made to install IAEA

surveillance cameras at Karaj TESA Complex.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14001205000404/Iran's-Depty-N-Chief-Visis-Vienna-fr-Talks-wih-IAEA>

### **Pakistan boosts Iran border security, maintains balance with Riyadh**

Al-Monitor, February 25, 2022

Iranian Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi traveled to Islamabad last week to discuss a series of attacks on Pakistani security posts along the Pakistan-Iran border. The first attack happened Jan. 25 at Kech, not far from Gwadar port, followed by two more Feb. 2 at Panjgur and Noshki. As usual, the Baloch Liberation Army claimed responsibility. Vahidi met with the civil and military leadership and “strongly condemned the recent terror attacks in Pakistan and said his country considers terrorist attacks in Pakistan attacks on Iran,” according to a statement released by Ahmed. It was decided to complete “fencing work on the Pakistan-Iran border at the earliest [and] it was agreed that the territory of Pakistan and Iran should not be used for terrorist activities against each other,” the statement released by Vahidi said.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/02/pakistan-boosts-iran-border-security-maintains-balance-riyadh#ixzz7ONI8A6Ne>

### **Senior Commander Underlines Iran’s Superior Regional Position in Air Defense**

Fars News Agency, February 25, 2022

Commander of the Iranian Army’s Air Defense Brigadier General Alireza Sabahifard stressed that his country ranks first in the region in different aspects of air

defense, and warned enemies against any assault in order to avoid the Islamic Republic's devastating response. General Sabahifard had underlined his forces' readiness to confront and repel any possible threat by the enemies, saying that Iran's might and power has made enemy hopeless in breaking out a hard war against the country. "The Army Air Defense Force, using advanced, new and indigenous radar and missile systems, has made it very difficult for the enemies to infiltrate our country's airspace," he added.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14001206000249/Senir-Cmmander-Underlines-Iran%E2%80%99s-Sperir-Reginal-Psiin-in-Air-Defense>

### **Iranian army equips helicopters with night-vision gear, missiles**

Tehran Times, February 26, 2022

Iran's Army Ground Force's airborne division has outfitted its fleet of helicopters with night-vision gear and potent missiles. General Yousef Qorbani, Commander of the Army Ground Force's Airborne Division, said at a military ceremony in the northeastern city of Mashhad on Saturday that the copters at his disposal have been equipped with night-vision systems and missiles that have successfully hit targets kilometers away. He also mentioned that local knowledge-based firms have helped the Army manufacture components of military equipment and modern weaponry.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/470541/Iranian-army-equips-helicopters-with-night-vision-gear-missiles>

### **AEOI Chief: Iran to Continue Expansion of Peaceful N. Program**

Fars News Agency, February, 26, 2022

Head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Mohammad Eslami said that

his country has decided to continue progress in its peaceful nuclear program despite the obstacles and pressures imposed by the UN nuclear watchdog and the western states. Eslami said that under articles two and three of its Statute, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is duty-bound to encourage and assist the development and practical application of peaceful atomic energy throughout the world. "Yet that is the only thing they have withheld from us," he said, adding, "Not only did they withhold help, but they also created obstacles. But with the grace of God and the support of the Leader (Ayatollah Seyed Ali Khamenei), we have a glorious [nuclear] roadmap today, which we should expand in all dimensions."

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14001207000604/AEOI-Chief-Iran-Cnine-Expansin-f-Peacefl-N-Prgram>

### **Vienna talks resume with no change in Iran's position**

Tehran Times, February 27, 2022

Iran's top negotiator is heading back to Vienna after making consultations in Tehran with relevant officials. The consultations seem to have resulted in no significant change in Iran's position toward a number of remaining issues. Before the departure of Bagheri Kani, Iran's Supreme National Security Council held an important meeting on the Vienna talks to take stock of the state of the talks. The Council underlined the need to meet Iran's legal and logical demands which are part of the country's red lines, according to Nour News, a website close to the Council.

During the meeting, it was underlined that the remaining issues, which put the negotiations on the verge of "agreement or deadlock," should be swiftly settled. Accepting any agreement by Iran depends

on the settlement of these issues, according to Nour News.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/470577/Vienna-talks-resume-with-no-change-in-Iran-s-position>

### **Iranian Navy Commander: Trans-Regional Forces Bring No Security to Region**

Fars News Agency, February 28, 2022

Iranian Navy Commander Rear Admiral Shahram Irani said that the trans-regional states are not able to bring security and peace to the people of the region. The trans-regional forces are seeking to undermine high power of regional countries and show these regional countries incapable of providing security in the region, Rear Admiral Irani said, addressing the cadets and lecturers at Lahore Navy War College in Pakistan on Sunday. He reiterated that trans-regional forces cannot provide peace and security for the people of regional countries. They cannot provide security to the people of the region and they are even leaving no stone unturned to show regional countries “incapable, Rear Admiral Irani said.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14001209000480/Iranian-Navy-Cmmander-Trans-Reginal-Frces-Bring-N-Secriy-Regin>

## **IRAQ**

### **Security-Intelligence Cooperation Centre between Iraq and neighboring countries**

Iraqi News Agency, February 21, 2022

National Commission for Intelligence Coordination agreed on Monday, to establish a center for security and intelligence coordination with the neighboring countries to Iraq. National Security Adviser, Qassim Al-Araji, chaired

a meeting of the National Intelligence Coordination Authority, where leaders of the intelligence and security community attended as well, according to a statement by the media office of the National Security Adviser received by the Iraqi News Agency (INA). The meeting discussed the development of intelligence cooperation and coordination with neighboring and regional countries, in confirmation of “the Iraqi government's principle of pursuing cooperation and intelligence partnerships that support the fight against crime and terrorism,” as it was agreed to establish a center for security and intelligence coordination with Iraq's neighboring countries.

<https://ina.iq/eng/17675-security-military-cooperation-centre-between-iraq-and-neighboring-countries.html>

## **ISRAEL**

### **Israel slams possible Iran nuclear deal without criticizing US**

Al-Monitor, February 22, 2022

Reports pouring in from Vienna seem to indicate that a new nuclear agreement between Iran and the P5+1 will be signed within just a few days. Last month, Bennett said in an interview that he would not oppose any agreement between Iran and the major world powers. But now that an outline of the agreement is starting to leak out, Jerusalem has announced that it is, in fact, bad for Israel. The agreement taking shape with Iran will lead to “a more violent, more volatile Middle East,” said Bennett Feb. 20, in a speech to the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations in the United States. He noted that Iran “hid and continues to hide materials that can be used to manufacture nuclear weapons. It insists that we forget what it already did, but the gun is still smoking.” On Monday during Foreign Minister Yair Lapid's

weekly statement to the press, he called it “terrible.” Lapid pointed out that Iran would have the capability to enrich weapons-grade uranium for a bomb within just two and a half years.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/02/israel-slams-possible-iran-nuclear-deal-without-criticizing-us#ixzz7ONjfeDLA>

### **Alleged Israeli airstrike targets Damascus**

The Jerusalem Post, February 24, 2022

An alleged Israeli airstrike targeted sites near Damascus on Wednesday night, according to Syrian state news agency SANA. Three Syrian soldiers were killed and material damage was caused by the strikes, according to SANA. According to the Syrian Capital Voice site, the strikes targeted an air defense battery in al-Kiswah and an Iranian weapons shipment at the Damascus International Airport. A Syrian air defense missile fell on the road leading to the Damascus International Airport, according to the Capital Voice. The opposition-affiliated Halab Today TV reported that the strike resulted in seven deaths and 12 injuries, as well as significant material damage.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-698426>

### **Russia-Ukraine War: Israeli-made weapons are heading to Ukraine**

The Jerusalem Post, February 28, 2022

As NATO member states announce that they are shipping modern weapons to Ukraine, Israeli-made weapons are also on their way, even as Jerusalem walks a diplomatic tightrope following Russia’s invasion of the European nation. On Sunday evening, the Netherlands announced that it would send 50

Panzerfaust 3 anti-tank weapon systems with 400 rockets and 200 Stinger anti-aircraft missiles. The Panzerfaust 3 is a man-portable rocket-propelled grenade that can penetrate 900 mm. (35 inches) of steel armor or 700 mm. of explosive reactive armor and destroy tanks such as the Soviet T-72 and T-80. Manufactured by Germany’s Dynamit Nobel Defense, a subsidiary of Israel’s Rafael Advanced Defense System, the Panzerfaust 3-IT anti-tank weapon is expected to arrive in Ukraine to replenish and boost the stockpiles of weapons able to destroy Russian armor.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-698899>

## **LEBANON**

### **Nasrallah brags about missiles, drones, reminisces on 1st Lebanese War**

The Jerusalem Post, February 16, 2022

Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah bragged about the terrorist movement’s missile and drone capabilities, and discounted Israeli attempts to stop weapons shipments, in a speech on Wednesday marking the anniversary of the assassination of former Hezbollah secretary-general Abbas al-Moussawi. Nasrallah claimed that the movement is able to convert thousands of its missiles into precision missiles, and has been working to do so alongside Iran for years. Israel’s “war between wars” has been “fruitless,” he said, and that Israel’s actions to confront Hezbollah’s weapons projects had actually led to “excellent results” for the movement.

The Hezbollah leader said the movement is able to manufacture drones, and will sell to whoever wants to buy.

<https://www.jpost.com/arab-israeli-conflict/article-696698>

### **Israel will not object if its exported gas reaches Lebanon: Minister**

Ya Libnan, February 16, 2022

Israel's energy minister said on Tuesday that it would not be a problem if Israeli natural gas that is exported to Egypt makes its way to Lebanon, a long-time enemy that is dealing with an energy crisis. "There's a big energy crisis in Lebanon," Energy Minister Karine Elharrar told Israel's Army Radio. "Nobody can go and inspect the molecules and check whether they originally came from Israel or Egypt." Lebanon has already signed a deal with Jordan that aims to ease crippling power shortages by transmitting electricity across neighbouring Syria, and it is looking to get gas from Egypt as well. If gas exports that reach Lebanon "bring calm to the region, I can't object to it", she added.

<https://yalibnan.com/2022/02/16/israel-will-not-object-if-exported-gas-reaches-lebanon-minister/>

### **Israel Fires Missile, Scrambles Aircraft after Drone Crosses from Lebanon**

Naharnet, February 18, 2022

Israel said Friday that it fired an anti-aircraft missile and scrambled warplanes and military helicopters after a small drone crossed from Lebanon into Israeli territory.

In an English-language tweet, the Israeli army described the drone as a "radio-controlled aircraft." "Sirens were sounded & aerial defense systems were activated. After a few minutes, radar contact was lost with the aircraft," the Israeli army added. "The event is under investigation & civilian life has returned to routine," it said. It later announced that the drone managed to return to Lebanon "after a few minutes."

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/287972-israel-uses-iron-dome-f-16-to-shoot-down-drone-that-crossed-from-lebanon>

### **Lebanon-Israel maritime border talks: Aoun rejects claims about concessions**

Ya Libnan, February 23, 2022

Lebanese President Michel Aoun said on Tuesday that "all the statements made about the indirect negotiation process with Israel on the concession in the maritime border dispute with Israel are not true. Those launching these claims are not aware of what happened during the discussions, which will preserve Lebanon's rights and natural wealth, and that is what is important." His office refused to disclose any information relating to the talks, saying that "it must be strictly confidential because it relates to national security." The People Want Movement, an activist group, had requested information regarding the negotiation on the grounds that "when the ruling authority agrees to start negotiations with Israel accepting Line 23 as the new starting point for maritime border negotiations, it gives up 1,430 square kilometers of Lebanon's right."

<https://yalibnan.com/2022/02/23/lebanon-israel-maritime-border-dispute-aoun-rejects-claims-about-concessions-in-talks/>

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **Arab Coalition conducts 17 targeted strikes against Houthis in Marib, Hajjah**

Alarabiya News, February 16, 2022

The Arab Coalition has conducted 17 targeted strikes against the Iran-backed Houthi militia in Yemen's Hajjah and Marib in the last 24 hours, the official Saudi Press Agency reported on Wednesday. The targeted strikes resulted in the destruction of 14 military vehicles, according to SPA, and caused casualties among the Houthis. The operation comes during a time when tensions are rising with Yemen's Iran-backed Houthis. The operation comes during a time when tensions are rising with

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthis. Last week, the Arab Coalition asked residents of Sanaa to evacuate some "civilian sites" in the next 72 hours and warned of strikes on the Houthi militia in the area.

[https://english.alarabiya.net/News/gulf/2022/02/16/Arab-Coalition-conducts-17-targeted-strikes-against-Houthis-in-Marib-Hajjah-](https://english.alarabiya.net/News/gulf/2022/02/16/Arab-Coalition-conducts-17-targeted-strikes-against-Houthis-in-Marib-Hajjah)

### **Saudi foreign minister holds talks with EU's Borrell over Iran deal**

Saudi Gazette, February 20, 2022

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal Bin Farhan has met with High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell on Sunday in Munich. The two sides talked about various issues, including the Vienna talks on the revival of the Iran nuclear deal and Yemen. They discussed ways to enhance joint efforts to stop the violations of the terrorist Houthi militia against Yemen and its people, which are obstructing the political solution in Yemen.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/617319/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Foreign-Minister-holds-talks-with-EUs-Borrell-over-Iran-deal>

### **Coalition: Drone aircraft crashes in Jazan; no injuries or damage**

Saudi Gazette, February 21, 2022

The Saudi-led Coalition Supporting Legitimacy in Yemen announced on Monday the crash of a booby-trapped drone plane in the village of Al-Ma'abooj in Jazan, southern Saudi Arabia, without causing any injuries or damage. Saudi Press Agency, on the social networking site Twitter, quoted the Coalition as saying that the drone took off from Sanaa International Airport to target civilians in Saudi Arabia. The Coalition confirmed the adoption and

implementation of resolute military operations in response to the threat and neutralizing the capabilities of the terrorist Houthi militia.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/617362/SAUDI-ARABIA/Coalition-Drone-aircraft-crashes-in-Jazan-no-injuries-or-damage>

### **UNSC designates Houthi militia as a 'terrorist group', imposes arms embargo**

Saudi Gazette, February 28, 2022

The UN Security Council (UNSC) issued a resolution Monday, designating the Houthi militia as a terrorist group and expanded the ban on the delivery of weapons to Yemen to include all Houthi terrorist affiliates. The arms embargo was previously limited to specific individuals and companies. The resolution labeled, for the first time, the Houthi militia as a "terrorist group", condemning their cross-border terrorist attacks against civilians and civilian infrastructure in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, and demanded immediate measures to stop such attacks.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/617589/World/America/UNSC-designates-Houthi-militia-as-a-terrorist-group-imposes-arms-embargo>

## **TURKEY**

### **Turkish defense industry 1st to attract UAE investment among others**

Daily Sabah, February 17, 2022

Turkey's defense industry is set to become the first sector to draw investment from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), as part of an expected \$10 billion (TL 136 billion) investment in several sectors. The investment decision came following President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's two-day official visit to the country during which he also met with UAE business leaders.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/economy/turkish-defense-industry-1st-to-attract-uae-investment-among-others>

### **Turkish defense industry locally develops ‘heart’ of submarines**

Daily Sabah, February 24, 2022

A domestically developed submarine information distribution system (DBDS), produced as part of a project carried out by the Turkish defense industry with the Naval Forces Command, was installed on the TCG Preveze submarine, the first vessel of its class. The system is provided by leading defense company Havelsan within the scope of the Preveze-class national production integrated combat management system (MÜREN-Preveze) project, an Anadolu Agency (AA) report said Thursday. The installation, assembly, port and sea tests of the DBDS on the Turkish Naval Forces' TCG Preveze submarine have been successfully completed, the report said. The system is designed to receive data from different sensors and systems, and to uninterruptedly distribute them to the relevant units so that submarines can perform all operational missions efficiently.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-defense-industry-locally-develops-heart-of-submarines>

## **UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

### **UAE warns of drone threat as it opens defense conference**

Alarabiya News, February 20, 2022

The United Arab Emirates warned Sunday of the rising threat of drone attacks, such as those launched against it by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi militia, at a defense industry conference on unmanned systems. "We have to unite to prevent the use of drones from threatening civilian safety and

destroying economic institutions," said Mohammed bin Ahmad al-Bawardi, the UAE's minister of state for defense affairs.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/gulf/2022/02/20/UAE-warns-of-drone-threat-as-it-opens-defense-conference>

### **UAE's lone nuclear plant 'well protected' against security threats: Regulator**

Alarabiya News, February 23, 2022

The United Arab Emirates' only nuclear power plant is "well protected" against security threats, the regulator said on Wednesday, following a series of unprecedented drone and missile attacks on the Gulf state. Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi militia said in 2017 they fired a cruise missile towards the Barakah plant, a report which the UAE denied. The group has repeatedly threatened to target critical infrastructure in the UAE. "The nuclear power plant is designed according to high security principles and we have issued regulations for physical and cyber security," Federal Authority for Nuclear Regulation (FANR) Director General Christer Viktorsson said. "The sensitive parts of the power plant are well protected for any event," he told reporters.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/gulf/2022/02/23/UAE-s-lone-nuclear-plant-well-protected-against-security-threats-Regulator>

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