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Armenia

Armenia invited to first-ever Atomic Summit in Moscow

Armenian Life, September 2, 2025

The first-ever Atomic Summit is set to take place in Moscow on September 23, organized by the Rosatom state corporation, and Armenia has been invited to participate. Sona Harutyunyan, the press secretary of the Armenian Ministry of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure, which is responsible for the energy sector, told ARKA, “We have already received an invitation through the Foreign Ministry. The decision regarding Armenia’s participation in the summit will be made at a later time.” Previously, Alexey Likhachev, the CEO of Rosatom, announced that the summit is part of the events commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Russian nuclear industry. The Armenian NPP, the only one in the South Caucasus region, is located near the town of Metsamor, about 30 km west of Yerevan. The plant accounts for about 40% of the total electricity generation. Its service life has been prolonged until 2026, and work on repeated prolongation for another 10 years is in progress. Armenian government wants to have a new nuclear power plant with a capacity of 1000-1,200 MW to be built in 8-10 years.

<https://armenianlife.com/2025/09/02/armenia-invited-to-first-ever-atomic-summit-in-moscow/>

The Prime Minister meets with President of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in Beijing

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, September 2, 2025

During his working visit to Beijing, Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan met with President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) Jin Liqun. Prime Minister Pashinyan noted that Armenia’s membership in the organization opens up new prospects for the implementation of investment programs. The parties emphasized that the cooperation will contribute to the implementation of projects in the field of infrastructure development. During the meeting, possible areas of joint work were discussed, including programs for the development of transport, energy, and communication infrastructure. Prime Minister Pashinyan touched upon the Academic City project, highlighting the potential involvement of the AIIB as an investor. In turn, AIIB President Jin Liqun emphasized that the bank is ready to support the development of Armenia’s economic and scientific and educational sectors by investing in programs that will contribute to the country’s long-term growth and deepening regional ties. The parties agreed to continue work aimed at developing and implementing specific investment projects.

<https://www.primeminister.am/en/press-release/item/2025/09/02/Nikol-Pashinyan-meeting-China/>

Armenia-China strategic partnership opens new opportunities for infrastructure development, says minister

Armenpress, September 2, 2025

The strategic partnership between Armenia and China opens new opportunities for infrastructure development, the Armenian Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructures David Khudatyan has said. Speaking to Armenpress, Khudatyan lauded Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's productive visit to China. "The strategic partnership opens up new opportunities," he said. "I am sure you are aware that we have been implementing several major projects with our Chinese partners, they are involved in our major infrastructure projects, particularly the North-South Road. The Chinese company has nearly completed its work there, and another Chinese company is involved in the construction of the Kaps reservoir. We hope that this project will have success, albeit the certain difficulties," the minister said. He added that there are new opportunities in road and energy infrastructure projects. "This is a new opportunity to involve new partners in the construction of infrastructures that we have been planning to launch soon, and these are rather big projects, mostly road and energy infrastructures, and I hope the visit will contribute to launching these projects, as well as their successful course. As I said, Chinese partners have broad involvement in our major infrastructure projects and we are discussing their involvement in new ones." Khudatyan said that the Armenian government's policy of unblocking

infrastructures opens new prospects both regionally and globally. "We hope that the unblocking of regional infrastructures will also allow us to increase the trade turnover with China and other countries, and we are moving in this direction," he said. PM Nikol Pashinyan and Chinese President Xi Jinping held a meeting within the framework of the SCO Summit in Tianjin and announced the Strategic Partnership between Armenia and China.

<https://armenpress.am/en/article/1228640>

Armenia PM, China vice president discuss prospects for developing strategic partnership

Armenia News, September 3, 2025

Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan met with Chinese Vice President Han Zheng in Beijing, the PM's office informs. Han welcomed Pashinyan's visit to China and participation in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit and the parade held in Beijing. He noted that the fruitful meeting between the Armenian PM and Chinese President Xi Jinping resulted in the establishment of a strategic partnership between Armenia and China, which will contribute to the development and expansion of cooperation in all domains. Han Zheng noted that China attaches great importance to the establishment of a strategic partnership with Armenia, and in this regard, the Armenian premier's visit to China is of key importance. In turn, PM Pashinyan expressed gratitude for the invitation and warm welcome, and emphasized that his working visit to China is of great importance for Armenia. The premier noted

that as a result of this visit, Armenia-China relations have been elevated to the level of a strategic partnership, which creates new opportunities for the further deepening and expansion of ties. He added that in recent years, cooperation between Armenia and China has been developing in the political, economic and cultural domains, and ties between the Armenian and Chinese peoples are being strengthened. According to the Prime Minister, the two peoples have great sympathy for each other, and this is a solid basis for the advancement of comprehensive cooperation.

<https://news.am/eng/news/902458.html>

13.5 bln drams to be allocated this year to extend operation of Armenia nuclear plant's 2nd power unit

Armenia News, September 4, 2025

The government of Armenia, at its Cabinet meeting, decided to allocate 13.5 billion drams for the extension of the operation of the second power unit of the Armenian nuclear power plant (NPP) in 2025. It is noted that in 2020, the government adopted a decision, according to which the Armenian NPP will be provided with a budget loan of 63.2 billion drams from the state budget during 2020-2025. Within the framework of this budget loan of 63.2 billion drams of the general program, loan agreements for 49.665 billion drams were signed, the balance is 13.535 billion drams, states the explanation of this decision. This balance arose in 2024, when the Ministry of Finance signed a loan agreement with the High Voltage Electrical Networks Company in the amount of 1.035 billion drams out of the 7 billion drams planned for

the NPP, as a result of which 5.9 billion drams were provided to the NPP in 2024. It is also noted that this decision will enable to make the payments stipulated in the signed agreement, sign respective contracts, and carry out the respective work within the stipulated period, as well as to use the aforementioned loans within the deadlines stipulated in the decision.

<https://news.am/eng/news/902628.html>

Trilateral Meeting of the Republic of Armenia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of India

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia, September 9, 2025

The third trilateral meeting of the Republic of Armenia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, and the Republic of India at the level of regional directors general of the foreign ministries of the three countries was held on September 8, 2025, hosted by Tehran. The Iranian delegation was headed by H.E. Mr. Mohammad Reza Bahrami, Director General for South Asia at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran; the Indian delegation was led by H.E. Mr. Anand Prakash, Joint Secretary (PAI), of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India, and the Armenian delegation was chaired by H. E. Ms. Anahit Karapetyan, Head of the Asia-Pacific Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia. The three parties expressed satisfaction with the regular and annual holding of the trilateral meeting, reviewed the progress achieved as a result of decisions made at the first meeting hosted in Yerevan in April 2023 and the second meeting hosted in New

Delhi in December 2024. They further emphasized fulfillment of the goals set for the said meetings in order to secure mutual interests and promote prosperity and welfare in the region. The three sides at this meeting emphasized expanding and deepening cooperation, especially in the fields of connectivity, the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), and the Armenian “Crossroads of Peace” project, utilizing the strategic position of the Chabahar port in this regard. The parties also reviewed and stressed initiatives aimed at further developing relations in economic, trade, culture, people-to-people relations, and other areas of mutual interest. By mutual agreement, it was decided that the next trilateral meeting will be held next year in Armenia on a mutually convenient date to the three parties.

https://www.mfa.am/en/press-releases/2025/09/09/Arm_Iran_India/13428

Armenia plans shorter mandatory military service

Armenpress, September 11, 2025

The Armenian Ministry of Defence has proposed reducing the duration of mandatory military service from the current 24 months to 18 months. The draft bill has been released for public discussion. This move aligns with the government’s 2021–2026 program, which envisions a shorter mandatory service period as voluntary (contract-based) service expands. According to the ministry, recent initiatives—such as the Homeland Defender contract service, the certification system, the professional sergeant system,

and others—have produced positive results and made voluntary service more attractive. If approved, the shorter service period will be implemented starting in the summer of 2026.

<https://armenpress.am/en/article/1229357>

The Prime Minister meets with Ambassadors accredited to NATO

The Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, September 11, 2025

Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan received Ambassadors accredited to the NATO who visited Armenia at the Government House. During the meeting, issues related to the Armenia-NATO partnership were discussed. The parties noted the importance of developing and continuing cooperation. Prime Minister Pashinyan presented Armenia’s policy towards strengthening peace and stability. In this context, Nikol Pashinyan referred to the Washington Declaration signed between Armenia and Azerbaijan on August 8, as well as the initialing of the Agreement on Peace and Establishment of Relations. The Prime Minister stressed that Armenia attaches importance to cooperation with international partners, including NATO, which also contributes to advancing the security and stability agenda in the region. The ambassadors welcomed the signing of the Washington Declaration and the initialing of the peace agreement, describing them as crucial steps towards ensuring long-term stability in the region. They also highly appreciated the partnership with Armenia. During the meeting, they exchanged views on a number of issues related to regional

security, Armenia's reform agenda, and expanding cooperation with international partners.

<https://www.primeminister.am/en/press-release/item/2025/09/11/Nikol-Pashinyan-meeting-NATO-ambassadors/>

Artificial intelligence, semiconductor technology, and space innovations: Armenia and United States enhance their technological collaboration

Arka Telecom, September 12, 2025

For the Armenian government, the ongoing development and strengthening of ties with the United States is a strategic imperative, Armenian Minister of High-Tech Industry Mkhitar Hayrapetyan said at a meeting with a delegation led by Brendan Henrehen, the head of the US State Department's Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. As reported by the ministry's press service, Hayrapetyan expressed his belief that the visit of the American delegation will greatly aid in the effective execution of the initiatives outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the governments of Armenia and the United States, signed on August 8, which pertains to innovative collaboration in the domains of artificial intelligence and semiconductors. He emphasized that this partnership presents extensive opportunities for the advancement of the Armenian economy. The State Department representative remarked that the details of this US memorandum highlight the significant potential for collaboration between the two nations in the technological sector. The participants engaged in discussions covering a broad spectrum of topics,

particularly the prospects for developing a cohesive policy in the realm of artificial intelligence, investing in Armenia's semiconductor ecosystem, and enhancing capabilities in chip design, identification, and testing.

<https://arkatelecom.am/en/news/telecom/artificial-intelligence-semiconductor-technology-and-space-innovations-armenia-and-united-states-enhance-their-technological-collaboration/>

Armenian Defence Minister highlights NATO's role in ongoing reforms

Armenpress, September 12, 2025

Minister of Defence of Armenia, Suren Papikyan, met with ambassadors of a number of countries to NATO who are on a visit in Armenia. Papikyan presented the ongoing defence reforms and the process of transformation of the armed forces, emphasizing the important role of NATO in this sector, the defence ministry said in a readout. The course and prospects of development of Armenia-NATO partnership, as well as matters pertaining to regional and international security were discussed during the meeting.

<https://armenpress.am/en/article/1229497>

Armenia will not participate in the Zapad-2025 exercises

Armenian News, September 12, 2025

The Republic of Armenia will not participate in the Zapad-2025 military exercises. Defence Ministry spokesperson Aram Torosyan announced this to NEWS.am. Military units from the CSTO, SCO, and other partner states are

participating in the Zapad-2025 coalition exercise, conducted by Belarus and Russia, according to the Russian news agency TASS, citing the Russian Ministry of Defence. Let us recall that Armenia has frozen its membership in the CSTO.

<https://news.am/rus/news/904129.html>

Armenia concludes two-year tenure on IAEA Board of Governors

Armenpress, September 12, 2025

Armenia has completed its two-year membership on the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the foreign ministry has said in a statement. On September 11, Armenia's Permanent Representative to the IAEA, Ambassador Andranik Hovhannisyan, delivered a concluding statement, noting that it had been both an honor and a responsibility for Armenia to serve on the Board. He highlighted Armenia's contribution to the Agency's work and its commitment to advancing the IAEA's mandate. Hovhannisyan expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Vice President of the Board during the past year. He underlined that Armenia, guided by diplomacy, dialogue, and mutual respect, remains committed to the goals and principles of the IAEA and will continue to be an active supporter of the mission of the International Atomic Energy Agency. According to the statement, Hovhannisyan also thanked the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the IAEA Director General, member states and the Secretariat for their support and joint work.

<https://armenpress.am/en/article/1229559>

Azerbaijan

India rejects Azerbaijan's claims of blocking SCO bid, says application 'under consideration'

Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, September 5, 2025

The expansion of SCO is an ongoing process. This year, both Armenia and Azerbaijan submitted their application for membership of the SCO. Due to time constraints, a decision on this issue could not be taken by the member states in Tianjin. But this particular issue, that is of the membership of both countries, remains under consideration by the group.

https://www.mea.gov.in/media-briefings.htm?dtl%2F40101%2FTranscript_of_Weekly_Media_Briefing_by_the_Official_Spokesperson_September_05_2025

Tashkent hosts Azerbaijan-Uzbekistan bilateral military cooperation discussions

Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, September 5, 2025

The Chief of the International Military Cooperation Department of the Azerbaijan Ministry of Defence and the delegation led by him visit Uzbekistan to participate in the Staff Talks on Prospects of Cooperation in the Military Field. The meeting, held in Tashkent with the participation of a large delegation from relevant departments of both countries, discussed the current state and prospects of military and military-technical cooperation, as well as the draft bilateral military cooperation plan for 2026. Within the visit, the Azerbaijani delegation

visited Chimgan mountain training center. After getting acquainted with the center, the Azerbaijani delegation took part in the graduation ceremony of the Mountain Warrior Course, involving a group of servicemen from the Azerbaijan Army.

<https://mod.gov.az/en/news/tashkent-hosts-azerbaijan-uzbekistan-bilateral-military-cooperation-discussions-55481.html>

Baku hosts Eternal Brotherhood - IV multinational joint special forces exercise

Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, September 9, 2025

Eternal Brotherhood - IV multinational joint exercise is held in Baku with the participation of special forces from Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Qatar, Turkiye, and Uzbekistan. On September 9, the leadership of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Azerbaijan attended the official opening ceremony of the exercise. First, the Azerbaijan Special Forces Commander, Patriotic War Hero Major General Alakbar Jahangirov reported to the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Colonel General Zakir Hasanov that the exercise participants are ready for the opening ceremony. A minute of silence was observed to honor the memory of the Shehids of Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Qatar, Turkiye, and Uzbekistan. Accompanied by a military orchestra, the national anthems of the participating countries were performed, and the state flags were raised. It was noted at the event that the Eternal Brotherhood - IV multinational joint exercise, involving armored vehicles, army aviation, and unmanned aerial vehicles, includes special

forces personnel from six countries. It was emphasized that the main objective of the joint exercise is to exchange experience among the special forces of friendly and allied countries through the conduct of joint special operations, to enhance skills in organizing coordinated actions, and to develop the capacity and abilities to conduct joint operations if necessary.

<https://mod.gov.az/en/news/baku-hosts-eternal-brotherhood-iv-multinational-joint-special-forces-exercise-55504.html>

Azerbaijani and Kazakh military specialists meet in Baku

Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Azerbaijan, September 11, 2025

In accordance with the 2025 bilateral military cooperation plan between the Defence Ministries of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Republic of Kazakhstan, a delegation of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Kazakhstan paid a visit to Azerbaijan. Within the visit, a meeting was held between the military finance specialists of both countries. At the meeting held at the International Military Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Defence, the sides discussed defence expenditure planning, financing, accounting of funds, as well as the specifics of military property accounting, and the procedures for monetary allowances and salary payments. During the meeting, a broad exchange of views on a number of other issues was held and questions of mutual interest were answered.

<https://mod.gov.az/en/news/azerbaijani-and-kazakh-military-specialists-meet-in-baku-55520.html>

Azerbaijan looks to buy Slovak rapid-fire mortar

Aze.Media, September 12, 2025

Azerbaijan is moving to expand its long-range strike capabilities with interest in acquiring Slovakia's AM-120 automated mortar system and the 155 mm EVA self-propelled artillery system, according to Baku-based policy analyst Fuad Shahbazov. "In 2024, Azerbaijan and Slovakia agreed to establish joint manufacturing facilities with investments," Shahbazov said, noting that cooperation has advanced beyond purchases toward shared defence production. The AM-120 mortar, developed by Slovakia's ZTS Special, is designed to deliver rapid, high-volume indirect fire. Mounted on a Tatra 815-7 6×6 chassis provided by Czech defence firm Excalibur Army, the system combines mobility with firepower. Its Lansys fire control system, developed by the Slovak company Kerametal, enables precise targeting under combat conditions. The vehicle-mounted system allows for firing directly from inside the cabin, where a crew of two to four personnel can control the turret remotely. Operators may also fire directly from the turret in manual mode if required. The turret provides 360-degree azimuth movement, giving crews the ability to rapidly shift fire against multiple threats.

<https://aze.media/azerbaijan-looks-to-buy-slovak-rapid-fire-mortar/>

Armenia stresses swift signing of peace deal with Azerbaijan

Azernews, September 14, 2025

The signing of a peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan in the shortest possible time will be a serious step towards institutionalizing the established peace. In response to a question from the local media outlets about the signing date, the press secretary of the Armenian Foreign Ministry, Ani Badalyan, stated. "When the agreement on the text of the Armenia-Azerbaijan agreement was announced on March 13 of this year, the Armenian side simultaneously expressed its readiness to sign the agreement as soon as possible. This approach was confirmed by the initialing of the agreement on August 8, which, as an important event that recorded the establishment of peace, received broad international support," she said. According to Badalyan, Armenia's principled approach to the signing date has not changed: "The earliest signing of the agreement will be a serious step towards institutionalizing the established peace," she added.

<https://www.azernews.az/karabakh/247393.html>

ANAMA announces mines and ordnance neutralised in liberated territories

Azernews, September 15, 2025

The Azerbaijan National Agency for Mine Action (ANAMA) has released an update on demining operations carried out by various agencies in territories liberated

from occupation between September 8 and 14, Azernews reports. It is worth noting that during this period, demining activities were conducted across Terter, Agdere, Kalbajar, Aghdam, Khojaly, Khankendi, Khojavend, Lachin, Shusha, Fuzuli, Gubadli, Jabrayil, and Zangilan. Teams successfully detected and neutralized 118 anti-personnel mines, 11 anti-tank mines, and 1,406 unexploded ordnance. In the past month alone, 1,333.8 hectares of land have been cleared of mines and unexploded military munitions, marking a significant step toward the safe resettlement and rehabilitation of affected areas. ANAMA emphasized that ongoing efforts remain critical to ensuring the security of civilians and facilitating the reconstruction of liberated regions.

<https://www.azernews.az/karabakh/247393.html>

Azercosmos set to hit airwaves in Pakistan via UAE company

Trend News Agency, September 15, 2025

The Space Agency under the Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, known as Azercosmos, has signed a new cooperation agreement with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) company SS Creative Solutions FZE, Trend reports via Azercosmos. According to the agency, the agreement was concluded during IBC 2025 in Amsterdam, Netherlands, one of the world's largest media, satellite, and broadcast technology exhibitions and conferences. Under the agreement, a television broadcasting project will be implemented in Pakistan, with video distribution services provided via Azercosmos' satellite resources. The

international platform, covering satellite services, technology, innovation, and broadcasting, hosted over 50,000 representatives from 170 countries. Azercosmos presented its products and services at the event, highlighting its ten years of activity in the African region and its "Azconnexus" product, which offers high-speed and reliable communication capabilities.

<https://www.trend.az/business/it/4090910.html>

Pakistan to boost naval training, joint maritime operations with Bahrain

Arab News, September 2, 2025

Pakistan and Bahrain have agreed to boost cooperation in naval training and regional maritime security operations, the Pakistan Navy said. The statement came after Bahrain's Chief of Defence Staff Lt. Gen. Thiab Saqer Abdulla Al-Nuaimi's meeting with Pakistan Navy Chief Admiral Naveed Ashraf at the Naval Headquarters in Islamabad. During the meeting, Admiral Ashraf underscored Pakistan Navy's efforts to promote maritime stability through initiatives such as the regional maritime security patrols to safeguard sea routes, deter piracy, curb smuggling and protect commercial shipping. "Both the leaders exchanged views on matters of mutual interest, focusing on regional maritime security and prospects for deepening cooperation in defence, training and joint maritime security operations," the navy's directorate general of public relations (DGPR) said in a statement.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2613886/pakistan>

Bahrain

Bahrain-UK Strategic Dialogue Committee holds meeting

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain, September 3, 2025

The Political Committee of the Strategic Dialogue between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Kingdom held a meeting via video conference. The Bahraini side was chaired by Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali Al Khalifa, Director-General of Bilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while the British side was led by Thomas Allen, Head of the Gulf Department at the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. The meeting prepared for the second Bahrain-UK Strategic Dialogue scheduled for later this year. During the meeting, the Shaikh Abdullah bin Ali commended the close and growing bilateral relations across various domains. He underlined Bahrain's commitment to enhancing and expanding cooperation to serve the shared interests of both countries and their peoples. The meeting also addressed means to develop the strategic partnership and improve coordination in multiple areas. Both sides exchanged views on regional and international issues, reflecting their shared commitment to advancing the strategic dialogue and consultation mechanisms between Bahrain and the UK.

<https://www.mofa.gov.bh/en/bahrain-uk-strategic-dialogue-committee-holds-meeting>

Inaugural Bahrain- Japan Strategic Dialogue commences in Tokyo

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain, September 9, 2025

The inaugural session of the Strategic Dialogue between the Kingdom of Bahrain and Japan commenced in the Japanese capital, Tokyo, with the participation of Dr Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Bahrain, and Mr Takeshi Iwaya, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, alongside official delegations from both nations. At the beginning of the meeting, the two ministers signed a Joint Statement establishing the Strategic Dialogue between the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Government of Japan. This initiative aims to strengthen the existing bilateral relations across a wide array of sectors, and to foster ongoing cooperation between the two friendly nations and their peoples. It also provides a platform for the exchange of views on regional and international developments and facilitates the implementation of joint initiatives in diverse fields including politics, security, economy, energy, environment and climate change, trade and investment, content creation, and broader cultural cooperation.

<https://www.mofa.gov.bh/en/inaugural-bahrainjapan-strategic-dialogue-commences-in-tokyo>

Bahrain hosts 17th GCC Armed Forces Administration and Manpower Committee meeting

Bahrain News Agency, September 10, 2025

The 17th meeting of the GCC Armed Forces Administration and Manpower Committee was held at the Bahrain Defence Force (BDF), under the chairmanship of Major General Shaikh Ali bin Rashid Al Khalifa, Assistant Chief of Staff for Human Resources. The meeting was convened as part of efforts to strengthen joint military cooperation and to enhance collective coordination in administration and manpower, thereby contributing to advancing the progress of GCC military cooperation and integration.

<https://www.bna.bh/en/news?cms=q8FmFJgiscL2fwIzON1%2BDrZ2VtuJWjgHasY3xabSBQA%3D>

Iran

Joint letter by the foreign ministers of Iran China and Russia rejecting the alleged activation of the snapback mechanism by three European countries

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iran, September 1, 2025

The Foreign Ministers of Iran, China, and Russia, in a joint letter addressed to the secretary general of the UN and president of the Security Council, rejected the attempt by the European troika to revive the annulled Security Council resolutions against Iran. They stressed that the notification submitted by the three European countries to the Security Council is contrary to the procedures set out in the JCPOA and Resolution 2231, lacks any

legal basis, and must therefore be considered null and void. In part of the joint letter, the foreign ministers said, “The action by the foreign ministers of the three European countries (E3) is clearly inconsistent with the above resolution and is therefore inherently flawed both legally and procedurally. The path pursued by the E3 misuses the authority and functions of the UN Security Council, while simultaneously misleading its members and the international community regarding the root causes of the disruption in the implementation of the JCPOA and Resolution 2231.” The letter refers to the current state of the JCPOA as a result of the unilateral withdrawal of the US and the failure of the European countries to remedy the negative consequences of Washington's pullout, underlining that as long as the effects of the US withdrawal are not duly addressed, there can be no possibility of invoking the dispute resolution mechanism against Iran.

<https://en.mfa.gov.ir/portal/newsview/774237>

GCC urges Iran to resolve islands dispute, calls for role in nuclear talks

Iran International, September 1, 2025

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) urged Iran to relinquish control of three Persian Gulf islands which it has held since 1971 following Britain's withdrawal from the region. “Any decisions, practices, or actions taken by Iran on the three islands are null and void and do not alter the historical and legal facts that confirm the UAE's right of sovereignty,” the GCC said in a final statement after its 165th

ministerial council session in Kuwait. The bloc added that the islands are “an indivisible part of UAE territory.” The three islands — Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb and Abu Musa — have been in dispute since the British withdrew their armed forces in 1971 and Iran's last Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi sent the Iranian navy to secure them. Iranian forces remain on the islands, with only Abu Musa having a civilian population which is less than two thousand.

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202509019044>

Iran's intelligence unveils identities of Israeli drone operators, IRIB reports

Tehran Times, September 1, 2025

According to the broadcast, Iranian intelligence services managed to identify the operators of advanced Israeli Hermes and Heron drones, gather their personal details, and obtain comprehensive information about the airbases from which these drones were launched. The report said that soon after Israeli drones appeared in Iranian skies, text messages were sent directly to their operators in the occupied territories, warning them that their identities had been exposed. Israeli media at the time, including Yedioth Ahronoth, confirmed that such threatening messages had been circulated among pilots and drone operators. IRIB's program presented images and intelligence files reportedly obtained by Iran's Ministry of Intelligence. The files included technical data on the 210th Squadron at Tel Nof Airbase, footage of drone assembly and maintenance, radar

systems, and even control cabins where operators guided the aircraft. The report also named several identified Israeli officers, publishing their personal information and home addresses for the first time. Among those mentioned were Ofir Tesler, Eden Werther from Tel Aviv, and Ofir Eisler from Givatayim.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/517423/Iran-s-intelligence-unveils-identities-of-Israeli-drone-operators>

Iranian, Turkish Presidents discuss nuclear, regional issues

Tasnim News Agency, September 2, 2025

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit in Tianjin, China. The two top officials discussed a wide range of regional and bilateral issues, including developments in Syria, Gaza, Iraq, Iran's nuclear program, the Caucasus, and Tehran-Ankara relations. Referring to the peace agreement between Armenia and Azerbaijan, Pezeshkian said Iran backs the deal as a step toward stability. “We support the agreement between Armenia and the Republic of Azerbaijan as a means of consolidating peace and stability. At the same time, we oppose any presence of external forces in the Caucasus region,” he stressed. On Iran's nuclear file, Pezeshkian declared Tehran's readiness for negotiations with Washington, provided Iran's nuclear rights are recognized and a “win-win solution” is reached.

<https://www.tasnimnews.com/en/news/2025/09/02/3390266/iranian-turkish-presidents-discuss-nuclear-regional-issues>

Pezeshkian calls for collaborative efforts to realize agreements with China

Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, September 2, 2025

Speaking to a group of Iranian expatriates in Beijing, the president referred to the productive discussions and exchanges of views that took place during his visit to China, highlighting the constructive nature of the negotiations. He noted, "We have had good dialogues and agreements, and now it is time to put these agreements into action." He said that it is the responsibility of professionals in various fields, scientific, industrial, commercial, and others, to ensure that the agreements do not remain unexecuted. Pezeshkian pointed out that Iran's interactions with other countries, especially neighboring nations and allies, have improved significantly, creating a more conducive environment for collaboration. He emphasized that Iran and China are heirs to two ancient and glorious civilizations, and it is unacceptable for them to lag behind newer nations in terms of progress. "If we return to our roots and rely on our history, science, culture, and civilization while working together, we can prosper our country," the president stated.

<https://irangov.ir/detail/468522>

China supports Iran's right to civilian nuclear energy, Xi tells Pezeshkian

Al Arabiya English, September 2, 2025

President Xi Jinping told his Iranian counterpart Masoud Pezeshkian that China supported Iran's right to civilian nuclear energy and opposed the use of force to resolve differences, state media reported.

"The use of force is not the right way to resolve differences. Communication and dialogue are the right path to achieving lasting peace," Xi told Pezeshkian during talks in Beijing, according to a readout from state broadcaster CCTV. China "respects Iran's rights to peaceful use of nuclear energy" and seeks a solution to the Iranian nuclear issue "that takes into account the legitimate concerns of all parties," he said. China, a close partner of Iran and its largest trade partner, has said it opposes a move by France, Britain, and Germany that could reimpose sanctions on the Islamic Republic. Those countries said they had invoked the "snapback" mechanism, which initiates a 30-day process for reimposing sanctions on Iran. That move came after weeks of warnings over Iran's alleged breaches of the 2015 agreement with world powers to curb its nuclear program. The sanctions were suspended under the deal.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/world/2025/09/02/xi-tells-iran-president-china-opposes-use-of-force-to-resolve-differences-state-media->

PGCC reiterates claims over Iran's trio islands, gas field

Mehr News Agency, September 2, 2025

The PGCC reiterated its long-standing and baseless allegations against Iran, claiming that the three Iranian islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb, and Lesser Tunb belong to the United Arab Emirates. The statement also alleged that the Arash gas field lies within the maritime boundaries of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia and called on Iran to hold talks on the issue. These claims come despite Iran's repeated emphasis on its

historical and legal ownership of the three islands as an inseparable part of its territory, as well as its legitimate rights over the Arash gas field. The PGCC further urged the expansion of Iran's nuclear negotiations, asserting that the talks should include all security matters and the concerns of the Council's member states. The three Persian Gulf islands have historically been part of Iran, the proof of which can be found in and corroborated by countless historical, legal, and geographical documents in Iran and other parts of the world. The UAE, however, has repeatedly laid claim to the islands. The islands fell under British control in 1921, but on November 30, 1971, a day after British forces left the region and just two days before the UAE was to become an official federation, Iran's sovereignty over the islands was restored.

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/236006/PG-CC-reiterates-claims-over-Iran-s-trio-islands-gas-field>

Iran denounces Arab states' claim to Persian Gulf Islands, Arash gas field

Tehran Times, September 2, 2025

In a statement, the Iranian Ministry of Foreign Affairs rejected “hackneyed and legally baseless” assertions by the GCC regarding the islands. The statement came after GCC foreign ministers issued a declaration in Kuwait, claiming that the islands belong to the United Arab Emirates. Iran called the islands “inseparable parts of its territorial territory,” emphasizing that repeated claims would not alter the “geographical, historical, and legal realities” that underpin Iranian sovereignty. Tehran warned that it would take all

necessary measures to ensure the security of the islands and protect its national interests in the region. The trio of islands has historically been part of Iran, a fact supported by extensive historical, legal, and geographical records. While the islands were under British control from 1921, Iran restored its sovereignty over them on November 30, 1971, a day after British forces withdrew from the region and just two days before the UAE's official formation. On the Arash gas field, jointly claimed by Iran and Kuwait, the Iranian ministry reaffirmed Tehran's historical and legal rights, rejecting “one-sided claims” from Kuwait. The GCC statement repeated previous assertions that Iran has no entitlement to the field. Iran stressed that resolving the dispute over the Arash field—known as al-Durra in Kuwait—requires “bilateral dialogue, joint efforts, and a positive, constructive atmosphere” to safeguard mutual rights. The offshore field, discovered in the 1960s, contains an estimated 20 trillion cubic feet of gas, with nearly 40% lying within Iranian waters, capable of producing up to one billion cubic feet per day.

https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/51747/5/Iran-denounces-Arab-states-claim-to-Persian-Gulf-Islands-Arash?utm_source=google.com&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=google.com&utm_referrer=google.com

Parliament to back NPT withdrawal following snapback

Tehran Times, September 3, 2025

Esmail Kowsari, a member of Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Committee, and a member of the IRGC told

reporters that while the final decision rests with the SNSC, the legislature stands ready to endorse and implement the country's broader strategic choices. "The decision on leaving the NPT lies with the Supreme National Security Council," Kowsari said. "But if such a decision is taken, Parliament will certainly support it and act in harmony with the nation's overall policies." The lawmaker recalled that the United States unilaterally abandoned the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) when then-President Donald Trump left the deal during his first term. "That act meant the U.S. no longer recognized the agreement, rendering it void," Kowsari said. "The Europeans also failed to honor their commitments, and once again violated their obligations. Now they want to put themselves above the law and take further measures — but this is just an excuse, especially after their defeat in the 12-day war." Kowsari noted that the snapback mechanism would involve the reimposition of sanctions and restrictions on shipping and exports. "But all of these steps have already been taken against us before and led nowhere," he added. He emphasized that discussions on a possible NPT withdrawal would take place within the SNSC, with the participation of the Parliament Speaker and the head of Parliament's National Security Committee. "Once consensus is reached, Parliament will undoubtedly provide full support," he stressed.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/51787/1/European-Snapback-efforts-could-inflict-irreparable-damage>

US-Israeli strikes on Iran's nuclear sites violate Charter, Tehran tells UN

Tehran Times, September 5, 2025

Addressing the UN General Assembly during a session marking the International Day against Nuclear Tests, Ambassador Amir Saeed Iravani said the commemoration serves as a reminder of the catastrophic consequences nuclear weapons and testing have on human life, the environment, and international security. He stressed that new nuclear risks are emerging, including deliberate attacks on peaceful nuclear installations. "Dangers posed by nuclear tests are not confined to deliberate explosions alone; the threat or use of force against nuclear facilities entails equally grave risks," Iravani said. The envoy pointed to the "reckless" Israeli and US attacks in June on Iran's safeguarded nuclear sites, which operate under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) oversight and are dedicated solely to peaceful purposes. Such strikes, he said, are a "direct assault on the foundations of multilateralism" and constitute a "grave threat" to global peace and security. Iravani also denounced Israeli attacks on Iranian cities hosting International Monitoring System (IMS) stations, which are part of the global verification network against nuclear testing. He warned that such actions not only endanger the safety of technical staff and compromise the integrity of the facilities, but also strike at the core infrastructure of the international non-proliferation regime. "The international community must unequivocally condemn

these actions, demand accountability for those who violate international law, and strengthen protections for nuclear installations,” he said. “Perpetrators must know they cannot enjoy impunity for such grave violations.”

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/517567/US-Israeli-strikes-on-Iran-s-nuclear-sites-violate-Charter-Tehran>

Western silence on Israel’s nuclear arsenal undermines non-proliferation: Araghchi

Tehran Times, September 6, 2025

Araghchi made the remarks in a post on his X account, following satellite imagery analyses showing accelerated work on a major new structure at the Shimon Peres Negev Nuclear Research Center. Experts suggest the facility could be either a new reactor or a site for assembling nuclear weapons, renewing long-standing concerns over Israel’s undisclosed nuclear arsenal. “This Western hysteria over nuclear proliferation in West Asia is all fluff,” Araghchi wrote. “The issue is not the existence or growth of atomic weapons arsenals; it is about who is allowed to advance scientifically, even with peaceful nuclear programs.” He criticized the “deafening Western silence” over “the only nuclear weapons arsenal in our region—the nukes held by their genocidal ally.” Araghchi added that the E3—Britain, France, and Germany—and the United States “may be in denial, but their silence undermines any credibility they claim on non-proliferation.” Satellite images

captured on July 5 by Planet Labs PBC show significant construction at the site, including thick concrete retaining walls and what appear to be multiple underground floors, with cranes positioned above. Israel is widely believed to use a heavy water reactor at Dimona to produce plutonium for nuclear warheads and tritium to enhance their explosive power. Both Israel and the United States have declined to comment, in line with Israel’s long-standing policy of neither confirming nor denying its nuclear capabilities.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/517611/Western-silence-on-Israel-s-nuclear-arsenal-undermines-non-proliferation>

3rd round of technical talks between Iran and IAEA held in Vienna

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, September 7, 2025

Iran's Permanent Envoy to the International Atomic Agency Reza Najafi says the third round of technical talks between Tehran and the agency was held in Vienna. He added that the negotiations were aimed at working out guidelines to fulfill safeguard obligations under the new circumstances following the illegal attacks by the US and the Zionist regime on Iran's nuclear facilities and in light of the new motion passed by Iran's parliament on this issue. According to him, the two sides exchanged views on the provisions of the guidelines during their meetings.

<https://en.mfa.ir/portal/newsview/774545/3rd-round-of-technical-talks-between-Iran-and-IAEA-held-in-Vienna>

Iran turns to China, Russia to bolster air defences as it preps for next Israel war

Al-Monitor, September 7, 2025

Iran is moving quickly to rebuild and upgrade its air defence network and enhance overall military readiness after June's war with Israel, pairing fresh military preparations with sharper rhetoric in anticipation of future clashes. Members of the Iranian parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission met with Maj. Gen. Abdolrahim Mousavi, chief of staff of the Armed Forces, and his deputies. According to state media, Mousavi provided details on the military's current defence readiness, operations during the recent conflict and the "blows" inflicted on Israeli targets. After the meeting, Fada Hossein Maleki, a member of the commission, told Dideban Iran news agency that larger foreign currency funds have already been provided to repair the damage inflicted on the country's air defence systems during the 12-day war. "The armed forces have welcomed and are satisfied with this funding," he said. Maleki added that the purchase of air defence systems from China and Russia is on the agenda and being actively pursued, with "promising agreements" reportedly in place and expected to be implemented soon.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2025/09/iran-turns-china-russia-bolster-air-defences-it-preps-next-israel-war>

Iran pursues diplomatic solution for nuclear issue: President Pezeshkian

Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, September 9, 2025

On the sidelines of the 25th Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Tianjin, China, President Pezeshkian met with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. The president stated that Iran seeks to address existing challenges, including the nuclear issue, through dialogue and interaction. He expressed expectations for international organizations, particularly the United Nations, to take more decisive actions against the crimes and provocations of the Israeli regime in the region. During the discussion, Pezeshkian highlighted that it was Israel that imposed war upon the Iranian nation. He acknowledged Guterres' stance on the atrocities committed by Israel against Palestinians in Gaza, thanking him for his position. The Iranian president urged international organizations to adopt clearer positions condemning Israeli actions against Palestinians and other regional countries. He emphasized the need for international organizations to implement concrete measures in response to Israeli aggression. Pezeshkian also pointed out that Iran has been subjected to aggressive attacks from Israel while engaged in indirect negotiations with the United States. He noted that Iran has been a primary victim of terrorism, with many of its officials and leaders assassinated in terrorist acts. He also criticized the Israeli regime for conducting arbitrary assassinations under the guise of self-defence.

<https://irangov.ir/detail/468451>

Press Release on the Trilateral Meeting between the Islamic Republic of Iran the Republic of India and the Republic of Uzbekistan

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, September 9, 2025

The first trilateral meeting of political consultations between the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of India, and the Republic of Uzbekistan at the level of regional directors general of the foreign ministries of the three countries was held on 9 September 2025, hosted by Tehran. The Iranian delegation was headed by Mr. Mohammad Reza Bahrami, Director General for South Asia at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran; the Indian delegation was headed by Mr. Anand Prakash, Joint Secretary (PAI), at the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India; and the Uzbek delegation was headed by Mr. Gholamjon Primkulov, Head of the Department for Cooperation with South Asia, Near, Middle East and Africa at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan. The three parties, expressing their satisfaction with holding this trilateral meeting, emphasized organizing it on a regular and annual basis in line with ensuring mutual interests and promoting welfare and prosperity in the region.

<https://en.mfa.gov.ir/portal/newsview/774915>

Iran unveils multiple satellite launch plans amid push for space self-reliance

Tehran Times, September 9, 2025

Hassan Salarieh, head of the Iranian Space Agency (ISA) and deputy communications

minister, said preparations are underway for the launch of several satellites, including Zafar, Paya, the upgraded Kowsar, and experimental models of the Shahid Soleimani narrowband communications constellation. He also confirmed that the newly built Chabahar Space Center is ready for its inaugural launch. Salarieh made the announcement during a lunar eclipse observation event at the Khayyam Observatory, where he also outlined Iran's achievements in the first half of the year. The Chabahar base, also known as the Mahdi Space Center, has made "very significant progress," Salarieh said, adding that its first launch will take place soon. He emphasized that the new facility, along with projects in Salmas and Chenaran, will expand Iran's ability to control satellites and analyze data domestically. He highlighted the unveiling of the second version of the Kowsar satellite during Government Week, designed and built by the private sector. Salarieh said Iran is increasingly relying on homegrown expertise, with knowledge-based companies playing a growing role in national projects. Iran plans to launch the upgraded Kowsar, along with Zafar, Paya, and test units of the Shahid Soleimani constellation by year's end. While some schedules may shift due to technical adjustments, Salarieh expressed confidence that "at least by the end of this year, these launches will be carried out."

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/517717/Iran-unveils-multiple-satellite-launch-plans-amid-push-for-space>

Iran and India explore ways of strengthening relations

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, September 9, 2025

During political consultations between the delegations of Islamic Republic of Iran and India in Tehran, the two sides explored ways of expanding and boosting bilateral relations. The meeting was chaired by Director General for South Asia at Iran's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mohammad Reza Bahrami, and Regional Director General at India's Ministry of External Affairs Anand Prakash. Representatives from Iran's Ports and Maritime Organization, Railways, Trade, Central Bank, and Ministry of Agriculture Jihad, as well as the Indian ambassador of India to Tehran were in attendance as well. The two sides reviewed various aspects of bilateral relations and cooperation, including transit routes and the International North–South Transport Corridor aimed at connecting landlocked countries to the sea. Iran also announced its readiness to cooperate with the Indian side on shipping and railway lines. The Iranian and Indian delegations further agreed on removing obstacles to efforts to expand bilateral relations, as well as on exchanging economic delegations and cooperation in the fields of agriculture, fisheries, and plant quarantine.

<https://en.mfa.ir/portal/newsview/774694>

Iran, Iraq sign 21-point cooperation agreement covering economy, security, and politics

Tehran Times, September 9, 2025

The accord was signed in Tehran by Ali Akbar Pourjamshidian, Iran's deputy interior minister for security and law enforcement, and Omar al-Waeli, head of Iraq's Border Ports Authority. Ahead of the signing, Iran's Interior Minister Eskandar Momeni met with al-Waeli, praising the strong bilateral relationship while emphasizing the need for continued efforts to boost collaboration in economic and security matters. Al-Waeli highlighted the agreement's focus on economic and security cooperation, noting that it will facilitate the movement of Iranian goods into Iraq, including re-exports to neighboring countries. He also emphasized that the framework will improve joint border management and enable the electronic exchange of information between the two governments. The Iraqi official commended Iran's role in supporting the annual Arbreen pilgrimage, which he said was successfully coordinated this year through close cooperation between Iraqi institutions and Tehran. Al-Waeli added that Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani had issued clear directives to strengthen ties with Iran at all levels, reflecting Baghdad's commitment to deepening bilateral relations. The agreement signals a mutual desire to institutionalize cross-border collaboration and streamline processes in trade, security,

and administration, further reinforcing the historically close relations between the two neighbors.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/517716/Iran-Iraq-sign-21-point-cooperation-agreement-covering-economy>

We won't negotiate our missiles: Iran foreign ministry

Tehran Times, September 9, 2025

Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei, speaking at his weekly press briefing, stressed that Iran's defensive program is an untouchable principle that cannot be compromised under any circumstances. "This is an indisputable and unassailable principle," he said. "The Iranian nation will not allow any dialogue over the means necessary to defend its sovereignty, dignity, independence, and security." Baghaei emphasized that while Iran remains open to diplomacy and continues to engage with international bodies, its defensive and missile programs are off-limits. He underlined that no external power has the authority to dictate conditions that compromise Iran's right to safeguard its own sovereignty. "The defence of Iran's sovereignty, dignity, independence, and security is not up for negotiation," he said firmly. The remarks come at a time when the European trio of Britain, France, and Germany have moved to trigger the UN's snapback mechanism, threatening the reimposition of international sanctions on Tehran that had been lifted under the 2015 nuclear deal.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/517715/We-won-t-negotiate-our-missiles-Iran-foreign-ministry>

Nuclear watchdog chief announces breakthrough on Iran monitoring

United Nations News, September 10, 2025

"Indispensable" monitoring by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) ended in June, agency chief Rafael Grossi said, when Israel and US-backed airstrikes targeted Iran's nuclear power installations. At the time, the Iranian authorities confirmed that the Natanz enrichment site had been "impacted" without affecting existing radiation levels, the top IAEA diplomat said. Now, "practical modalities" have been agreed to allow the resumption of inspection activities in Iran, Mr. Grossi told the agency's board of governors in the Austrian capital. "This is an important step in the right direction," he continued, before expressing his gratitude to Egypt for brokering the deal. The development follows the 28 August announcement by France, Germany and the UK of their intention to reimpose UN sanctions on Iran within 30 days, under the so-called "snapback" mechanism contained in the Iranian nuclear agreement signed in July 2015 by the five permanent members of the UN Security Council, in addition to Germany, the EU and Iran.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/09/1165813>

Iran and nuclear watchdog sign agreement seeking path to restart cooperation

Associated Press, September 10, 2025

Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency signed an agreement in Cairo to

pave the way for resuming cooperation, including on ways of relaunching inspections of Iran's nuclear facilities. The announcement followed a meeting among Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty, his Iranian counterpart Abbas Araghchi and International Atomic Energy Agency Director General Rafael Grossi. No further details were provided about the agreement, but Grossi said at a joint news conference after the signing that it was technical in nature and highlighted the "indispensable" inspection work that needs to resume in Iran under the treaty of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. "It's a step in the right direction," Grossi said. The Egyptian foreign ministry, meanwhile, said the agreement followed "intensive" diplomatic efforts by that country. And Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi noted that the IAEA plays a major role in supporting nuclear non-proliferation provisions, while emphasizing the right of the Non-Proliferation Treaty State Parties to the peaceful uses of atomic energy.

<https://apnews.com/article/iran-nuclear-capabilities-iaea-egypt-df623c26f9ee1e5b37431f00fa1d3a70>

Israel strike in Qatar signals drive for regional dominance, Iran security chief warns

Iran International, September 10, 2025

Ali Larijani, Iran's top security official, reacted to Israel's strike on Qatar with a pointed message in Arabic on social media, casting the attack as a signal of Israel's future ambitions for regional dominance. Larijani, secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, wrote, "The

message of the Zionist entity's recent crime in Qatar is clear: O countries of the region! Prepare yourselves for my coming domination." His comments came a day after Israeli warplanes bombed a Hamas office in Doha, in what Israel called an operation against the group's senior leadership. Qatar condemned the attack as "criminal and cowardly," while Iran labeled it an "extremely dangerous" violation of sovereignty and international law.

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202509107901>

Iran dismisses baseless claims by G7 associates

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, September 14, 2025

The Islamic Republic of Iran's Foreign Ministry considers the claims made in the joint statement by members of the G7 and its partners regarding the Islamic Republic of Iran to be baseless, irresponsible, and pure deflection, and strongly condemns them. The fabrication of unfounded accusations against those responsible for safeguarding Iran's national security is a blatant distortion of reality and a deceitful attempt by the authors of such statements, whose own illegal and destabilizing actions across various regions, especially in West Asia, have promoted lawlessness and heightened insecurity. Undoubtedly, the US and other G7 members must be held accountable for their misconduct in jeopardizing regional and global stability, particularly due to their complicity and partnership in grave violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, committed by the

Zionist regime in occupied Palestine, as well as for their support of known terrorist groups.

<https://en.mfa.gov.ir/portal/newsview/774237>

Iran parliament holds emergency session on Cairo accord with IAEA

Iran International, September 13, 2025

The Iranian parliament on, September 13, convened an emergency meeting with Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi to review the government's new cooperation agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) signed in Cairo. "The lawmakers had questions and concerns that are legitimate and stem from their supervisory role, which they must exercise, and we also have a duty to provide answers," Araghchi told reporters after the meeting. Lawmakers were supposed to seek explanations on how the accord, signed in Cairo, complies with legislation suspending cooperation with the agency after June's conflict with Israel. "In the session, some of these concerns were raised, and there was consultation on how to move forward more effectively, neutralize the enemies' tricks in political and international arenas against the people, and safeguard the country's interests," Araghchi said.

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202509131539>

Iran to table resolution against attacks on nuclear sites at IAEA conference

Iran International, September 14, 2025

Iran's nuclear chief Mohammad Eslami departed for Vienna to attend the IAEA's

annual general conference, saying Tehran would push for a ban on attacks against atomic facilities, as the Supreme National Security Council outlined strict conditions on future inspections. "The annual conference is an important opportunity to present our positions and explain the unlawful measures that have targeted our nuclear industry," Eslami told state television before leaving Tehran to attend the 69th General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). He said Iran would use the platform to introduce "a clear and transparent narrative" of recent events and to stress what he described as the IAEA's inaction against such incidents. Eslami said the trip would include multilateral meetings with various countries and that Tehran had prepared a resolution for the conference "to condemn attacks on nuclear facilities and ensure this issue is formally raised."

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202509142366>

European Snapback efforts could inflict 'irreparable damage': Araghchi

Tehran Times, September 14, 2025

In a message posted on X, formerly Twitter, Araghchi addressed the European trio—known as the E3—who, along with Iran, signed the 2015 nuclear agreement. The three governments are reportedly pressing to trigger the deal's "snapback" mechanism, which would restore sanctions lifted under the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Araghchi argued that the Europeans have "no legal, political, or moral entitlement" to activate the mechanism, given their failure to uphold

their own obligations under the nuclear accord. Both Iran and its partners, Russia and China, have long maintained that the E3's violation of the agreement, including the re-imposition of sanctions, invalidates any claim they might have to invoke snapback. The foreign minister also mocked the logic behind the E3's approach. "It is not just that the E3 has no entitlement to invoke snapback, and that even if they did, 'use or lose it' doesn't work," he wrote. "It's that the correct expression for the E3's dilemma is 'use it and lose it.' Or better yet, 'use it and lose it all.'" Tehran has repeatedly warned that any successful attempt by the Europeans to reinstate sanctions would trigger far-reaching retaliatory steps. These could include scrapping a recently negotiated agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) aimed at reviving cooperation, or even withdrawing altogether from the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/51787/1/European-Snapback-efforts-could-inflict-irreparable-damage>

Khamenei's office rejects calls to halt uranium enrichment, missile program

Iran International, September 14, 2025

Proposals to end uranium enrichment and halt the country's missile program were misguided and unrealistic, said a senior member of the office of Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei amid intensified internal debate over the country's policies. "Unfortunately some at home prescribe fake remedies. They say: 'do not chant death to America, stop enrichment, halt

missiles, and the problem will be solved," said Mehdi Fazaeli. "These prescriptions, especially at this time and after past experiences, are not only very simplistic but even foolish," he added in an interview with the Gurads-linked Fars News Agency. His remarks came after a coalition of 27 reformist organizations urged the Islamic Republic to signal readiness to suspend enrichment and allow full International Atomic Energy Agency monitoring in exchange for lifting sanctions.

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202509146755>

Iran nuclear industry cannot be destroyed by strikes, atomic chief tells IAEA

Iran International, September 15, 2025

Iran's nuclear chief Mohammad Eslami told the International Atomic Energy Agency's annual general conference in Vienna that Tehran's atomic program will not be destroyed by military operations, accusing Israel and the United States of illegal strikes on its facilities. "Enemies of Iran should know that our nuclear industry has deep roots and cannot be eliminated through military action," Eslami said in his address to the 69th General Conference. He added that "Iran will not yield to political or military pressure and will not give up its inherent rights." The head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran said Tehran's cooperation with the IAEA "has been broad and consistent," but accused the agency of failing to condemn what he called aggressive acts against Iranian nuclear sites. "Despite our formal request, the agency did not condemn the attacks by the United States and Israel on the nuclear

centers of the Islamic Republic,” he said. “This silence and inaction will remain as a stain on the Agency’s history.”

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202509158805>

Iraq

Iraq, US review security cooperation

Amr Salem

Iraqi News, September 3, 2025

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani and the newly appointed US CENTCOM Commander, Admiral Brad Cooper, discussed security and military issues between Iraq and the United States and the progress made in the war on terrorism. During their meeting in Baghdad, the two parties emphasized the need to maintain communication on joint security cooperation and strategies to enhance the partnership between the two countries, according to the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO). Al-Sudani stated that Iraq’s collaboration with the United States has achieved important outcomes that benefit the two countries and have helped to enhance security and stability locally, regionally, and internationally. The US soldiers began withdrawing from Baghdad in line with the bilateral agreement between Iraq and the United States. US forces withdrew from Baghdad’s Green Zone, a strongly defended neighborhood that includes diplomatic facilities and government headquarters, as well as Baghdad International Airport and the main base of the Joint Operations Command.

<http://iraqinews.com/iraq/iraq-us-review-security-cooperation/>

Iraq, Libya discuss cooperation in energy sector

Amr Salem

Iraqi News, September 8, 2025

The Iraqi Minister of Oil, Hayan Abdul-Ghani, and his Libyan counterpart, Khalifa Abdelsadiq, have discussed possibilities for collaboration in the energy sector. During their meeting held on the sidelines of their participation in the Baghdad International Energy Forum 2025 (BIEF), the two sides discussed exchanging knowledge in production, contractual processes, and agreements, according to The Libya Observer. The two ministers also spoke about Iraq’s achievements in recovering flared gas and how similar measures may be implemented in Libya. The meeting addressed the value of shared expertise, as well as energy efficiency and sustainability. Both Abdul-Ghani and Abdelsadiq emphasized Libya and Iraq’s historic links and promised further collaboration. As one of the most significant energy events on the regional and international scale, Iraq successfully hosted the BIEF 2025 on September 6-7.

<https://www.iraqinews.com/iraq/iraq-libya-discuss-cooperation-in-energy-sector/>

Iraq, Russia to draft agreement on nuclear energy peaceful uses

Iraqi News, September 9, 2025

Iraq and Russia plan to draft an intergovernmental agreement on the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and collaborate on particular initiatives in this

area. According to the annual report of the State Atomic Energy Corporation Rosatom, a framework memorandum of cooperation was signed with the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission (IAEC). The initial deal establishes a joint working group to engage in specific projects and draft a new intergovernmental agreement on the peaceful use of nuclear energy, according to the Russian state-owned news agency, Sputnik. In March 2024, the Iraqi Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Naeem al-Aboudi, and the director general of Rosatom, Alexey Likhachev, discussed prospects for collaboration in the development of peaceful applications of atomic energy. Al-Aboudi explained that the step is part of the requirements of the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission to have a Zero-Energy Experimental Pile (ZEEP) reactor and a research reactor, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

<https://www.iraqinews.com/iraq/iraq-russia-to-draft-agreement-on-nuclear-energy-peaceful-uses/>

Pakistani, Iraqi air forces resolve to enhance joint exercises, training initiatives

Arab News, September 11, 2025

The Pakistan Air Force (PAF) chief and a senior commander of the Iraqi Air Force (IAF) resolved to enhance training initiatives and joint exercises between the two countries to improve interoperability, the Pakistani military's media wing said. A high-level delegation led by Iraqi Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. Staff Pilot Mohanad Ghalib Mohammed Radi Al-Asadi met Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu

at the Air Headquarters in Islamabad, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement. Both officials discussed various prospects for mutual cooperation between their air forces, placing special emphasis on joint training, capacity building and advancements in the aviation industry, the ISPR said.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2614966/pakistan>

Israel likely breached Iraqi and other airspace in strike on Hamas political leadership in Qatar

The New Arab, September 12, 2025

Israeli fighter jets reportedly entered the airspace of several Arab countries, including Iraq, during the strike in Doha, which targeted a meeting of Hamas leaders, according to Iraqi security experts and Israeli media. An Iraqi security source, speaking to *The New Arab* on condition of anonymity, said that Israel used nearly 15 fighter jets and launched high-precision long-range missiles. There is speculation that the aircraft may have crossed the airspace of Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait, or that the rockets may have been launched from outside Qatar. These possible actions have led to questions about whether Gulf states' advanced radar systems, including Qatar's US-supplied Patriot batteries, tacitly approved or detected the attack. Israeli media have reported that military officials said more than 10 Air Force jets conducted the strike, releasing over 10 munitions that struck the targeted building.

<https://www.newarab.com/news/israel-likely-breached-iraqi-other-airspaces-qatar-strike>

Iraq proposes Arab NATO-style defence at Qatar Emergency Summit

Iraqi News, September 15, 2025

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani used the emergency Arab-Islamic Summit in Doha to urge the creation of a NATO-style collective security arrangement for the Arab and Islamic world, in which an attack on one state would be treated as an attack on all. Al-Sudani said the Israeli strike on Qatar represented a dangerous escalation, warning that such aggression undermines regional stability and international law. Iraq's Prime Minister reiterated the country's solidarity with Qatar, the Palestinian people, and other countries targeted in recent conflicts, including Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Iran. The Iraqi leader called on Arab and Islamic states to adopt a unified position condemning the assault on Doha and to coordinate diplomatic measures to hold Israel accountable internationally. Al-Sudani emphasized that the path to regional stability requires an internationally supervised ceasefire in Gaza, followed by a reconstruction plan managed jointly by the UN and Arab states. He warned that continued forced displacement, destruction of infrastructure, and humanitarian suffering in Gaza would deepen the cycle of violence and risk further instability across the region.

<https://www.iraqinews.com/iraq/iraq-proposes-arab-nato-style-defence-at-qatar-emergency-summit/>

Iraqi PM arrives in Doha for emergency Arab-Islamic Summit

Iraqi News, September 15, 2025

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani arrived in Doha to take part in the Emergency Arab-Islamic Summit being hosted in the Qatari capital. Al-Sudani was received at Hamad International Airport by Qatar's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Defence Affairs, Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman bin Hassan Al Thani, along with Iraq's Ambassador to Qatar, Mohammed Jaafar Al-Sadr. The summit, convened at short notice, brings together Arab and Islamic leaders to discuss urgent regional developments and coordinate positions on shared political and security challenges.

<https://www.iraqinews.com/iraq/iraqi-pm-arrives-in-doha-for-emergency-arab-islamic-summit/>

Israel

Israel MOD signs approximately \$115 million contract with SCD for Advanced Infrared Sensor manufacturing

Ministry of Defence of the Government of Israel, September 1, 2025

The Israel Ministry of Defence (IMOD) Director General, Maj. Gen. (Res.) Amir Baram, signed a strategic multi-year contract with SCD (Semiconductor Devices) valued at approximately \$115 million (approximately NIS 380 million). The contract was led through the R&D Division within the Ministry's Directorate

of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D). The contract focuses on substantially expanding SCD's facilities and manufacturing infrastructure to support developing and producing next-generation infrared (IR) sensors across the full IR spectrum — SWIR, MWIR, and LWIR. The expanded infrastructure will enable production of IR solutions for high-end applications, including area dominance, airborne payloads, space systems, and large-scale defence platforms, incorporating cutting-edge methods and advanced IR technologies. Manufacturing will occur at SCD's facilities as part of the Director General's strategy to strengthen Israel's defence production base and local industries, allowing full support for current and future IDF operational needs. This approach ensures access to the most advanced technologies while delivering optimal solutions to modern warfare challenges.

<https://www.mod.gov.il/en/press-releases/press-room/israel-mod-signs-approximately-115-million-contract-with-scd-for-advanced-infrared-sensor-manufacturing>

Ofek 19 satellite successfully launched into space

Ministry of Defence of the Government of Israel, September 2, 2025

The Directorate of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D) Space Program Office in the Israel Ministry of Defence (IMOD), the IDF, and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) successfully launched the Ofek 19 satellite into space (Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025) at 22:30 IST. The

launch was carried out from an undisclosed test site by a “Shavit” launcher.

Ofek 19 is a highly advanced SAR (synthetic aperture radar) observation satellite with enhanced capabilities. Upon entering Earth's orbit, the satellite will undergo a series of designated tests to assess its integrity and performance. The defence space program is led by the DDR&D's Space Program Office and includes various stakeholders within the IDF, such as Unit 9900 of the Intelligence Directorate and the Israeli Air Force (IAF). IAI developed and manufactured both satellite and launcher as lead contractor. IAI's Systems, Missiles and Space (SMS) Group, through its SPACE Division, led the project in collaboration with the ELTA Group, who produced the payload, and IAI's MLM Division, who developed the launcher alongside Tomer Ltd. and Rafael Advanced Defence Systems, who manufactured the launch vehicle's rocket engines.

<https://www.gov.il/en/pages/ofek-19-satellite-successfully-launched-2-sep-2025>

Israeli firms say they will participate in DSEI, despite ban on officials

Breaking Defence, September 2, 2025

Israel's three largest defence companies said they plan to still attend the British Defence Exhibition & Trade Show (DSEI), despite a decision by the British government to not invite an Israeli government delegation in protest of the Gaza conflict. Rafael Advanced Defence Systems, Israel Aerospace Industries and Elbit Systems all confirmed to Breaking Defence that they plan to attend the show,

which takes place from Sept. 9-12, even though the Israeli Ministry of Defence said late last week that it would withdraw from the exhibition and not have a national pavilion. The British government linked the lack of official invite to Israel's conduct in Gaza. "The Israeli government's decision to further escalate its military operation in Gaza is wrong," a UK government spokesperson said on Aug. 29, according to the BBC. "As a result, we can confirm that no Israeli government delegation will be invited to attend DSEI UK 2025." The Israeli Ministry of Defence responded to the UK decision by saying that "these restrictions amount to a deliberate and regrettable act of discrimination against Israel's representatives. Accordingly, the Israel Ministry of Defence (IMOD) will withdraw from the exhibition and will not establish a national pavilion."

<https://breakingdefence.com/2025/09/israeli-firms-say-they-will-participate-in-dsei-despite-ban-on-officials/>

IDF launches large-scale operation in West Bank after Jerusalem terror attack

The Jerusalem Post, September 8, 2025

The IDF launched a large-scale brigade operation to thwart West Bank terrorism in the Menashe Brigade, alongside searches for the suspects who carried out the attack at the Ramot Junction, the military said. On September 7, the IDF and Border Police operated deep inside the villages in the Marj Sanur Valley area, as well as the Fara'a refugee camp and Kabatiya in the West Bank, aimed at dismantling terrorist activity in the area, the IDF added. Initial Palestinian reports indicated that one of the two terrorists who carried out the attack was

Muthna Omar, 20, whose father was arrested in a recent IDF operation. Israeli media reported that the other terrorist was named as Muhammed Taha, who, along with Muthna Omar, was a resident of a Palestinian village in the Ramallah area. According to *Walla*, one of the terrorists involved was arrested and investigated by the police and subsequently released three months ago.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/defence-news/article-866758>

Israel strikes Hamas Qatar-based leadership, awaits result; Hamas claims attack failed

The Times of Israel, September 9, 2025

A bold Israeli airstrike targeted a meeting of Hamas's top leaders in Qatar's capital, Doha, as they were said to be gathered to discuss a new US-sponsored hostage-ceasefire proposal aimed at ending the war in Gaza, with reports differing as to whether the attack was successful. Israel was said to be "increasingly optimistic" about the results of the strike, which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said could open the door to the immediate end of the war. Hamas, by contrast, said the strike had been a failure. The gathering was believed to include all of the terror group's top leadership outside Gaza, including the leader of Hamas's Gaza units, Khalil al-Hayya; Zaher Jabarin, who leads Hamas in the West Bank; Muhammad Darwish, the head of Hamas's Shura Council; Nizar Awadallah, and Khaled Mashaal, the head of Hamas abroad.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-strikes-hamas-chiefs-in-qatar-terror-group-insists-senior-leaders-unharm/>

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Israel launches \$60 million defence tech VC initiative to boost innovation

Ministry of Defence, September 10, 2025

The Israel Ministry of Finance, together with the Directorate of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D) in the Israel Ministry of Defence, has approached the Knesset Finance Committee to approve a state guarantee of up to approximately \$60 million (NIS 200 million) for establishing

dedicated venture capital funds focused on advanced defence technologies (Defence Tech). This ground breaking initiative aims to strengthen Israel's technological, industrial, and security sectors, while creating critical supply chains and contributing to job creation and economic growth. The joint initiative addresses dual challenges: a shortage of venture capital in high-production, high-risk defence sectors, and the urgent needs exposed during the current war and geopolitical changes. The move creates an innovative bridge between the defence establishment and entrepreneurs and technology companies, positioning the Israeli ecosystem, which has a proven advantage in defence innovation sectors, to become a global leader in Defence Tech while aligning with a broader international trend of governments investing public capital or creating incentives for private investment in defence technologies.

<https://www.mod.gov.il/en/press-releases/press-room/israel-launches-60-million-defence-tech-vc-initiative-to-boost-innovation>

Knesset to vote on NIS 30 billion increase in defence budget, making cuts to other ministries

The Jerusalem Post, September 10, 2025

The Knesset approved an over NIS 30 billion increase in the 2025 state budget toward the country's defence budget during a plenum vote. The bill passed its third reading with 55 in favor and 50 against, following a full day of speeches from coalition and opposition MKs in the plenum. With the vote passed, an additional

NIS 30.8 billion will be allocated to the Defence Ministry, National Insurance Institute, various security-related expenses, and for the payment of interest and fees. The explanatory notes for the bill state that the increase in the defence budget is due to Operation Gideon's Chariots in Gaza, along with the 12-day war with Iran. The proposal for the bill explains that when the 2025 Budget Law was drafted and approved in March, those operations had not taken place, and as a result, the various expenses were not calculated therein.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-867051><https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-867051>

PM Netanyahu comments on the attack in Yemen

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Israel, September 10, 2025

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu commented on the attack in Yemen following the ceremony of the laying of the cornerstone for the promenade named after US President Trump in Bat Yam: "We will continue to strike. Whoever attacks us – we will reach them" Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu: "Several days ago we eliminated most of the members of the terrorist Houthi government. In response, the Houthis fired two days ago at the Ramon Airport. This did not weaken our resolve – we struck them again from the air, their terror facilities, their terror bases with a great number of terrorists, and other facilities as well. We will continue to strike. Whoever strikes us, whoever attacks us – we will reach them".

<https://www.gov.il/en/pages/spoke-statement100925>

UN overwhelmingly approves Palestinian statehood resolution as Israel calls it 'theatre'

The Jerusalem Post, September 12, 2025

The UN General Assembly on September 12, overwhelmingly voted to endorse a declaration outlining an "irreversible" path to Palestinian statehood. The seven-page declaration is the result of an international conference at the UN in July – hosted by Saudi Arabia and France – on the decades-long conflict. The United States and Israel boycotted the event. A resolution endorsing the declaration was approved by 142 countries, with 10 against and 12 abstentions. The declaration says the war in Gaza "must end now" and support the deployment of a temporary international stabilization mission mandated by the UN Security Council. The vote comes ahead of a meeting of world leaders on September 22 – on the sidelines of the high-level UN General Assembly – where Britain, France, Canada, Australia, and Belgium are expected to formally recognize a Palestinian state. The United States described the vote as "yet another misguided and ill-timed publicity stunt" that undermined serious diplomatic efforts to end the conflict.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-867278>

'Shameful': Smotrich faces uproar from bereaved families amid push for NIS 30b. defence budget rise

The Jerusalem Post, September 15, 2025

Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich clashed with bereaved family members while

attending the ongoing Knesset Finance Committee meetings to increase the 2025 state budget, after he missed a prior meeting on providing financial support to the families. The marathon meetings at the Finance Committee precede the second and third readings of a bill to increase the 2025 state budget by over NIS 30 billion, earmarked for the country's defence budget. The first reading of the bill was passed in the Knesset plenum, and back-to-back Finance Committee meetings have since taken place on the matter. While Smotrich attended the meeting on the budget increase, he failed to participate in the meeting that came directly before it, which discussed the issue of providing financial aid to bereaved families who lost their loved ones serving in the IDF. The family members called it "shameful and insulting" that Smotrich failed to attend the first meeting. His absence was said to be due to a "technical issue" at the Finance Ministry. Later, when Smotrich arrived for the meeting on the state budget increase, bereaved family members and reservist representatives stayed to begin the discussion, slamming him for not being present earlier.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/politics-and-diplomacy/article-867565>

Netanyahu informed Trump before Israel bombed Qatar, Axios reports

The Jerusalem Post, September 15, 2025

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu informed US President Donald Trump that Israel planned to attack Hamas leaders in Qatar before last week's strike occurred,

Axios reported, citing seven Israeli officials. The White House has said it was notified only after missiles were in the air, giving Trump no opportunity to oppose the strike, but Axios reported, citing the Israeli officials, that the Americans knew from earlier, even if the timeline to stop it would have been tight. "Trump knew about the strike before the missiles were launched. First, there was a discussion on the political level between Netanyahu and Trump, followed by one through military channels. Trump didn't say no," one of the senior Israeli officials reportedly claimed.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/defence-news/article-867562>

Qatar leading efforts to impose blockade on Israel, Netanyahu tells 'Post'

The Jerusalem Post, September 15, 2025

Qatar is spearheading an effort by a number of countries to impose a blockade on Israel, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told *The Jerusalem Post*. "There is currently an attempt to impose a blockade on Israel by various entities and countries, led by Qatar," the prime minister said. "This includes, first and foremost, a media blockade funded by vast sums of money from Qatar and other countries, such as China." "In the coming years, we will need to strengthen our independent arms industries to ensure self-reliance in weaponry, munitions production, and industrial capacity. This will enable us to break through this blockade," he added. Netanyahu continued, saying that the isolation attempts would not be successful. "The intention is to impose a blockade on us, similar to the one Iran imposed, hoping

it would destroy us. We broke through that barrier, and everyone can see it. I am pleased to see the largest-ever visit of US lawmakers here. We are fighting this, investing significant funds and resources to counter this aspect of the blockade.”

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/politics-and-diplomacy/article-867546>

Jordan

Jordanian Army Chief, CENTCOM commander talk cooperation

Al-Defaiya, September 3, 2025

Chairman of the Jordanian Joint Chiefs of Staff Major General Yousef Huneiti received US Central Command (CENTCOM) Commander Admiral Brad Cooper at the General Command headquarters of the Jordan Armed Forces-Arab Army (JAF). The discussion tackled ways to bolster military cooperation between JAF and the US military as well as current regional developments, security challenges, and joint efforts to enhance stability in the region. Huneiti and the visiting delegation were also briefed on recent defence and security updates within the Jordan Armed Forces, as well as Jordan's ongoing humanitarian efforts in the West Bank and Gaza, Petra news agency reported. The Army Chief stressed the importance of Jordan's strategic partnership with friendly forces, reaffirming the Kingdom's commitment to strengthening military cooperation and exchanging expertise to enhance operational readiness in addressing regional and global challenges. For his part, Cooper noted Jordan's pivotal role under the

leadership of His Majesty King Abdullah II in supporting regional stability, and expressed keenness to expand military cooperation to serve mutual interests. The meeting was attended by a number of senior JAF officers and the US Military Attaché in Amman.

<https://www.defaiya.com/news/Regional%20News/Jordan/2025/09/03/jordanian-army-chief-centcom-commander-talk-cooperation>

World Bank to finance nuclear medicine factory in Jordan

Jordan News Agency, September 7, 2025

Head of the Senate's Health, Environment and Population Committee, Yassin Husban, announced a partnership agreement will be signed with the World Bank to begin implementing a radiopharmaceuticals factory project in Jordan. During a meeting held at the Senate's headquarters, he added that the project is currently presented by a specialized Jordanian medical team, headed by Dr. Hazem Haboub. In the presence of the specialized medical team, he noted the World Bank's approval to finance the factory project came after "unrelenting and continuous" efforts made by Senate President Faisal Fayez and its health committee. Husban stated the Senate's efforts stem from its national responsibility to advance the national economy and support entrepreneurial projects. Under the Senate President's directives, he noted the Senate is "keen to provide the necessary support to all Jordanian investors and overcome the obstacles facing them in cooperation with relevant authorities." In turn, Dr. Haboub and the team's members

indicated that the pharmaceutical factory project is "the first of its kind in Jordan and the Middle East, and its products are designed to treat various cancers and diagnose using nuclear medicine." Haboub said the World Bank's approval of the project's funding came after four years of studies and consultations, which would achieve a "qualitative" shift in the Kingdom's health field that adds to the country's decades-long medical excellence in various relevant fields and specialties.

https://www.petra.gov.jo/Include/InnerPage.jsp?ID=75325&lang=en&name=en_news

Jordan, Qatar sign Security Cooperation Action Plan

Al-Defaiya, September 8, 2025

Jordanian Minister of Interior Mazen Faraya met in Amman last week with Qatar's Minister of State for Interior Affairs Sheikh Abdulaziz Al Thani to discuss strengthening bilateral relations and consolidating shared interests. During the meeting at the Ministry's Headquarters, the two Ministers signed an executive action plan to implement the 2021 Jordan-Qatar security cooperation agreement. The action plan aims to enhance "sustainable" cooperation in various security fields, including combating corruption, organized crime, terrorism, cybercrime, and drug trafficking, as well as strengthening border and facility security. Additionally, it covers civil defence cooperation, mainly specialist exchanges, sharing curricula and training practices, and developing joint strategies in traffic safety, licensing systems, and information-sharing mechanisms. The plan further outlines cooperation in police

academies and training, communication systems, and the formation of a joint security committee between the two Ministries, Petra and Qatar News Agency (QNA) reported. Talking at the signing ceremony, Faraya stressed the "deep-rooted" Jordan-Qatar relations, as a "genuine model of brotherly" ties, strengthened by the guidance of His Majesty King Abdullah II and Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani.

<https://www.defaiya.com/news/Security/Security/2025/09/08/jordan-qatar-sign-security-cooperation-action-plan>

Military source refutes claims on Israeli aircraft crossing Jordanian airspace to hit targets in Qatar

Jordan News Agency, September 9, 2025

A military source at the Jordan Armed Forces-Arab Army dismissed as false claims circulating on social media that Israeli aircraft had crossed Jordanian airspace to strike targets in Qatar. The source described the reports as fabricated and misleading, urging the public not to spread such rumors and to rely on official sources for information.

https://petra.gov.jo/Include/InnerPage.jsp?ID=75448&lang=en&name=en_news

Jordanian Army Chief opens aviation simulator building & Bell 505 Hangar

Al-Defaiya, September 14, 2025

Chairman of the Jordanian Joint Chiefs of Staff, Major General Yousef Huneiti, inaugurated last week the aviation simulator building and Bell 505 hangar at the King Hussein Air College. The

ceremony was attended by the Royal Jordanian Air Force (RJAF) Commander and Senior Armed Forces Officers. Huneiti toured the premises and was briefed by the Fifth Squadron Commander on the simulator operation systems and equipment in an aircraft cockpit that are used to train pilots. He also toured the Bell 505 hangar, “a qualitative addition” to air force crews, supporting basic and advanced training in helicopter flying, Petra news agency reported. The Army Chief hailed the level of preparedness of Royal Jordanian Air Force personnel, noting their efforts to keep pace with modern advancements in aviation and achieve efficiency and combat readiness to protect the Kingdom’s skies and the country’s security and safety of its people. Huneiti also led a graduation of the Drone Operations 1, Public Safety 2, and Aircraft Maintenance Technology 1 courses for students of the 54th Aviation Candidate Course and the Prince Faisal Technical College Pilot Course, both held at King Hussein Air College. Towards the end of the ceremony, attended by graduates’ families, he handed out awards to outstanding cadets. On 24 July 2024, Bell Textron Inc., a Textron Inc. company, announced the successful delivery of the remaining five Bell 505 aircraft to the Royal Jordanian Air Force (RJAF), completing the 10 Bell 505 fleet order. This significant milestone coincided with the graduation of the latest cohort of pilot cadets in a ceremony attended by His Royal Highness, Crown Prince of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Al Hussein bin Abdullah II, underlining the RJAF’s ongoing commitment to excellence in aviation training and operational readiness. In a landmark event, the RJAF celebrated

the graduation of its cadets, showcasing the Bell 505 aircraft that will be instrumental to the training of future generation of Jordan’s pilots.

<https://www.defaiya.com/news/Regional%20News/Jordan/2025/09/14/jordanian-army-chief-opens-aviation-simulator-building-bell-505-hangar>

Jordanian army chief, foreign diplomats discuss military ties in Amman

Arab News, September 15, 2025

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Jordanian Armed Forces held meetings with the ambassadors of Australia, Sweden and France to review security cooperation. Maj. Gen. Yousef Huneiti met the envoys separately at the General Command in Amman. The talks, which were attended by several other officers from the JAF, focused on enhancing military and security cooperation and exchanging expertise, the Petra news agency reported. The diplomats praised Jordan’s role, under King Abdullah II, in promoting peace and recognized the JAF’s humanitarian and medical contributions. Huneiti and Swedish Ambassador Maria Sargren discussed security cooperation and mutual regional as well as international issues, the report said. The army chief emphasized the strong Franco-Jordanian relations and military partnership in his talks with French Ambassador Franck Gellet, while his meeting with Australian Ambassador Bernard Lynch focused on enhancing cooperation in training and expertise exchange.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2615413/middle-east>

Kuwait

Army Deputy Chief receives invitation to attend DIMDEX 2026

Kuwait Times, September 2, 2025

Deputy Chief of Staff of the Kuwaiti Army Major General (Pilot) Sabah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah received an official invitation from Chief of Staff of the Qatari Armed Forces Lieutenant General (Pilot) Jassim Al-Mannai to attend the ninth edition of the Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference (DIMDEX 2026). The Army's General Staff said in a statement that Major General Sabah Al-Sabah received the invitation during a meeting at his office with Qatar's Ambassador to Kuwait Ali Al-Mahmoud. The two sides exchanged cordial talks and reviewed aspects of joint military cooperation, as well as ways to further strengthen fraternal relations between the two countries. The meeting was attended by Commander of the Naval Forces Major General (Sea) Saif Al-Hamlan

<https://kuwaittimes.com/article/32684/kuwait/other-news/army-deputy-chief-receives-invitation-to-attend-dimdex-2026/>

Kuwait urges Iran to ensure transparency in nuclear program

Kuwait Times, September 11, 2025

Kuwait, on September 11, called on Iran to demonstrate full transparency in its dealings with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in order to resolve outstanding issues and verify the peaceful nature of its nuclear program. This came in

a statement delivered by Ahmed Al-Daikan, Third Secretary at Kuwait's Permanent Mission to the United Nations and international organizations in Vienna, during the IAEA Board of Governors' session. Al-Daikan underlined the importance of Tehran's continued cooperation with the IAEA and the resumption of joint work in a transparent and constructive manner, noting that such steps would strengthen international confidence and enhance the agency's ability to carry out its mandate — most importantly verifying that Iran's nuclear activities are strictly peaceful. He expressed Kuwait's appreciation for the efforts of IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi, particularly his report issued on September 3 regarding the safeguards agreement with Iran under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

<https://kuwaittimes.com/article/33032/kuwait/other-news/kuwait-urges-iran-to-ensure-transparency-in-nuclear-program/>

Kuwait Signs its Country Programme Framework (CPF) for 2026–2035

International Atomic Energy Agency, September 15, 2025

Dr. Faisal S. AlHumaidan, Director General, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, and Mr Hua Liu, IAEA Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Technical Cooperation, signed Kuwait's Country Programme Framework (CPF) for the period of 2026–2035 on 15 September 2025. A CPF is the frame of reference for the medium-term

planning of technical cooperation between a Member State and the IAEA and identifies priority areas where the transfer of nuclear technology and technical cooperation resources will be directed to support national development goals. Kuwait has been an IAEA Member State since 1964. Its 2026–2035 CPF identifies 7 priority areas: Legal framework, Nuclear and radiation safety and security, Food and agriculture, Human health and nutrition, Water resources and environment, Energy and industry, and Cultural heritage.

<https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/kuwait-signs-its-country-programme-framework-cpf-for-2026-2035>

Kuwait sends ninth relief aircraft to assist Palestinians in Gaza

Arab News, September 15, 2025

Kuwait dispatched its ninth relief aircraft to assist Palestinians in the Gaza Strip as part of the country's humanitarian Kuwait is by Your Side campaign. The Kuwait Red Crescent Society, in collaboration with charities and relevant ministries, loaded 40 tonnes of food and aid relief onto an aircraft which took off from Abdullah Al-Mubarak Air Base heading to Al-Arish Airport in Egypt. Latifa Al-Meer, a board member of the KRCS, told the Kuwait News Agency that the charity was continuing to send humanitarian convoys to Gaza following directives from the leadership to address urgent needs in the Palestinian coastal enclave.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2615395/middle-east>

Lebanon

UN force in Lebanon slams Israeli drone attack on peacekeepers

Al Arabiya, September 3, 2025

The UN Interim Force in Lebanon said that Israeli drones dropped four grenades near peacekeepers in “one of the most serious attacks” on its personnel since a November ceasefire. “Yesterday morning, Israel Defence Forces drones dropped four grenades close to UNIFIL peacekeepers working to clear roadblocks hindering access to a UN position,” the UN force said, referring to Israel’s military. “One grenade impacted within 20 meters and three within approximately 100 meters of UN personnel and vehicles,” it added. “This is one of the most serious attacks on UNIFIL personnel and assets since the cessation of hostilities agreement of last November” which sought to end more than a year of hostilities between Israel and Lebanese militant group Hezbollah. UNIFIL said the Israeli military had been informed in advance of its plans to carry out road clearance work near the de facto border southeast of the village of Marwahin.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/middle-east/2025/09/03/israeli-drones-drop-grenades-near-un-peacekeepers-in-lebanon-unifil-says->

Lebanon cabinet welcomes army plan to disarm Hezbollah, no timeline given

Al Arabiya, September 5, 2025

Lebanon’s cabinet welcomed a plan by the army that would disarm Hezbollah and said the military would begin executing it, without setting a timeframe for

implementation and cautioning that the army had limited capabilities. A national divide over Hezbollah's disarmament has taken center stage in Lebanon since last year's devastating war with Israel, which upended a power balance long dominated by the Iran-backed Shia Muslim group. But Hezbollah has pushed back, saying it would be a serious misstep to even discuss disarmament while Israel continues its airstrikes on Lebanon and occupies swathes of territory in the south. Four people were killed in Israeli strikes.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/middle-east/2025/09/05/lebanon-set-to-discuss-plan-to-disarm-hezbollah->

Lebanon licenses Elon Musk's Starlink for satellite Internet services

Arab News, September 12, 2025

Lebanon has granted a license to Elon Musk's Starlink to provide satellite Internet services in the crisis-hit country known for its crumbling infrastructure. The announcement was made by Information Minister Paul Morcos who said Starlink will provide Internet services throughout Lebanon via satellites operated by Musk's SpaceX. The announcement came nearly three months after Musk spoke with Lebanon's President Joseph Aoun by telephone and told him about his interest in working in the country's telecommunications and Internet sectors. During the same Cabinet meeting, the government named regulatory authorities for the country's electricity and telecommunications sectors.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2615057/middle-east>

Oman

Oman participates in GCC-Japan strategic dialogue meeting

The Times of Oman, September 1, 2025

The Sultanate of Oman participated in the second joint ministerial meeting of the strategic dialogue between the GCC foreign ministers and Takeshi Iwaya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan, held in the State of Kuwait. The Sultanate of Oman was represented at the meeting by Sayyid Badr bin Hamad Al Busaidi, Foreign Minister. The meeting discussed means to enhance friendship and cooperation between the GCC states and Japan in various fields, particularly economic, trade, and investment domains. This aims to achieve common interests and support sustainable development efforts, in line with the implementation of the joint action plan signed between Japan and the GCC for the period from 2024 to 2028. The ministers emphasised the importance of expanding horizons of cooperation in new and promising areas, such as renewable energy, petrochemical industries, technology, and the logistics sector, and leveraging the advanced supply chains of Japan and the Gulf states to enrich long-term economic partnerships.

<https://timesofoman.com/article/162259-oman-participates-in-gcc-japan-strategic-dialogue-meeting>

Japan and Oman back two-state Gaza solution

Oman Observer, September 1, 2025

Sayyid Badr bin Hamad al Busaidy, Foreign Minister, held a bilateral meeting

on with Takeshi Iwaya, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan. The meeting took place on the sidelines of the second joint ministerial meeting of the strategic dialogue between the GCC Foreign Ministers and the Japanese Foreign Minister. During the meeting, the two sides discussed aspects of bilateral cooperation between the two friendly countries and ways to enhance it across various fields, particularly in economic, trade and investment sectors, in a manner that strengthens the existing partnership and serves the common interests of both nations. The two sides affirmed their shared stance on the importance of finding a permanent and just solution to the Palestinian issue, ending the humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip, and supporting the two-state solution in accordance with relevant international resolutions. They underlined the necessity of respecting international law and ensuring the protection of civilians.

<https://www.omanobserver.om/article/1175937/oman/japan-oman-back-two-state-gaza-solution>

Iraq and Oman sign agreements, MoUs across key sectors

Iraqi News, September 3, 2025

Iraq and Oman on September 3, signed two agreements and 24 memoranda of understanding (MoUs) to boost cooperation in diverse fields. The signing ceremony, held in Salalah, was attended by Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani and Oman's Deputy Prime Minister for Defence Affairs, Sayyid Shihab bin Tariq Al Said. The agreements include measures to avoid double taxation and prevent fiscal

evasion, as well as a mutual visa waiver for holders of diplomatic, service, and special passports. The MoUs extend to judicial and legal cooperation, tourism, historical documentation, youth and sports, education, higher education, housing and urban planning, communications, and media. They also cover financial and economic cooperation in banking supervision, capital markets, competition policy, intellectual property, trade promotion, and stock exchange collaboration. Other agreements focus on energy, oil marketing and storage, industry, ports and logistics, defence industry localization, and joint projects such as the development of a smart city in Iraq's province of Karbala. Business ties were further strengthened through a memorandum between the Iraqi Federation of Chambers of Commerce and the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The extensive package of accords coincided with Al-Sudani's two-day official visit to Oman, underscoring both governments' commitment to advancing bilateral ties and expanding regional cooperation.

<https://www.iraqinews.com/iraq/iraq-and-oman-sign-agreements-mous-across-key-sectors/>

Oman to Launch AI Satellite in 2026 for Smarter Mapping and Monitoring

GIS Resources, September 9, 2025

Oman Lens has announced plans to launch an AI Satellite in early 2026, marking a leap in the nation's space technology ambitions. The satellite will combine artificial intelligence with advanced imaging systems, making it a powerful tool for

environmental monitoring, disaster management, and urban planning. The upcoming satellite will be equipped with a 50-centimeter panchromatic camera and multispectral sensors, covering RGB and near-infrared (NIR) bands. Unlike conventional satellites, this system features an onboard AI processor capable of performing **over 400 trillion operations per second**. This level of processing allows real-time analysis of Earth observation data, reducing dependence on ground-based computing and ensuring faster access to critical insights.

<https://gisresources.com/oman-to-launch-ai-satellite-in-2026-for-smarter-mapping-and-monitoring/>

Oman and Russia discuss developing cooperation

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman, September 12, 2025

Sheikh Khalid Almuslahi, Foreign Ministry Undersecretary for Administrative and Financial Affairs, met in Sochi with Sergey Vasilievich Vershinin, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation, on the sidelines of the eighth joint ministerial meeting between the Foreign Ministers of the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation. The meeting discussed areas of cooperation between the two friendly countries and ways to enlarge them. It also reviewed the ongoing preparations for the Arab-Russian Summit that Russia is scheduled to host in October. The meeting was attended by Sheikh Ahmed Almaskari, Head of the Foreign Ministry's Department for the GCC and

Region, Hamood Altowaiya, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman to the Russian Federation, and various Ministry officials.

<https://www.fm.gov.om/oman-and-russia-discuss-enhancing-cooperation/>

Oman welcomes UN General Assembly's adoption of New York Declaration

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman, September 13, 2025

The Foreign Ministry expressed the Sultanate of Oman's welcome for the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the "New York Declaration" on the peaceful resolution of the Palestinian cause and the implementation of the two-state solution. Oman calls on the Security Council to support translating the declaration's provisions into concrete actions to achieve a just and lasting peace in the region.

<https://www.fm.gov.om/oman-welcomes-un-general-assemblys-adoption-of-new-york-declaration/>

Saudi Arabia

Chemical tanker off Saudi Arabia coast safe after Houthi missile strike

Al Arabiya, September 1, 2025

A Liberian-flagged chemical tanker is undamaged and still under the command of its captain, the vessel's manager said, amid reports of an attack by Yemen's Houthi militia off the coast of Saudi Arabia. "We are aware of security reports alleging that our managed vessel Scarlet Ray was the target of a suspected Houthi attack," Singapore-based Eastern Pacific Shipping said in a statement. "We confirm that the

vessel has not sustained any damage and continues to operate under the command of its master,” adding that all crew members were safe and accounted for. Yemen’s Houthis said they launched a missile towards what they said was the Israeli-owned Scarlet Ray vessel near Saudi Arabia’s Red Sea port city of Yanbu. Eastern Pacific Shipping is owned by Israeli magnate Idan Ofer, whose late father Sami Ofer built Israel’s shipping industry.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/gulf/2025/09/01/tanker-is-undamaged-and-under-captain-s-command-manager-says-after-houthis-claim-attack>

Saudi Space Agency and KFSHRC Sign MoU to Advance Space Medicine

Saudi Press Agency, September 2, 2025

The Saudi Space Agency signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre (KFSHRC) to strengthen collaboration in biotechnology under microgravity conditions, astronaut health, education, and scientific research, in support of national priorities and to build sustainable human capabilities. The MoU was signed by Acting CEO of the Saudi Space Agency Dr. Mohammed bin Saud Al-Tamimi and Royal Court Advisor and CEO of KFSHRC Dr. Majid Al-Fayyadh, in the presence of senior officials from both sides at the hospital’s headquarters in Riyadh. The memorandum stipulates developing a joint framework for cooperation to establish a strategic partnership between the two sides in astronaut health and biotechnology, and forming specialized teams to identify

priority projects and their implementation mechanisms. It also includes supporting and advancing scientific and innovative research in health and biotechnology under microgravity conditions, enabling the translation of research outputs into practical applications, and cooperating on astronaut healthcare programs covering medical services before, during, and after space missions, as part of the agency’s efforts to empower scientific research and enhance innovation in vital fields.

<https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2389352>

Saudi Arabia, Japan agree on need for dialogue to solve Iran nuclear issue

Arab News, September 3, 2025

Japanese Foreign Minister Takeshi Iwaya held a telephone talk with his Saudi Arabian counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan and agreed that a peaceful resolution of the Iran nuclear issue should be achieved through dialogue, Japan’s Foreign Ministry reported. Iwaya noted the importance of the Gulf countries’ calls for restraint and dialogue by both parties during the exchange of attacks between Israel and Iran in June. He also stated that Japan would continue its diplomatic efforts toward a peaceful resolution of the Iranian nuclear issue through dialogue. Prince Faisal said both countries agree on seeking a peaceful solution to the Iranian nuclear issue through dialogue. He also welcomed Japan’s proactive role in stabilizing the region and expressed his desire to continue close cooperation.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2613973/saudi-arabia>

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Sign MoU on Civil Service, Administrative Development

Saudi Press Agency, September 4, 2025

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on to bolster their cooperation in the fields of civil-service affairs and administrative development. Minister of Human Resources and Social Development Ahmed Al-Rajhi and Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Shereeda Abdullah Al-Mousherji signed the agreement on the sidelines of the meeting of the ministers and heads of civil-service agencies in the GCC countries. The MoU aims to enhance collaboration in areas such as administrative development and training, competency management systems, codes of conduct, workforce planning and succession, and leadership development. The initiative reflects the ongoing efforts of the ministry to strengthen ties with counterpart ministries worldwide and expand bilateral technical cooperation, fostering shared goals and sustainable development.

<https://www.spa.gov.sa/en/N2390599>

Saudi Arabia concludes its active participation in the Space Economy Leaders Meeting in South Africa

Saudi Space Agency, September 4, 2025

Saudi Arabia, represented by the Saudi Space Agency concluded its active participation in the sixth edition of the Space Economy Leaders Meeting (SELM) of the G20, hosted by the Republic of South Africa in the city of Hermanus from September 1 to 3, 2025. The meeting

witnessed wide participation from space agency leaders, policymakers, industry and research experts, as well as representatives of international organizations and the private sector. The Saudi delegation was headed by the Deputy CEO of the Saudi Space Agency, Eng. Ahmed Al-Ghufaili, who delivered the keynote speech highlighting the pivotal role of the space economy as a driver of global economic development. He noted that the space sector has become one of the main engines for supporting innovation, stimulating investment, and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. He also emphasized that, through its ambitious Vision 2030, the Kingdom is working to build an integrated space ecosystem that strengthens its international presence in this vital sector. Al-Ghufaili also delivered the main statement across three sessions. The first addressed aligning policies with the Sustainable Development Goals, the second focused on public-private partnerships and knowledge transfer, while the third was dedicated to the sustainability of space operations. During these sessions, he showcased national initiatives that reflect the Kingdom's commitment to space sustainability, the empowerment of the private sector, and the development of national talent.

<https://ssa.gov.sa/en/newsItem?path=en/news/fldaf>

Saudi Arabia launches artillery, missile attack on Yemen

Mehr News Agency, September 7, 2025

According to al-Masirah, the Saudi army once again targeted residential areas in

Yemen's Saada Province with missile and artillery fire. The attacks struck parts of the border districts of Razih and Ghamr, inflicting financial losses on residents. Al-Masirah reported that Saudi Arabia almost daily shells the border areas of Saada, putting the lives of civilians at risk. This comes despite repeated expressions of concern by international organizations over Saudi attacks on civilians and African migrants.

https://en.mehrnews.com/news/236183/Saudi-Arabia-launches-artillery-missile-attack-on-Yemen?utm_source=google.com&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=google.com&utm_referrer=google.com

Saudi Arabia welcomes Iran-IAEA deal on resuming nuclear inspections

Anadolu Ajansi, September 10, 2025

Saudi Arabia welcomed an agreement between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to resume joint cooperation, saying it supports efforts to restore inspections and defuse tensions. In a statement, the Foreign Ministry expressed the kingdom's appreciation for the role played by Egypt in mediating the deal between Tehran and the UN nuclear watchdog. The ministry emphasized "the importance of building trust, adopting diplomatic solutions, and continuing cooperation between Iran and the IAEA." The deal was announced in Cairo after IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi met with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi to agree on practical modalities for inspections. Grossi later thanked Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty

for helping broker the understanding. The move came after Tehran suspended its ties with the UN agency following US and Israeli strikes on the country in June, accusing the agency of bias against Tehran. Iran was engaged in Oman-mediated nuclear negotiations with the US when Israel launched a surprise attack on Tehran on June 13, targeting military, nuclear, and civilian sites as well as senior military commanders and nuclear scientists. Tehran launched retaliatory missile and drone strikes, while the US bombed three Iranian nuclear sites. The 12-day conflict came to a halt under a US-sponsored ceasefire that took effect on June 24.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/saudi-arabia-welcomes-iran-iaea-deal-on-resuming-nuclear-inspections/3683821>

Center for Space Futures issues report on the future of space law

Arab News, September 12, 2025

The Center for Space Futures has published its first specialized report, part of a series of studies that explore how international governance models can be applied to reinforce and evolve the legal framework governing outer space. "The Future of Space Law" explores the model of international civil aviation governance, built on the legal framework of the Chicago Convention and the International Civil Aviation Organization, to draw out principles and mechanisms that could be adapted and applied to the regulation of space activities. It underlines both the similarities and differences between the aviation and space sectors, presenting a roadmap aimed at achieving a more

harmonious, inclusive and future-oriented governance. The center's executive director, Mishaal Ashemimry, stressed that the report's publication marked a pivotal step toward shaping a modern legal framework for outer space. She said building on the proven success of civil aviation governance would help establish a safe and sustainable space environment, encourage innovation, and broaden the engagement of both governments and the private sector in driving growth within the global space economy.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2615094/saudi-arabia>

Saudi Arabia reaffirms importance of strengthening nuclear and radiological emergency preparedness at IAEA General Conference in Vienna

Ministry of Energy, Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, September 15, 2025

Minister of Energy, Chairman of the Board of King Abdullah City for Atomic and Renewable Energy, and Chairman of the Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Commission Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz delivered Saudi Arabia's statement at the 69th session of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Conference, convened in Vienna. Prince Abdulaziz said that the Kingdom reaffirmed the importance of strengthening nuclear and radiological emergency preparedness and response capabilities at the national and international levels. He stressed that international cooperation and knowledge-sharing enhance the effectiveness of the nuclear and

radiological emergency response systems to ensure people's safety and environmental protection. The minister conveyed the Kingdom's appreciation for the IAEA's efforts under the leadership of Director General Rafael Grossi to advance initiatives that support member states in building national systems, developing human capabilities in nuclear technology, and enhancing oversight of nuclear and radiological practices. He noted that holding the conference affirms the agency's key role in advancing international cooperation to harness atomic energy for peace and sustainable development.

<https://www.moenergy.gov.sa/en/media-center/news/69th-iaea-general-conference-held-in-vienna>

Saudi Arabia is determined to advance peaceful use of atomic energy

Saudi Gazette, September 15, 2025

Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said that Saudi Arabia reaffirmed the importance of strengthening nuclear and radiological emergency preparedness and response capabilities at the national and international levels. He reiterated the Kingdom's determination to deepen cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and advance the peaceful use of atomic energy in support of national development goals and in line with international obligations. Prince Abdulaziz, who is also chairman of the Board of King Abdullah City for Atomic and Renewable Energy, and chairman of the Nuclear and Radiological Regulatory Commission, made the remarks while addressing the 69th session of the IAEA General Conference,

titled "Atoms for peace and development" being held in Vienna.

<https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/654995/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-Arabia-is-determined-to-advance-peaceful-use-of-atomic-energy-to-serve-national-development-goals>

Syria

UN watchdog finds uranium at alleged Syrian nuclear site from al-Assad era

Al Jazeera, September 3, 2025

The United Nations' nuclear watchdog has said its inspectors discovered uranium particles at a site in Syria it suspects was once used as part of a clandestine nuclear programme run by the former government of Bashar al-Assad. Last year, inspectors visited and took environmental samples at "three locations that were allegedly functionally related" to the remote desert site Deir el-Zour, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) spokesman Fredrik Dahl said in a statement. "Analysis revealed a significant number of anthropogenic natural uranium particles in samples taken at one of the three locations. Some of these uranium particles are consistent with the conversion of uranium ore concentrate to uranium oxide," said Dahl. This would be typical of a nuclear power reactor. IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi reported these findings to the agency's board of directors in a report on developments in Syria.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/9/3/un-watchdog-finds-uranium-at-alleged-syrian-nuclear-site-from-al-assad-era>

Turkiye begins military training, support for Syrian army

Daily Sabah, September 11, 2025

Turkiye has begun training and providing consultancy and technical support for Syria's army under a defence cooperation agreement signed last month, a Turkish Defence Ministry source said. Under the military cooperation accord signed between the two countries' defence ministries in August, Turkiye has said it will provide Syria's armed forces with military training, weapons and logistical tools. Ministry sources stated that the Syrian government continues its diligent efforts to restructure and establish stability and security in the country with all its institutions and units. In this context, the sources stated that the Syrian government has taken into consideration requests to clear the region of terrorism, particularly Daesh, in a way that will directly contribute to the peace and prosperity of the people.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/politics/turkiye-begins-military-training-support-for-syrian-army/news>

Syria Chemical Weapons concerns widen with new evidence, United Nations disarmament chief tells Security Council

United Nations, September 12, 2025

Evidence of nerve agents was found in samples collected from a site in Syria, and information suggests that over 100 additional locations may have been involved in chemical-weapons-related activities in the country, a senior United Nations official told the Security Council. Izumi Nakamitsu, High Representative for

Disarmament Affairs, welcomed the “remarkable progress” since the Council’s last meeting on the matter. She reported that the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and Syria have continued to engage on outstanding issues in Syria’s chemical weapons dossier. She highlighted the regular communication between the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the OPCW Technical Secretariat, as well as her recent virtual meeting with Ambassador Ibrahim Olabi of Syria. Since 2014, however, she recalled, OPCW has been unable to confirm the accuracy of Syria’s chemical weapons declaration due to incomplete or inaccurate information. Currently, 26 unresolved issues remain, involving large quantities of potentially undeclared or unverified chemical warfare agents and chemical munitions, which OPCW deems a “serious concern”, she noted.

<https://press.un.org/en/2025/sc16167.doc.htm>

SDF fulfilling March 10 deal with Syria important, says President Erdogan

Anadolu Ajansi, September 15, 2025

Meeting with his Syrian counterpart, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan highlighted the importance of preserving Syria's unity and solidarity as well as the SDF fulfilling its deal with Damascus made on March 10. Meeting on the margins of an extraordinary Organization of Islamic Cooperation-Arab League summit in Qatar, Erdogan said that Ankara's support to Damascus will continue and called President Ahmad al-Sharaa's attendance at this year’s UN General Assembly

"historically significant." Erdogan also stated that efforts are being made to develop bilateral relations. Turkiye is also following steps to bring together different groups in Syria, he said.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/middle-east/sdf-fulfilling-march-10-deal-with-syria-important-says-president-erdogan/3688529>

Turkiye

Turkiye’s Erdogan tells Iran’s Pezeshkian that continuing nuclear talks useful

Al Arabiya, September 1, 2025

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told Iranian counterpart Masoud Pezeshkian that he believes it was useful for Tehran to continue nuclear negotiations and that Ankara would maintain its support for Iran on the matter, Turkey’s presidency said. In a meeting on the sidelines of a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in China, Erdogan also said that cooperation between the neighbors, namely in energy, was to the benefit of both sides, the presidency said in a statement.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/middle-east/2025/09/01/turkey-s-erdogan-tells-iran-s-pezeshkian-that-continuing-nuclear-talks-useful>

Nuclear energy 'indispensable technology' for Turkiye: IEA head

Daily Sabah, September 10, 2025

Nuclear energy is an "indispensable technology" for Turkiye, according to the chief of the International Energy Agency (IEA), Fatih Birol. Speaking to Anadolu

Agency (AA) on the sidelines of the Gastech 2025 forum in Milan, Birol evaluated global energy trends and Türkiye's standing. "Türkiye has a lot of renewable energy and can use it even more, but as I always say, nuclear energy is an indispensable technology for Türkiye," he said. Birol underlined the importance of diversifying energy sources, recalling that the work is underway on a nuclear power plant, but also suggesting "it is crucial for Türkiye to build additional plants with international partners, including both traditional facilities and small modular reactors (SMRs)." "Such projects would enhance the country's energy independence and strengthen its influence in the region and beyond," he added.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/energy/nuclear-energy-indispensable-technology-for-turkiye-ia-head>

Türkiye's Aselsan inks \$1.9B deal with military for air defence systems

Breaking Defence, September 11, 2025

Turkish defence firm Aselsan has announced a \$1.9 billion (EUR 1.65 billion) deal with the Turkish Secretariat of Defence Industries (SSB) to equip the national armed forces with air defence systems. The announcement said deliveries to the armed forces will take place between 2027 and 2031. But other than that, it was short on details, and representatives for the firm declined to elaborate to follow-up questions. The deal comes, however, after Aselsan was named project lead for Ankara's ambitious national air defence project Steel Dome and in the wake of a much-heralded \$1.5 billion government

investment in a Steel Dome production hub, envisioned as the biggest air defence facility in Europe. "These kind of solutions are not endless systems, not [only] for Turkey, for all countries, because you have a huge territory and also threat environment is not stable," Aselsan CEO Ahmet Akyol told Breaking Defence in an interview in July. "We are trying to add new features."

<https://breakingdefence.com/2025/09/turkey-aselsan-inks-1-9b-deal-with-military-for-air-defence-systems/>

Türkiye issues nationwide call to develop domestic nuclear reactor

Hurriyet Daily News, September 14, 2025

"With the 'Domestic Nuclear Reactor Development Call,' we aim to strengthen our energy security, reduce external dependence and contribute to our net-zero emissions target by equipping our country with high-technology reactors, developed through the capabilities of Turkish industry, in collaboration with TENMAK, TÜBİTAK institutes and our universities," Kacır wrote on social media on Sept. 14. Applications from universities and other researchers will be accepted until Dec. 31. Vice President Cevdet Yılmaz welcomed the initiative, saying, "The breakthrough we achieved in the defence industry will now be carried into new fields such as energy technologies and the health sector." The call comes as Türkiye is only months away from starting operations at the first unit of its inaugural nuclear power plant, Akkuyu, which is currently under construction on the Mediterranean coast. The \$20 billion Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant, with four 1,200-megawatt reactors

totaling 4.8 gigawatts, is being built by Russia's Rosatom.

<https://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/turkiye-issues-nationwide-call-to-develop-domestic-nuclear-reactor-213575>

Turkiye's Akkuyu nuclear plant nears commissioning of first reactor

Daily Sabah, September 14, 2025

Turkiye's first nuclear power plant under construction in the Mediterranean region is approaching a critical milestone as the commissioning of its first reactor enters its final phase. The \$20 billion, 4.8 gigawatt (GW) four-reactor Akkuyu plant will bring Türkiye into the small club of nations with civil nuclear energy. It is being the Russian conglomerate Rosatom in the southern province of Mersin. Work continues simultaneously on all four units of the plant, with priority given to the first reactor with a capacity of around 1,200 MW, Sergey Butkikh, general manager of Akkuyu Nuclear JSC, said. "We are now carrying out commissioning activities, which involve testing all system components, verifying their functionality and preparing for safe operation," Butkikh told Anadolu Agency (AA).

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/energy/turkiyes-akkuyu-nuclear-plant-nears-commissioning-of-first-reactor>

TAI advances KAAN fifth-generation fighter as European nations express interest

Turkiye Today, September 14, 2025

Turkish Aerospace Industries (TAI) is advancing development of its KAAN fifth-

generation fighter jet with second and third prototypes under construction, as company officials confirm growing international interest, including from several European nations, according to reports from defence media outlets Infodefensa and Defensayseguridad, who recently visited Turkish defence industry facilities. TAI President and CEO Mehmet Demiroglu announced that both new prototypes are expected to fly starting in the second quarter of next year, with improvements to structure, air intakes and internal weapons bays compared to the first prototype that completed its maiden flight in February 2024. "We will not be the first, but we will be pioneers," Demiroglu stated during an event in Ankara attended by representatives from Turkish defence companies, including Rocketsan, Aselsan and STM, announcing that the company has begun studies for a sixth-generation fighter development.

<https://www.turkiyetoday.com/nation/tai-advances-kaan-fifth-generation-fighter-as-european-nations-express-interest-3206892>

United Arab Emirates (UAE)

UAE's EDGE Group expands in Brazil and Switzerland

Breaking Defence, September 2, 2025

Expanding its presence from Latin America to Europe, Emirati defence giant EDGE Group announced it's expanding facilities in Brazil as well as Switzerland. The firm said in a statement that it was establishing a new 6,000 square meter headquarters and production facility for subsidiary SIATT in Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil. The addition, EDGE said, will increase research and

development capabilities, as well as production line capacity. “This was our first investment in Brazil, back in 2023, and since then we have expanded significantly from a research and development plant to an impressive industrial plant. This reflects SIATT’s commitment to advancing Brazil’s technological autonomy and creating long-term value for its defence industry,” said EDGE’s CEO Hamad Al Marar in the statement.

<https://breakingdefence.com/2025/09/uaes-edge-group-expands-in-brazil-and-switzerland/>

UAE’s EDGE group opens defence facilities in Brazil, Switzerland

The Defence Post, September 3, 2025

The UAE’s state-owned defence conglomerate EDGE Group has announced expansions of its operations in Brazil and Switzerland. The milestones aim to bolster the company’s international footprint in the research, development, and production of unmanned systems and missile technologies, while building local infrastructure to support regional defence capabilities. In Brazil, the firm launched a new 6,000-square-meter (64,583-square-foot) headquarters and factory for its subsidiary SIATT in São José dos Campos, São Paulo. The site will host research laboratories, engineering facilities, and production lines to support the development of the Mansup standard and extended range anti-ship missiles, Max 1.2 AC anti-tank missile, SisGAaz coastal surveillance platform, and other related

solutions. EDGE’s new location is expected to generate approximately 200 direct jobs and 600 indirect positions in the region. The South American expansion follows EDGE’s acquisition of a 50 percent stake in SIATT in 2023.

<https://thedefencepost.com/2025/09/03/uae-edge-brazil-switzerland/>

UAE's Barakah nuclear plant marks one year of full operations

ARN News Centre, September 8, 2025

The Emirates Nuclear Energy Company (ENEC) is marking one year since the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant reached full-fleet operations. All four reactors are now generating 25 per cent of the UAE’s electricity needs, delivering 40 terawatt-hours (TWh) of clean power over the past year. Since Unit 1 began operating, Barakah has produced over 120 TWh — enough to power a city the size of New York for a year. It’s also helping the UAE avoid more than 22 million tonnes of carbon emissions annually, making it the largest source of clean energy in the region. Mohamed Al Hammadi, ENEC's Managing Director and CEO, says Barakah is delivering on its promise of reliable, round-the-clock power, thanks to long-term planning and international collaboration. The plant has also helped build a skilled Emirati-led nuclear workforce, with over 2,000 UAE nationals contributing to its success.

<https://www.arnnewscentre.ae/news/uae/uaes-barakah-nuclear-plant-marks-one-year-of-full-operations/>

Qatar

Pakistan, Qatar hold second round of Higher Military cooperation talks

Arab News, September 4, 2025

Pakistan's top military official, General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, held talks with Qatari leaders as part of the second round of the Higher Military Cooperation Committee (HMCC), a bilateral platform for defence and security dialogue, the military said. Mirza, who serves as Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC), met Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Sheikh Saoud bin Abdulrahman Al Thani and Qatar's Armed Forces Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Jassim Mohammad Ahmed Al-Mannal during his official visit to Doha. "Both sides discussed the evolving regional security dynamics and reaffirmed their shared commitment to peace and stability at regional and global level," the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said in a statement. It added that Mirza "highlighted historic brotherly ties between both nations and discussed the future dimensions of cooperation in defence and security domains within the ambit of HMCC." Qatar's civil and military leadership, according to ISPR, "acknowledged Pakistan's pivotal and responsible role in ensuring regional stability and appreciated professionalism and sacrifices of Pakistan Armed Forces in fight against terrorism."

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2614111/pakistan>

Israeli military says it attacked Hamas leaders in Qatar's Doha

Al Jazeera, September 9, 2025

The Israeli military says explosions seen and heard in the Qatari capital, Doha, are the result of an assassination attempt against Hamas leaders. The attack is the first by Israel in Qatar, a key mediator in ceasefire talks between Israel and Hamas and home to the region's largest United States military base, Al Udeid airbase, which hosts US troops. Israel has been bombarding Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen and Syria as well as carrying out daily attacks in the occupied West Bank in Palestine. A Hamas source told Al Jazeera that the attack in Doha targeted the Hamas negotiating team. The attack came as the negotiators were meeting to consider the latest ceasefire proposal put forth by the US. In a statement, the Hamas group said its leadership has survived Israel's assassination attempt in the Qatari capital, adding that at least six people were killed in the bombing, including the son and an aide of Hamas leader Khalil al-Hayya.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2025/9/9/israeli-military-says-it-has-attacked-hamas-leadership-in-qatars-doha>

Qatar issues strong statement after blasts heard in Doha

Gulf News, September 9, 2025

Qatar has strongly condemned an Israeli attack in Doha, targeting Hamas officials. "The State of Qatar strongly condemns the

cowardly Israeli attack that targeted residential buildings housing several members of the Political Bureau of Hamas in the Qatari capital, Doha,” a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said. “This criminal assault constitutes a blatant violation of all international laws and norms, and poses a serious threat to the security and safety of Qataris and residents in Qatar. The ministry affirms that the security forces, civil defence, and relevant authorities immediately began addressing the incident and taking necessary measures to contain its repercussions and ensure the safety of the residents and surrounding areas,” he added.

<https://gulfnews.com/world/gulf/qatar/qatar-issues-strong-statement-after-blasts-heard-in-doha-1.500262813>

Yemen

Israeli military intercepts missile launched from Yemen

Al Arabiya English, September 3, 2025

The Israeli military said it intercepted a missile launched from Yemen, as sirens were activated in Tel Aviv and several other areas across the country. Yemen’s Houthis later claimed responsibility, saying they fired two ballistic missiles at Tel Aviv in what they said was an initial response to Israeli attacks on Yemen. The Iran-backed Houthis have been launching missiles and drones thousands of kilometers north towards Israel, in what the group says are acts of solidarity with the Palestinians. Israel has retaliated by bombing Houthi-

controlled areas of Yemen, including the vital Hodeidah port. Its latest blow killed senior Houthi officials, including the head of the government.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/middle-east/2025/09/03/israeli-military-says-defence-systems-operating-to-intercept-a-missile-launched-from-yemen>

Israel strikes Houthi targets in Yemen, reportedly attacking Defence Ministry

Haaretz, September 10, 2025

The Israeli army announced that it conducted strikes on a series of Houthi targets in the areas of Sanaa and Al Jawf in Yemen. The Houthi Health Ministry's initial death toll following the strikes counted nine people killed, and 118 people wounded. According to the IDF, the targets included Houthi military camps where the group's operatives were present, a fuel storage facility, as well as the Houthis' Military Public Relations Headquarters. A defence official told Haaretz that more than ten fighter jets took part in the operation, using over 30 munitions on 15 targets.

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