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### **Russian President Spoke To French President**

On 1 July, Russian President Vladimir Putin [spoke](#) to his French counterpart President Emmanuel Macron. The two leaders had a detailed discussion on the state of events in the Middle East in light of the conflict between Iran and Israel, as well as the US strikes on Iran's nuclear facilities. They also spoke about Ukraine and a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

### **Russian President Met Iran's Supreme Leader's Advisor**

On 20 July, Russian President Vladimir Putin [met](#) with Iranian Supreme Leader's advisor Ali Larijani in the Kremlin. They discussed the situation in West Asia as well as nuclear issues. The Russian side expressed support for stabilising the situation in the region and resolving any matters pertaining to Iran's nuclear programme via political means.

### **Putin Called For Expansion Of Russian Nuclear Submarine Fleet**

On 25 July, Russian President Vladimir Putin [called](#) for the expansion of the Russia's nuclear submarine fleet. He stressed that the fleet is crucial for the country's sovereignty and security. Looking ahead, Putin said that the Navy is set to receive four more nuclear-capable Borei-class submarines in the coming years.

### **Russia Signed Nuclear Deal With Niger**

On 28 July, Russia and Niger [signed](#) a civil nuclear cooperation agreement that

includes plans to build nuclear power plants and overhaul the country's energy infrastructure. Russia's State Atomic Energy Cooperation Rosatom signed a nuclear deal with Niger's Energy Ministry, outlining a long-term partnership focused on electricity generation, nuclear medicine and workforce training.

### **Kazakhstan's Foreign Minister Visited Tehran**

Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Murat Nurtleu [paid](#) an official visit to Iran and held talks with Iranian officials on 7 July. During a meeting with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, the officials discussed key areas of cooperation, reaffirming their commitment to strengthening bilateral relations. In a meeting with Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi, the two ministers reiterated their shared interest in deepening trade and economic partnerships, emphasising the need to elevate cooperation to a new level.

### **Uzbekistan's Internal Affairs Minister Visited Hungary**

From 16- 19 July, Uzbekistan's Internal Affairs Minister Aziz Tashpulatov [visited](#) Hungary. The two sides agreed to deepen cooperation in counterterrorism, migration management and cybersecurity.

### **Presidents of Kyrgyzstan And Tajikistan Met In Kyrgyzstan**

On 29 July, President of Kyrgyzstan, Sedar Japarov, held a meeting [with](#) Tajikistan's President Emomali Rahmon. The two leaders discussed the current state

and prospects of their bilateral relations. They underscored the importance of deepening trade and economic ties and emphasised the advancement of the demarcation process of the state border between the two countries.

### **Iranian Foreign Minister Visited Tajikistan**

On 30 July, a meeting was held between the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan, Sirojiddin Muhriddin and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Seyed Abbas Araghchi, in Dushanbe. The two sides exchanged views on the current state and prospects for the development of relations in the fields of economy and trade, along with cooperation in international and regional organisations.

### **French President Visited Britain**

French President, Emmanuel Macron, visited the United Kingdom on the invitation of His Majesty King Charles III and Queen Camilla from 8-10 July. The President met with British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. The two sides signed a deal for nuclear cooperation and a migrants' deal. They also agreed on strengthening cooperation in various fields, including trade, defence, security and people-to-people contacts.

### **EU-China Summit In Beijing**

On 24 July, the 25<sup>th</sup> EU-China Summit was held in Beijing. Marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of EU-China bilateral relations, the summit was an opportunity to discuss bilateral

relationship as well as geopolitical issues. The EU reiterated its commitment to deepen its engagement with China and to enhance cooperation to address joint global challenges.

### **EU Signed Trade Deal With US**

On 27 July, the US struck a framework trade agreement with the European Union, imposing a 15% import tariff on most EU goods. This rate applies across most sectors, including cars, semiconductors and pharmaceuticals. They also agreed on zero-for-zero tariffs on several strategic products. This includes all aircraft and parts, certain chemicals, certain generics, semiconductor equipment, certain agricultural products, natural resources and critical raw materials

### **Lithuanian Prime Minister Resigned**

On 31 July, Lithuanian Prime Minister Gintautas Paluckas resigned amid an ongoing investigation into potential financial crimes by firms linked to him. He also resigned from the post of head of the Social Democratic Party. He had been prime minister since 2024, when the Social Democrats won the October election and formed a ruling coalition with the populist Nemunas Dawn party and the centre-left For Lithuania party.