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## Bahrain

### Bid to boost military ties

GDN Online, September 05, 2022

BDF Commander-in-Chief Field Marshal Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa received Brazilian Secretary of Bilateral Negotiations in the Middle East, Europe, and Africa Ambassador Kenneth Félix Haczynski da Nóbrega. The BDF Commander-in-Chief praised the bilateral relations and discussed ways to further develop military co-operation.

<https://www.gdnonline.com/Details/1141765>

### BDF invites volunteers to join Reserve Force

GDN Online, September 04, 2022

The BDF has invited civilians to volunteer to join the Reserve Force in continuation of the first phase. Those eligible to register are relatives of the military and civilian staff and retirees of the BDF and the National Guard.

<https://www.gdnonline.com/Details/1141615>

## Iran

### Iran minister terms air defense as self-sufficient, independent

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 01, 2022

Iran's Minister of Interior Ahmad Vahidi said on Thursday that the Islamic Republic of Iran is independent and self-sufficient enjoying the latest technology and equipment in air defense. On the occasion of the National Day of Air Defense, Vahidi made remarks at the Shahid Nojeh Air

Base, Hamedan. Vahidi said that Iran's capability, authority, and self-sufficiency in the field of defense and military equipment are such that the air defense complex has the most sophisticated military and radar equipment. Pointing to the advanced technologies in Iran's Army, he highlighted that to pursue drones, we need modern and up-to-date equipment in this field, and Iranian-made radars are among the best equipment in the world where long-range equipment works with these radars so that they can easily detect and intercept enemy jet fighters.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84874888/Iran-minister-terms-air-defense-as-self-sufficient-independent>

### Iran says sees no limit for expansion of military cooperation with Pakistan

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 01, 2022

Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad Bagheri said on Thursday that with the removal of a UN arms embargo on Iran, the country has no limit for promotion of military cooperation with Pakistan anymore. General Bagheri made the remarks during a meeting in Tehran with Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmad Babar, the commander of Pakistani Air Force. He said he was saddened by the news of the recent floods in Pakistan, voicing Iran's readiness to do whatever possible to alleviate the problems of the flood-hit people. The general noted that Iran regards Pakistan's security as its own and will spare no effort to help the promotion of security in Pakistan.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84875088/Iran-says-sees-no-limit-for-expansion-of-military-cooperation>

### **Washington calls Iran's response "not constructive", without even reading it**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 02, 2022

The US, which is believed by experts to be responsible for the current situation of the nuclear deal by its unwise withdrawal, has called Iran's responses to the latest effort to revive the 2015 accord "not constructive," while an official of US Department of State has said that they have not even read it yet. According to "The Times", Vedant Patel, a department spokesperson, didn't elaborate on the remarks Thursday night but added that US officials were still looking at the response, which Iran had submitted to the European Union. The EU has drafted a proposal to rescue the agreement, abandoned by President Donald Trump in 2018, and energy traders have been closely watching to see whether there will be a breakthrough.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84875687/Washingt-on-calls-Iran-s-response-not-constructive-without>

### **Logic of Iran's response to agreement draft not changed; ball in US court**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 02, 2022

Western officials are insisting on the continuation of the blame game while Iran's logic for reaching a final agreement with the United States as the culprit of the current situation and the uncommitted European parties has not changed; and the ball is in the US's court. From the beginning of the nuclear talks, the Islamic Republic of Iran laid down the condition that the sanctions should be effectively and

sustainably removed in a way that the accord would provide economic benefits for the people and emphasized that political claims about safeguard issues should be closed.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84875837/Logic-of-Iran-s-response-to-agreement-draft-not-changed-ball>

### **Iranian navy impounds 2 US sea drones in red sea**

Fars News, September 03, 2022

The destroyer encountered the "data collecting" vessels during a routine operation aimed at securing shipping routes and confronting piracy and maritime terrorism, the Iranian Navy announced in a statement. The Iranian warship then called on the American authorities in charge of the sail drones to change the vessels' direction "in order to prevent accidents and naval collisions", the statement added. The destroyer, however, encountered the drones again, with its calls on the US officials to control the vessels going unheeded on several occasions.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010612000362/Iranian-Navy-Impnds-2-US-Sea-Drnes-in-Red-Sea>

### **US confirms its unmanned vessels stopped by Iranian military forces**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 03, 2022

The United States on Friday confirmed that two of its navy survey vessels were briefly stopped and then freed by the Iranian military forces. Timothy Hawkins, the spokesman for the US 5th Navy Fleet in the Middle East on Friday in an interview with

the Associate Press confirmed the news, refraining from offering any further details about the incidence. The Islamic Republic of Iran Navy had earlier presented the details about stopping US Navy unmanned vessels.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84876004/US-confirms-its-unmanned-vessels-stopped-by-Iranian-military>

### **American source: Deal with Iran is best option**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 03, 2022

An unknown source from the United States Department of State told the Saudi-based Al-Arabiya Network on Saturday that the Biden administration sees an agreement with Iran as the best possible option. In an interview by the Saudi-based Al-Arabiya Network, an unknown source of the United States Department of State noted that the US government sees an agreement with Iran as the best possible option. The source added that the US emphasizes cooperation with Iran to realize and probe the effects of uranium on its nuclear facilities. Earlier, Iran's Foreign Ministry Spokesman Nasser Kanaani said that Iran is studying the US responses received via the EU coordinator.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84876792/American-source-Deal-with-Iran-is-best-option>

### **Iran demands closure of IAEA probes for 'sustainable' nuclear deal**

The Jerusalem Post, September 05 2022

Iran is seeking the closure of the UN nuclear agency's investigation of its nuclear activities among other guarantees, in order to revive the country's 2015 nuclear deal

with world powers, a senior Iranian official said on Monday. "An end to the agency's probes is part of the guarantees that we are seeking to have a sustainable and durable nuclear agreement," Iranian foreign ministry spokesperson Nasser Kanaani told a televised news conference.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-716341>

### **Iran's near weapons-grade uranium stock grows, probe stuck -IAEA reports**

The Jerusalem Post, September 05 2022

Iran's stock of uranium enriched to up to 60%, close to weapons-grade, has grown to well above the amount that by one definition is enough, if enriched further, for a nuclear bomb, a quarterly report by the UN atomic watchdog showed on Wednesday. Iran's uranium enriched to up to 60% and in the form of uranium hexafluoride, the gas that centrifuges enrich, is estimated to have grown by 12.5 kg to 55.6 kg since the last quarterly International Atomic Energy Agency report issued on May 30, the IAEA report to member states seen by Reuters said.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-716555>

### **Iran's IRGC unveils new combat vessel**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 05, 2022

Iran's IRGC deployed a patrol-combat vessel, namely Martyr Soleimani, as well as Martyr Rouhi and Martyr Dara missile-capable speedboats. The vessel was deployed by the IRGC Navy in a ceremony attended by Chief of Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces Major General Mohammad



Baqeri, Chief commander of the IRGC Hossein Salaami, Commander of the IRGC Navy Rear Admiral Alireza Tangsiri, and a number of military and officials in Bandar Abbas, southern Iran, on Monday.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84878752/Iran-s-IRGC-unveils-new-combat-vessel>

### **Iran to consider "other options" if West delays nuclear agreement**

Azer News, September 06, 2022

A senior Iranian lawmaker on Sunday urged Western countries to refrain from delays in reaching a nuclear agreement, warning that otherwise, Iran would consider "other options", Trend reports citing Xinhua. Mahmoud Abbaszadeh Meshkini, a member of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, told the official IRNA news agency that a win-win agreement is important for securing Iran's national interests. "The Westerners need negotiations more than Iran ... if the Western side does not make an agreement, we have other options on the table, and Iran's hands are not empty in this regard," he noted.

[Iran to consider "other options" if West delays nuclear agreement \(azernews.az\)](https://azernews.az)

### **US simulates bombing mission over Middle East amid Iran tensions**

i24 News, September 06, 2022

The United States said Monday that two long-distance warplanes flew across the Middle East as part of a simulated international bombing exercise amid tense haggling on restoring a nuclear deal with

Iran. Top US general Lieutenant General Alexis Grynkewich said the "Bomber Task Force" simulation on Sunday showed that the United States and its allies can "rapidly inject overwhelming combat power into the region on demand."

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/americas/1662443854-us-simulates-bombing-mission-over-middle-east-amid-iran-tensions>

### **Iran to increase nuclear power production**

Fars News, September 06, 2022

The Iranian government is planning to increase the share of nuclear power generation to 20 percent, said the head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Mohammad Eslami, Trend citing Mehr News Agency. Various strategic documents were drafted in the past year that includes offering different services for the development of nuclear power plants and the plan is to raise the share of nuclear electricity production, he said. He underlined the necessity to generate financial resources from nuclear energy via innovative technologies. The government agenda is to build nuclear power plants and generate 10,000 megawatts of nuclear electricity, he noted.

[Iran to increase nuclear power production \(azernews.az\)](https://azernews.az)

### **Other side in talks should put aside excessive demands: Gov't spox**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 06, 2022

The spokesman for the Iranian Government said here on Tuesday that the talks on the

agreement continue and the other side should let go of its excessive demands as the path taken has been constructive. The Islamic Republic has not left and will not leave the talks, Ali Bahadori Jahromi told reporters in Tehran. About the issues followed during the talks, the spokesman said they include giving necessary guarantees, removing the sanctions, and putting aside political claims about Safeguards Agreements. Bahadori Jahromi also announced on Tuesday that efforts have been made to facilitate Arbaeen pilgrims' visit to Iraq through land borders and flights. Iran's six land borders with Iraq are active for this purpose, the spokesman told reporters in Tehran.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84879617/Other-side-in-talks-should-put-aside-excessive-demands-Gov-t>

### **Iranian scientists produce electronic clothes using conductive nano fabric**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 06, 2022

Researchers of a knowledge-based company in Iran have produced a sort of conductive nano fabric with anti-radiation properties that can be used in electronic clothes. Bahareh Moazzenchi, the CEO of this Iranian technology-based company, said that this product can be used in medicine and sports fields. She added that currently, these fabrics are being piloted by an orthopedic equipment company, and since this fabric is electrically conductive, the product can be used for producing wearable electronic clothing.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84879692/Iranian-scientists-produce-electronic-clothes-using-conductive>

### **Iran offers completion of gas pipeline project with Pakistan: APP**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 07, 2022

Iranian Ambassador Mohammad Ali Hosseini on Tuesday offered his government's support to complete Iran-Pakistan (IP) Gas Pipeline project and hinted to extend cooperation in other fields of mutual interest. In an interview with the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP), Hosseini said that Iran was willing to further strengthen mutual trade cooperation; completion of energy projects, especially the IP gas pipeline; progress in the establishment of border markets; finalization of a free trade agreement, and collaboration on major ports and security areas, APP reported. He added that there were no sanctions on the export of gas from Iran and Pakistan could take full benefit of it to fulfill its energy needs. The IP gas pipeline was a key project in that regard and both countries realized its importance. The ambassador said Iran was already exporting 100 megawatts of electricity to Pakistan for meeting the power needs (of its bordering areas) and it would be increased in the future.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84881079/Iran-offers-completion-of-gas-pipeline-project-with-Pakistan>

### **Iran rejects IAEA's politically-motivated report, says peaceful N. program fully transparent**

Fars News, September 08, 2022

The official added some international media are distorting and sometimes interpreting the phrases, which the IAEA

deliberately uses in a vague way and are full of unnecessary details and ambiguities, to fuel a hallow media campaign aimed at insinuating that the country's nuclear program is not peaceful. "Iran's peaceful nuclear program has been the most transparent so far," the spokesperson noted.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010617000356/Iran-Rejecs-IAEA's-Pliically-Mivaed-Repr-Says-Peacefl-N-Prgram-Ffly>

### **Iran fully self-sufficient in drone production**

Fars News, September 08, 2022

Brigadier General Vahedi said that Iran has reached 100% self-sufficiency in the field of producing UAV and will continue its path in this field vigorously. He added that relying upon the assistance of the God Almighty, Iranian Air Force has achieved salient progress in the field of manufacturing two sophisticated drones named "Kaman 12" and "Kaman 22". "Iran is among the top powers in the region in the field of manufacturing advanced UAVs and this ability is increasing day by day," the commander stated.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010617000548/Cmmander-Iran-Ffly-Self-Sfficien-in-Drne-Prdcin>

### **Iranian army ground force stages military drills**

Fars News, September 08, 2022

The Iranian Army's Ground Force began the maneuvers in Central Iran on Wednesday night, featuring overnight heliborne operations joined by teams of rapid reaction forces and helicopters in the central part of the country. Spokesperson

Second Brigadier General Amir Cheshak announced that the military drills seek to assess and enhance the level of readiness of the Ground Force's units in the face of "new threats". "The military drills seek to evaluate and increase the level of readiness of the Ground Force's [various] units in the face of new threats," he said.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010617000254/Iranian-Army-Grnd-Frce-Sages-Miliary-Drills>

### **Iran overpowers enemies using AI**

Fars News, September 08, 2022

Brigadier General Hajizadeh noted that Iran holds the "upper hand" in the field of aerospace and is now a strong and formidable player in the region. He hastened to add that due to artificial intelligence, Iran has managed to defeat the enemy "at a distance of more than a thousand kilometers away". "We have attained tremendous success in the field of cooperation between universities and the defense sector. We can definitely declare that we have turned from an importer of barbed wire into an exporter of technology," the commander of the IRGC's Aerospace Division noted.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010617000114/IRGC-Cmmander-Iran-Overpwrs-Enemies-Using-AI>

### **Iran's envoy urges world leaders to halt nuclear tests**

Fars News, September 08, 2022

Ershadi made the remarks on Wednesday while addressing a meeting of the UN General Assembly on the occasion of the International Day against Nuclear Tests.

"Pending the achievement of this goal [stopping nuclear tests], besides the implementation of these moratoriums by the NWSs (nuclear weapons states), consequently, should be replaced by a legally binding instrument to effectively prevent such tests," she said. She stressed the importance of the immediate implementation of Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) as a "meaningful" step toward relinquishing the world from any threat of nuclear weapons, reaffirming it as the sole responsibility of the NWSs.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010617000424/Iran's-Envy-Urges-Wrld-Leaders-Hal-Nclear-Tess>

### **Iran: Moratoria to stop nuclear tests does not substitute legally binding obligation**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 08, 2022

Iran's Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Zahra Ershadi said that moratoria to stop nuclear tests does not substitute a legally binding obligation. Ershadi was speaking at the High-level Plenary Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the International Day against Nuclear Tests. She underlined that it is noteworthy that the moratoria to stop nuclear tests does not substitute a legally binding obligation. Therefore, pending the achievement of this goal, besides the implementation of these moratoriums by the NWSs, consequently, should be replaced by a legally binding instrument to effectively prevent such tests.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84881621/Iran-Moratoria-to-stop-nuclear-tests-does-not-substitute-legally>

### **Iranian army ground force test-fires strategic 'fath 360' missile**

Fars News, September 09, 2022

"The missile, codenamed Fath (Conquest) 360, was launched in the second stage of Eghtedar (Authority) 1401 drills, which are underway in the Nasrabad region of the province," Iranian Army Ground Force Deputy Commander Brigadier General Nozar Nemati said. "The Iranian Army units also fired volleys of indigenous Fajr-5 (Dawn-5) missiles. The missile reportedly has a range of 75 kilometers (50 miles) and can carry 175-kilogram fragmentation warheads with 90 kilograms of high explosives," he added.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010618000205/Iranian-Army-Grnd-Frce-Tes-Fires-Sraegic-'Fah-360'-Missile>

### **US blacklists 1 Iranian individual, 4 companies for fear of development in drone industry**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 09, 2022

While Vienna Talks are waiting for Washington's decision and the White House is claiming a diplomatic approach towards Iran, the US Department of Treasury has blacklisted an Iranian individual and 4 companies for fear of developing drone industry. "OFAC is designating three companies and one individual involved in the research, development, production, and procurement of Iranian UAVs and UAV components, including the Shahed series of drones, for Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and its Aerospace Force (IRGC ASF) and Navy," US Department of Treasury said. It claimed that Tehran-based



Safirán Airport Services (Safirán) has coordinated Russian military flights between Iran and Russia, including those associated with transporting Iranian UAVs, personnel, and related equipment from Iran to Russia.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84882536/US-blacklists-1-Iranian-individual-4-companies-for-fear-of-development>

### **Senior commander: Iran stands among 3 drone powers worldwide**

Fars News, September 10, 2022

Major General Rashid was speaking on the sidelines of his visit on Friday to an exhibition in Isfahan province, where the latest achievements of the Iranian Army Ground Force were displayed. "Iran is now undoubtedly among the world's top three drone powers," he said. "Focusing on the field of drones should not prevent us from operational planning and progress in the area of ground combat since a powerful ground force is essential to the armed forces in the face of threats," the military official added.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010619000119/Senior-Commander-Iran-Sands-Among-3-Drone-Powers-Worldwide>

### **Newly-unveiled military watercraft upgrades IRGC naval operational capacity**

Fars News, September 10, 2022

"The home-made patrol combat vessel provides the IRGC Navy with the ability to have a powerful presence in oceans," Rear Admiral Tangsiri stated on Saturday. He added that vessel's accession to the combat forces of the Iranian Navy will help echo the name of the revered martyr Qassem

Soleimani to be heard in all seas and oceans. The Shahid Soleimani patrol combat vessel is capable of carrying helicopters, the senior commander said, adding that it possesses electronic warfare, information technology systems, air defense systems, rocket launchers, and radar-evading stealth technology.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010619000654/Top-Commander-Newly-Unveiled-Military-Watercraft-Upgrades-IRGC-Naval>

### **Iran to launch Zafar-2 Satellite soon**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 10, 2022

Iran will soon put the domestically-built satellite Zafar-2 (Triumph-2) into orbit, said Dean of Iran University of Science and Technology, the manufacturer of the satellite. Mansour Anbia told IRNA on Saturday that Iran University of Science and Technology (IUST) has so far built four satellites, with Navid being the first satellite built in 2011, Mobin as the second one launched in 2013, and Zafar 1 in 2015. Zafar 2 is the fourth satellite built by IUST, Anbia said, adding that 64 pieces are used to make a satellite. The IUST is privileged for making satellites due to owning different technologies and being capable of meeting the needs of the country in this field, according to Anbia.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84882819/Iran-to-launch-Zafar-2-Satellite-soon>

### **Iran to conduct final test of Bavar-373 in coming days**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 10, 2022

Commander of Iran's Army Air Defense Brigadier General Alireza Sabahifard said

on Saturday that Iran's Army to carry out the final test of the homegrown Bavar-373 air defense system within next few days and the range of this system will top 300 km. Brigadier General Sabahifard in his remarks, highlighted the significance of air defense in defending dignity, prestige and integrity of the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran, adding that Iran's Army Air Defense Force has made every effort to safeguard and preserve the country's airspace. He said that the homegrown Bavar-373 defense missile system is capable of detecting and targeting the enemies' aircraft beyond the Iranian borders, as well as simultaneously detecting up to 300 targets, tracking 60 targets and engaging six targets. Bavar 373, as the first Iranian indigenous long-range defense system which was unveiled in August 2019, is a mobile missile defense system designed to intercept and destroy incoming hostile targets.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84883344/Iran-to-conduct-final-test-of-Bavar-373-in-coming-days>

### **Iran's advanced precision-striking drone special weapon for destroying Israel**

Fars News, September 12, 2022

The Arash-2 drone, which is a newer version of the previously unveiled Arash-1 aircraft, has been developed by the Iranian Army's Ground Force, Brigadier General Heidari stated. "The new drone enjoys unique specifications and capabilities, and can successfully retrieve information multiple times before it strikes and destroys the designated target," he explained. "The drone has been specifically

designed to target Haifa and Tel Aviv," the military official noted, hailing it as a "peerless" aerial vehicle.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010621000645/Tp-Cmmander-Iran-s-Advanced-Precisin-Sriking-Drne-Special-Weapn-fr>

### **Iran says ready for nuclear cooperation but threatens it can hit Israeli cities with drones**

Cyprus Mail, September 12, 2022

Iran said on Monday it was ready to continue cooperating with U.N. nuclear watchdog while revealing a drone capable of hitting major cities in Israel, which has threatened to attack Iranian nuclear sites if diplomacy fails to save a 2015 nuclear pact. Speaking after European powers expressed frustration with Tehran's intentions to salvage the agreement, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Nasser Kanaani urged the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) "not to yield to Israel's pressure" over Tehran's nuclear activities.

<https://cyprus-mail.com/2022/09/12/iran-says-ready-for-nuclear-cooperation-but-threatens-it-can-hit-israeli-cities-with-drones/>

### **Iran threatens Israel with long-range 'suicide drone'**

i24 News, September 12, 2022

Iran announced Monday that it has developed a sophisticated long-range "suicide drone" that is "designed to strike Tel Aviv and Haifa in Israel." According to the head of Iran's ground forces, Brigadier General Kioumars Heydari, the drone, named Arash-2, is a newer version of the

Arash-1, the semi-official Mehr News reported.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/middle-east/iran-eastern-states/1662977842-iran-threatens-israel-with-long-range-suicide-drone>

### **Iran develops deadly drone to reach Israeli cities**

Albawaba, September 12, 2022

Brigadier General Kiomars Heidari, the commander of the Iranian army's ground forces, made the remarks in a program broadcast on state TV Sunday night, amid heightened tensions between Iran and Israel. He said the Arash-2 drone, which is the newer version of Arash-1, is a "unique bird" that has been developed for the purpose of "destroying" Israel, describing it as a "child-killing regime".

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/iran-develops-deadly-drone-reach-israeli-cities-1490847>

### **Israel warns over Iran uranium capability with nuclear talks at halt**

The Guardian, September 12, 2022

Tensions around a breakdown in talks between Iran and the US over Tehran's nuclear programme escalated on Monday when Israel's defence minister, Benny Gantz, claimed that Iran would be able to produce enough enriched uranium to make three nuclear warheads within a few weeks. Gantz also revealed a map detailing 10 facilities in Syria allegedly being used to arm Iran and its proxies, including Hezbollah. He said the facilities represented a threat to Israel's security. Iran

for its part claimed it had manufactured a stealth drone that could hit major Israeli cities. At the same time, the UN nuclear inspectorate chief, Rafael Grossi, said it would be extremely hard to restore the knowledge his organisation had lost about Iranian nuclear activities owing to his inspectors and cameras being barred from key sites by Iran.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/sep/12/israel-warns-over-iran-uranium-capability-with-nuclear-talks-at-halt>

### **US seeking to create drone network in ME: Iranian legislator**

Islamic Republic News Agency, September 13, 2022

Iranian lawmaker said that the United States sought to create a drone network in the Middle East to appease its allies in the region, including Saudi Arabia and the Zionist regime. Fada-Hosseini Maleki, member of the Iranian Parliament's National Security and Foreign Policy Commission, told IRNA on Tuesday that the US has long been seeking to create a regional alliance against Iran. American officials have announced that their goal of creating a drone network in the region is to control Iran's military movements and regional influence, Maleki said. The lawmaker linked the measure to the recent incidents in the Persian Gulf, where, according to him, Iran's Navy strongly repelled suspicious movements of the American navy fleet.

<https://en.irna.ir/news/84886512/US-seeking-to-create-drone-network-in-ME-Iranian-legislator>

### **Gantz to UNSC: Iran has tripled its enrichment rate in last year**

The Jerusalem Post, September 13, 2022

Iran has increased its production of hundreds of centrifuges and tripled its enrichment rate at the Fordow underground site in the last year, Defense Minister Benny Gantz revealed to United Nations diplomats. "According to our assessments, in the past year, the number of advanced centrifuges has more than doubled in the underground facilities of Natanz and Fordow," he warned, adding that the international community "must ensure military deterrence, in addition to diplomatic and economic efforts. The UN Security Council must take action in face of the Iranian challenge."

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-717028>

## **Iraq**

### **A security operation launched west of Mosul**

Iraqi News Agency, September 01, 2022

The Popular Mobilization Forces PMF announced Thursday launching a security operation in western Mosul. PMF said in a statement received by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), that "a joint force of the army and the PMF carried out an inspection operation west of the city of Mosul." It added, "The operation aims to pursue Daesh remnants and secure the villages and hills west of Mosul," noting that "the operation involved the 53rd and 33rd brigades, the Intelligence, Communications, Media and Security Operations Command departments, the Medical Department, Military Engineering,

Anti-Explosives, and Media for the Popular Mobilization Forces, the 15th Division of the Iraqi Army, and the Iraqi Army Command west of Nineve."

<https://ina.iq/eng/21629-a-security-operation-launched-west-of-mosul.html>

### **Daesh stronghold destroyed west of Mosul: PMF**

Iraqi News Agency, September 02, 2022

Popular Mobilization Forces PMF announced Friday the destruction of a stronghold of Daesh terrorist organization, west of Mosul. A statement by the PMF's website, received by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), stated that "explosive detachments in the Popular Mobilization destroyed a hideout that ISIS had taken as its main stronghold in the Adaiya Mountains, west of Mosul." The statement added that "a force from the Nineveh Operations Command in the Popular Mobilization found earlier, through a security operation, a hideout that ISIS had taken as a stronghold, and it included technical equipment, packages, documents and logistical materials."

<https://ina.iq/eng/21642-daesh-stronghold-destroyed-west-of-mosul-pmf.html>

### **Launching the 7th phase of Operation Solid Will in Salah al-Din and Diyala, says SMC**

Iraqi News Agency, September 03, 2022

The seventh phase of Operation Solid Will was launched on Saturday, in Salah al-Din and Diyala provinces. "Under the supervision of the Joint Operations Command-JOC, units of Salah al-Din, Diyala and Samarra Ops commands began

this morning the seventh phase of Operation Solid Will, with air support from the army aviation and the air force," the Security Media Cell-SMC said in a statement, received by the Iraqi News Agency (INA). "This phase includes an inspection of the areas of Hawi al-Azim and the borders separating the Ops Commands, to pursue the remnants of ISIS terrorist gangs, this stage coincides with the continuation of the sixth phase in Kirkuk," the statement added.

<https://ina.iq/eng/21654-launching-the-7th-phase-of-operation-solid-will-in-salah-al-din-and-diyala-says-smc.html>

### **Iraqi Air Force targets 14 ISIS hideouts in Hamrin Mountain**

Iraqi News Agency, September 03, 2022

Iraqi Air Force targeted on Saturday, a hideout of ISIS gangs in Hamrin Mountains. "Due to the continuous monitoring of terrorist gangs, the Iraqi National Intelligence Service-INSS obtained accurate information about the presence of a terrorist hideout in Hamrin mountain range within Salah al-Din Operations Sector," The Security Media Cell-SMC said in a statement received by the Iraqi News Agency (INA). The statement added that "The Air Force carried out an air strike, during which it targeted this hideout in coordination and cooperation with the targeting cell of the Joint Operations Command, while a force from Salah al-Din Operations Command went out to inspect the targeted place."

<https://ina.iq/eng/21655-iraqi-air-force-targets-14-isis-hideouts-in-hamrin-mountain.html>

### **Missile attack in Soran, Erbil**

Iraqi News Agency, September 05, 2022

Four Katyusha missiles targeted on Monday, a village near the Khalifan district of Soran district, Erbil. "The village of Tarawa in the Khalifan district within Soran was bombed tonight with four Katyusha missiles," said the supervisor of Soran District Administration, Halgurd Sheikh Othman, in an exclusive statement to the Iraqi News Agency - INA. No victims were recorded during the bombing, but there was material damage, according to Othman. He indicated that "so far, the source of the bombing has not been identified, especially since this area is not military and is densely populated."

<https://ina.iq/eng/21704-missile-attack-in-soran-erbil.html>

### **Drones, a modern weapon detecting sleeper cells**

Iraqi News Agency, September 07, 2022

Ministry of Interior announced on Wednesday, upon 5 advantages of drones in detecting sleeper cells, while stressing Iraq's need for it. "Drones entered the war with Daesh and have long distance dispatches and transmit day and night images, as it can be used to detect sleeper cells," said the Director of Aviation of the Ministry of Interior, Major General Pilot Walid Hussein, to the Iraqi News Agency – INA. Hussein noted that, "these drones are important, and are considered cheap compared to warplanes, as it can cover large areas and for long periods without high costs, in addition to meeting the



intelligence need through the transfer of weapons along to reconnaissance."

<https://ina.iq/eng/21739-drones-a-modern-weapon-detecting-sleeper-cells.html>

### **Drugs, militias form explosive mix on Iraq-Iran border**

Al-Monitor, September 08, 2022

An anti-narcotics Interior Ministry general was assassinated Sept. 5 in Iraq's drug-plagued south-eastern region of Maysan on the same day as the announcement of the arrest of the region's National Security Department director for corruption. Both mark only the latest of a long string of incidents hinting at growing lawlessness along the country's border with Iran. Last year, the directorate tasked with drug control in Maysan province had urged that more detention facilities be built as soon as possible due to a sharp rise in the number of drug-related arrests and the inability to house all those arrested, as Al-Monitor reported at that time.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/09/drugs-militias-form-explosive-mix-iraq-iran-border#ixzz7fo6hv8Ip>

### **Turkish intel chief pursues multiple goals in Baghdad**

Al-Monitor, September 14, 2022

Turkey's intelligence chief Hakan Fidan became the country's first official to hold high-level talks in Baghdad after bilateral tensions shot up in July. While Fidan's visit was aimed at soothing the tensions, it was also a Turkish attempt to exert influence in the Iraqi political crisis. Tensions spiked

over a bloody attack on Parakh, a tourist retreat in Iraqi Kurdistan, that Iraqi leaders blamed on the Turkish military. The July 20 artillery strike killed nine civilians and injured more than 30 others, sparking anger against Turkey across the Iraqi political spectrum. In a remarkably stern reaction, Shiite leader Muqtada al-Sadr — a key actor in the government crisis in Iraq — called for canceling all security arrangements with Turkey, halting air and land traffic between the two countries and taking action against Turkey at the United Nations.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/09/turkish-intel-chief-pursues-multiple-goals-baghdad#ixzz7fo7Pxxw00>

### **Israel**

#### **Israel has no realistic military option on iran**

Haaretz, September 01, 2022

Unlike the Iraqi and Syrian reactors, Iran's nuclear program is dispersed among many facilities, some well underground. Lacking bunker busters, Israel's government should not mislead the public. Almost 35 years ago, toward the end of its war with Iraq, Iran decided to relaunch the nuclear program it initiated in the '60s under the shah with assistance, according to foreign reports, from Israel.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-09-01/ty-article/.highlight/israels-boasting-defies-reality-theres-no-military-option-on-iran/00000182-f4bc-d030-a1db-f4fd8c420000>

### **Israeli defense officers urge Biden to nix Iran deal**

i24 News, September 01, 2022

Dozens of former senior Israeli defense officials sent a letter to US President Joe Biden urging him to not sign a revived nuclear deal with Iran. "Despite your administration's repeated declared commitment to prevent Iran from attaining nuclear weapons, this agreement creates a clear legal pathway for Iran to obtain nuclear weapons by 2031, while denying the signatories of any tools to prevent that eventuality," the letter to Biden reads.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/1662018807-5k-israeli-defense-officers-urge-biden-to-nix-iran-deal>

### **Israel obtains 4 Boeing refueling planes for possible Iran strike**

i24 News, September 01, 2022

A contract for the supply of four advanced refueling aircraft to the Israeli Air Force, which could be used for possible strike against Iran, was signed with Boeing, according to the company's statement issued on Thursday. Boeing KC-46A is considered the most advanced refueling plane in the world. The agreement worth \$972 million was signed by the heads of the US Department of Defense and will be financed by American aid funds.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/1662048487-israel-signs-contract-to-purchase-4-aerial-fueling-planes-from-boeing>

### **Israeli attacks squeeze Iranian aerial supplies to Syria, sources say**

Reuters, September 02, 2022

Israel has intensified strikes on Syrian airports to disrupt Tehran's increasing use of aerial supply lines to deliver arms to allies in Syria and Lebanon including Hezbollah, regional diplomatic and intelligence sources told Reuters. Tehran has adopted air transport as a more reliable means of ferrying military equipment to its forces and allied fighters in Syria, following disruptions to ground transfers. Israel has long seen its foe Iran's deepening entrenchment in Syria as a national security threat and is widening the scope of its strikes to hit at this new transport method, the diplomatic and intelligence sources said. The latest strikes on Wednesday night damaged Aleppo airport just before the arrival of a plane from Iran, a commander in an Iran-backed regional alliance who was familiar with the incident told Reuters.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/israeli-attacks-squeeze-iranian-aerial-supplies-syria-sources-say-2022-09-02/>

### **'It's a disaster for Israel' - defense official on Iran nuke deal**

i24 News, September 02, 2022

Brigadier General (Res.) Amir Avivi, director of the Israel Defense and Security Forum (IDSF) told i24NEWS on Thursday why he believes a deal between Iran and world powers on Tehran's nuclear program would be "a disaster for Israel." "I think it's very important that the American establishment and also the EU understand

that the vast majority of officers, also those who are retired and in reserve, think that this agreement between the US, Europe, and Iran is a disaster," Avivi said.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/1662059980-it-s-a-disaster-for-israel-defense-official-on-iran-nuke-deal>

### **Israel, US hold joint missile defense drill amid Iranian threat**

i24 News, September 05, 2022

Israel's Missile Defense Organization (IMDO) held a joint simulation training exercise with the US Missile Defense Agency (MDA), the Israeli Air Defense Command, and the US Air and Missile Defense Task Force aimed at protecting Israel from ballistic threats amid ongoing tensions with Iran. The drill was carried out at the Israeli Test-Bed (ITB) battle lab that can simulate both Israeli and American air defense systems.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/1662384404-israel-us-hold-joint-missile-defense-drill-amid-iranian-threat>

### **Joe Biden to Yair Lapid: we will never tie Israel's hands against Iran**

The Jerusalem Post, September 05, 2022

The US will never stop Israel from defending itself against Iran, US President Joe Biden told Prime Minister Yair Lapid, according to US Ambassador to Israel Tom Nides. "We will never tie Israel's hands in the defense that Israel needs," Nides said, quoting Biden. "We understand the aggression of Iran." Biden also repeated his commitment that Iran will never obtain a nuclear weapon, according to the ambassador.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-716359>

### **Israel buys refueling tankers that will help it attack Iran's nuclear sites**

The Jerusalem Post, September 05, 2022

In seeking to further its reach as a nuclear deal between Iran and the United States looks more likely to be signed, the Israel Air Force has signed a contract with Boeing to purchase four multi-mission KC-46 refueling tankers in a deal valued at \$927.5 million. The four new planes that will begin to arrive in 2025 are set to replace the IAF's aging fleet of Re'em Boeing 707 tankers, aircraft that have been flying in various guises for well over half a century.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-716091>

### **Israeli military chief appointment is double win against Netanyahu**

Haaretz, September 05, 2022

The announcement by Defense Minister Benny Gantz of his decision to appoint General Herzl Halevi as the Israel Defense Forces' 23rd chief of the General Staff was long expected. Halevi was considered the leading candidate to replace Aviv Kochavi, and although Gantz held a full preparatory process, in which the candidacy of generals Eyal Zamir and Yoel Starik were also considered, not a soul in the General Staff had a doubt as to its outcome. Gantz made the requisite choice.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-09-05/ty-article/.highlight/top-israeli-military-brass-appointment-is-double-win-against-netanyahu/00000183-0a36-d968-abc7-4af7b25d0000>

### Israel takes credit for Iran nuke deal impasse. The credit belongs elsewhere

Haaretz, September 05, 2022

Israel's Prime Minister Lapid, however, is right about one thing: It's better to try to influence the U.S. behind the scenes than publicly reprimand lawmakers in Congress. For now, it looks like the prospects have declined for a nuclear agreement to be signed between Iran and the powers in the next two months. Tehran responded coolly to the proposal by the European mediators, and even in Europe, with its perpetual optimism, the talk is about how it's unlikely that anything will be signed before the U.S. midterm elections.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-09-09/ty-article/.premium/israel-takes-credit-for-iran-nuke-deal-impasse-the-credit-belongs-elsewhere/00000183-1f12-de31-a583-ff9bf23e0000>

### Israel president Herzog addresses german parliament

i24 News, September 06, 2022

Israel's President Isaac Herzog on Tuesday addressed the German parliament, the Bundestag, as part of his three-day visit to the European country, marking the 50th anniversary of the killing of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics. The president began his speech with the Yizkor prayer, which he dedicated "to the elevation of the souls of our brothers and sisters, who were killed, and massacred, and murdered by the Nazis and their accomplices."

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/international/europe/1662454580-israel-president-herzog-addresses-german-parliament>

### Israel knew about 'secret Syrian projects' 5 years before nuclear reactor bombing

The Jerusalem Post, September 06, 2022

An official document released this week shows that the Israeli intelligence community knew of 'top secret projects' being discussed by the Syrian Atomic Energy Commission. The Military Intelligence Directorate had assessed that Syria is attempting to build a nuclear reactor over 20 years ago, about five years before an Israeli airstrike at the facility that was eventually built.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-09-06/ty-article/.premium/israeli-intelligence-knew-of-secret-syrian-projects-before-2007-nuclear-reactor-strike/00000183-1357-d0bd-a5d7-175fa1120000>

### US tells Israel that Iran nuclear deal is 'off the table'

i24 News, September 07, 2022

The United States conveyed to Israel that a new nuclear deal between Iran and world powers is "off the table," according to a report in Hebrew media. US President Joe Biden and other administration officials told Israel's Prime Minister Yair Lapid in recent talks that the nuclear agreement would not be signed in the foreseeable future.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/1662537522-us-tells-israel-that-iran-nuclear-deal-is-off-the-table-report>

### **IAF grounds fleet of drones after crash at Lebanon sea border**

The Times of Israel, September 09, 2022

An Israeli Air Force drone crashed into the sea along Israel's maritime border with Lebanon on Thursday, before being retrieved by the Navy, the military said Friday. According to the Israel Defense Forces, the crash occurred due to a malfunction. No further details on the cause were published. The IDF said the entire fleet of the drone in question, which it did not identify, would be grounded amid an investigation into the crash. Lebanon and Israel are technically in a state of war and the heavily guarded border is commonly penetrated by drones from both sides. Recently, tensions have escalated between the two countries amid US-mediated talks over a maritime border dispute.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/iaf-grounds-fleet-of-drones-after-crash-at-lebanon-sea-border/>

### **Head of Israel's Mossad: 'No immunity for Iran**

i24 News, September 12, 2022

The head of Israel's Mossad national intelligence agency, David Barnea, warned that the emerging nuclear agreement between Iran and world powers would "not provide immunity" for Tehran. Barnea stated in his first public speech since taking office that the nuclear deal was "based on Iranian lies."

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/1662987331-head-of-israel-s-mossad-no-immunity-for-iran>

### **Israel elections: Yesh Atid publishes candidates list**

i24 News, September 12, 2022

At a campaign event in Tel Aviv, Lapid says 'we managed to stop the nuclear agreement with Iran' Israel's centrist Yesh Atid party on Tuesday night published its candidates' list for the upcoming parliamentary elections scheduled for November 1. The party, led by Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Yair Lapid, was holding a campaign event in Tel Aviv to announce the list of 36 spots, with the latest election poll projecting the party to win 23 seats in the 25th Knesset (Israel's parliament).

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/politics/1663090867-israel-elections-yesh-atid-publishes-candidates-list>

### **Alleged Israeli airstrikes target Syrian Aleppo airport for second time in week**

The Jerusalem Post, September 12, 2022

Alleged Israeli airstrikes targeted the Aleppo airport in northern Syria on Tuesday night, according to Syrian state news agency SANA. According to SANA, the airstrikes were carried out from over the Mediterranean Sea from the direction of Latakia and damaged the airport's runway, putting it out of service.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-716468>

### **Will Hezbollah 'scratch its resistance itch' and attack Israel?**

The Jerusalem Post, September 12, 2022

With a rig set to start pumping gas from Israel's Karish gas field within weeks,



threats by Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah will likely be put to the test, as will the new head of the IDF's Northern Command, Maj.-Gen. Uri Gordin.

<https://www.jpost.com/arab-israeli-conflict/article-716896>

### **Mossad head: Israel will defend itself, deal or no deal, Iran not immune**

The Jerusalem Post, September 12, 2022

The Mossad has thwarted dozens of planned terrorist attacks this year against Israelis and Jews worldwide, Mossad Director David Barnea revealed Monday in his first public speech since taking office in June 2021. "We thwarted dozens of Iranian terrorist attacks [against Israelis and Jews]," he said at the ICT Herzliya conference. "We stopped attacks in Cyprus against a businessman.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-716938>

### **Maintaining ties with US should be a priority for Israel**

The Jerusalem Post, September 12, 2022

One central theme emerged from Monday's Jerusalem Post Conference at Gotham Hall in New York City: the robust US-Israel relationship that has endured despite changes of administrations and election campaigns in both countries, as well as the ongoing differences over the Iran nuclear deal and other issues.

<https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-717068>

### **Israel claims Iran using more than 10 military facilities in Syria for weapons production**

WION, September 13, 2022

Israel's defence minister Benny Gantz on Monday (September 12) claimed that Iran is converting Syrian military sites into missile factories. Gantz added that Iran would be able to produce enough enriched uranium to make three nuclear warheads within a few weeks. With the help of a map, Gantz detailed all 10 facilities in Syria that are allegedly being used to arm Iran and its proxies, including Hezbollah. He said that Iran has used more than 10 military facilities in Syria to produce advanced missiles and weapons. "Iran is building terror industries in Syria for its needs. Recently it started building advanced industries in Yemen and Lebanon as well. This trend must be stopped," Gantz said in New York while speaking at a conference.

<https://www.wionews.com/world/israel-claims-iran-using-more-than-10-military-facilities-in-syria-for-weapons-production-515613>

### **Two Palestinian gunmen, Israeli army officer killed in West Bank clash**

Cyprus Mail, September 14, 2022

Israeli troops shot dead two Palestinian gunmen on Wednesday in a clash near the boundary with the occupied West Bank in which an army officer was also killed, a military spokesman said. The West Bank, among territories where Palestinians seek

statehood, has seen a surge of violence in recent months as Israel has intensified raids following a spate of lethal Palestinian street attacks in its cities.

<https://cyprus-mail.com/2022/09/14/two-palestinian-gunmen-israeli-army-officer-killed-in-west-bank-clash/>

### **Israel, Germany confirm negotiations for possible arrow 3 missile defense sale**

The Defense Post, September 14, 2022

Israel and Germany have confirmed negotiations for the potential sale of the Israeli Arrow 3 missile defense system to the European nation. Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid revealed the discussions in a public interview with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz during a visit to Berlin on September 12. "Israel ... will play a part in building Germany's new defense force, mainly in the field of air defense," Lapid said. The agreement would bolster Germany's defenses and serve to further secure Europe during heightened tensions due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

<https://www.thedefensepost.com/2022/09/14/israel-germany-arrow-missile/>

### **Israeli-Palestinian violence simmers in West Bank with raids, clashes**

Cyprus Mail, September 15, 2022

Israeli forces killed a Palestinian teenager on Thursday during clashes in the occupied West Bank, the Palestinian health ministry said, the latest in a string of deadly incidents that have stoked fears of an escalation. Violence in the West Bank has surged in recent months as Israel has intensified raids

following a spate of lethal Palestinian street attacks in its cities.

<https://cyprus-mail.com/2022/09/15/israeli-palestinian-violence-simmers-in-west-bank-with-raids-clashes/>

### **Jordan**

#### **Army chief opens military school buildings in Aqaba**

Ammon news, September 04, 2022

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Maj Gen Yousef Huneiti Sunday inaugurated the buildings of Al Hussein Secondary School for Boys affiliated with the Directorate of Military Education and Culture in Al Quwaira region in Aqaba. The opening of the buildings is part of the Jordanian Armed Forces' keenness to provide the best professional level of outstanding education in military schools across the country. Huneiti opened three new buildings, which consist of 24 classrooms. They house modern and specialised scientific computer laboratories.

<https://en.ammonnews.net/article/60571>

#### **Jordan fights drug smugglers tooth and nail**

Albawaba, September, 12, 2022

Jordan is fighting an extenuating drug problem from its surrounding regions, and especially its northern borders that connect it with Syria. The fight is tooth and nail. The army are on full alert guarding its long 362-kilometer border with Syria at a judicious pace by stopping smugglers and traffickers. But it's a long, hard slog that may not end

anytime soon. The narcotics problem has become acute and pernicious in Jordan in 2022 from the official statistics made available. Today, the Kingdom through its security forces and its army is fighting the spread of drugs through taking drastic actions. The smugglers came armed with heavy weapons and as a result the army defends itself.

<https://www.albawaba.com/opinion/jordan-fights-drug-smugglers-tooth-and-nail-1490822>

## **Kuwait**

### **Defense minister inspects military, security sites North Kuwait**

Kuwait Times, September 01, 2022

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense and Acting Minister of Interior Sheikh Talal Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on Tuesday highlighted the need of maintaining a high degree of preparedness at all security and military facilities, including the border outlets. Military preparedness is key to protecting the security of the country against the risks of drug smuggling which poses a grave threat to the society, he said in a statement from the Ministry of Interior after an inspection tour of military and security sites in the northern region. During his trip, Sheikh Talal Khaled conveyed the greetings of His Highness the Amir and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, and His Highness the Crown Prince to the military and security personnel.

<https://www.kuwaittimes.com/defense-minister-inspects-military-security-sites-north-kuwait/>

### **Drug peddlers arrested with drugs and firearms**

Arab Times, September 01, 2022

The General Administration for Drug Control arrested two persons with more than a quarter kilo of various types of drugs, a gun and ammunition without license. They have been referred to the competent authorities along with the seized items in order to take necessary measures against them.

<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/news/drug-peddlers-arrested-with-drugs-and-firearms/>

### **Selling, display of Military-like garments prohibited**

Arab Times, September 01, 2022

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has affirmed that it is strictly prohibited to import, export, display and sell ready-made garments similar to all types of military uniforms being used in the country, reports Al-Jarida daily.

<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/news/selling-display-of-military-like-garments-prohibited/>

### **General assembly delegation set; military cedes site**

Arab Times, September 15, 2022

The Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Defense and Acting Minister of Interior Sheikh Talal Khaled Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah briefed the Cabinet members about his decision to cede a military site in Jahra governorate to the Public Authority for Housing Welfare (PAHW). The decision materializes the instructions of the political

leadership to ensure the welfare of citizens, he said at the weekly Cabinet meeting held at Al-Seif Palace on Monday.

<http://www.arabtimesonline.com/news/general-assembly-delegation-set-military-cedes-site/>

### **Defense minister inspects Doha port**

Kuwait Times, September 15, 2022

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

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

### **Lebanon**

#### **UN renews UNIFIL's mandate, condemns restrictions in south Lebanon**

Noharnet, September 01, 2022

The U.N. Security Council has unanimously approved a resolution

strongly condemning harassment, intimidation, attacks and restrictions against the U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon. It also called on Lebanese authorities to accelerate deployment of ground and naval forces to the area, which borders Israel. The resolution, which extends the mandate of the peacekeeping force, known as UNIFIL until Aug. 31, 2023, stresses again the importance of all parties respecting the U.N.-drawn Blue Line between Lebanon and Israel.

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/292286-un-renews-unifil-s-mandate-condemns-restrictions-in-south-lebanon>

#### **State security agents suspected of torturing detainee to death arrested**

Noharnet, September 04, 2022

Lebanese authorities have arrested five State Security agents on suspicion of torturing to death a Syrian detainee, in the latest abuse allegation against the security services, a judicial source told AFP. The arrests came on the orders of the government's commissioner to the military court, Fadi Akiki, who had ordered an investigation into last month's death in custody, the source said. The young Syrian "died within three hours of his arrest after being subjected to severe torture and beatings that triggered a heart attack," the source said, adding that the detainee was pronounced dead on arrival in hospital.

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/292354-state-security-agents-suspected-of-torturing-detainee-to-death-arrested>

### **Hezbollah won't act if Lebanon accepts Israeli answer**

Noharnet, September 07, 2022

Hezbollah is awaiting the Israeli answer that U.S. mediator Amos Hochstein will carry to Lebanon within days, sources informed on the party's stances said. "Should the Lebanese government accept the answer and things go in a right direction that satisfies Lebanon, that will be good," especially after Israel postponed production in the Karish field, the sources told Asharq al-Awsat newspaper in remarks published Wednesday.

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/292404-report-hezbollah-won-t-act-if-lebanon-accepts-israeli-answer>

### **Families of port blast victims storm justice ministry**

Noharnet, September 09, 2022

Families of the Beirut port blast victims stormed Friday the Justice Ministry, to protest a decision by caretaker Justice Minister Henri Khoury to name an alternate investigator in the Beirut port blast case. The protesters were forced to leave the building by security forces members. They couldn't manage to reach the minister's office. Dozens of relatives of the victims of the blast have been protesting since Wednesday against the decision, calling the move an attempt by the country's political class to prevent justice into one of the world's largest non-nuclear explosions.

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/292426-families-of-port-blast-victims-storm-justice-ministry>

### **Hochstein says deal in 3 weeks if Lebanon agrees to 'Maritime Blue Line'**

Noharnet, September 10, 2022

U.S. mediator Amos Hochstein told Lebanese officials in his meetings with them on Friday that a point of contention needs to be resolved in order for the negotiations to move towards a quick agreement, media reports said. "The issue is related to fixing the 'maritime Blue Line,' which is marked by the line of buoys on the surface of the sea off the coasts of Lebanon and occupied Palestine," al-Akhbar newspaper reported. "Hochstein said that Israel cannot be lenient over this line due to security reasons, promising to send the coordinates to Lebanon within a few days," the daily added.

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/292451-reports-hochstein-says-deal-in-3-weeks-if-lebanon-agrees-to-maritime-blue-line>

### **UNIFIL says still coordinating patrols with Lebanese Army**

Noharnet, September 12, 2022

The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) on Monday stressed that it is still coordinating its patrols with the Lebanese Army, dismissing rumors and false reports in this regard. "In recent days, a great deal of misinformation and disinformation about UNIFIL's mandate has been circulating in the media," the office of UNIFIL's spokesperson said in a statement. "Our peacekeepers remain committed to security and stability in south



Lebanon, and to continue to support the people who live here,” it added.

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/292467-unifil-says-still-coordinating-patrols-with-lebanese-army>

### **Gantz says keen on deal with Lebanon, warns against 'Hezbollah escalation'**

Noharnet, September 13, 2022

Israel is keen to make a deal with Lebanon regarding the maritime border, Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz said in a meeting with U.N. diplomats in New York on Tuesday. “The State of Israel is interested in progressing maritime border negotiations with Lebanon,” Gantz said. “In the end, there will be two gas rigs, one Israeli and one Lebanese. The question is whether we can reach this scenario without an unnecessary escalation as a result of Hezbollah threats,” he added, according to English-language remarks published by Israel’s Jerusalem Post.

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/292488-gantz-says-keen-on-deal-with-lebanon-warns-against-hezbollah-escalation>

### **Gantz: If Nasrallah attacks Karish, the price will be Lebanon**

Noharnet, September 13, 2022

Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz warned Thursday that “if (Hezbollah chief Sayyed Hassan) Nasrallah wants to try and harm the Karish rig, he’s welcome to do so, but the price will be Lebanon.” “Israel is ready to reach a deal that will assist both countries economically and energy-wise. I believe there will be two gas rigs in the sea,

one on the Israeli side and one on the Lebanese side,” he said. “We will protect our gas rig regardless,” Gantz added.

<https://www.naharnet.com/stories/en/292525-gantz-if-nasrallah-attacks-karish-the-price-will-be-lebanon>

### **The Mossad's mad attempt to change the face of Lebanon**

Haaretz, September 15, 2022

The Mossad agent who slept with a pistol. Delusional meals with Ariel Sharon in Beirut. The orchestra that played ‘Hava Nagila’ for spies. Ranking figures who dug in ruins to find a Rolex. Forty years after the assassination of Bashir Gemayel and the refugee camp massacres, former officials reveal the house of cards Israel built in Lebanon, and how it collapsed.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-09-15/ty-article-magazine/.highlight/behind-the-scenes-of-the-mossads-mad-attempt-to-change-the-face-of-lebanon/00000183-41a4-dcfb-ab97-41a6c7680000>

### **Prospect of the UN mission in Lebanon**

i24 News, September 15, 2022

When the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1701 was adopted on August 11, 2006, terminating Israel’s Second Lebanon War, hopes were high for transforming the “tragedy into opportunity and to change old patterns of violence,” US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said at the time. But even more enlightening were Rice’s words of advice for the future: “Now, the hard and urgent work of implementation

begins." Words of wisdom echoed by the then-UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/middle-east/levant-turkey/1663254751-the-prospect-of-the-un-mission-in-lebanon>

## Oman

### Tender Board secretary general inspects projects in Al Mazyona

Muscat Daily, September 03, 2022

Badr Salim al Ma'amri, Secretary General of Tender Board, toured Al Mazyona in Dhofar on Thursday to inspect development projects under construction in the wilayat. The projects include Al Mazyona Hospital, being built at a cost of RO15.3mn, and a sports centre. Ma'amri was also briefed on road projects linking niyabat Harweeb with the Andat Centre and another linking the niyabat of Tousnat with the wilayat's centre in Mitn niyabat. Ma'amri was accompanied by Sheikh Bakhit Salim al Ma'ashani, wali of Al Mazyona, and other officials on the tour.

<https://www.muscatdaily.com/2022/09/03/tender-board-secretary-general-inspects-projects-in-al-mazyona/>

### Oman-Egypt joint drill 'Mountain Castle' begins

Times of Oman, September 06, 2022

The joint Oman-Egypt military exercise "Mountain Castle" began at the military drills zone in the Wilayat of Al Jabal Al Akhdar on Tuesday. The drill will run till 15 September 2022. During the exercise, the Royal Army of Oman (RAO) is represented by the Sultan of Oman's Parachute Regiment, while the Egyptian army is represented by units of the Special

Forces, paratroopers and El Sa'ka Forces. The exercise comes within the framework of RAO's training plan that aims to sustain preparedness. "Mountain Castle" is an annual training programme, which is conducted to achieve national goals and to exchange military expertise with friendly countries.

<https://timesofoman.com/article/120900-oman-egypt-joint-drill-mountain-castle-begins>

### Oman, Saudi sign pacts on maritime transport

Muscat Daily, September 10, 2022

H E Said Hamoud al Ma'awali, Oman's Minister of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, and Saleh al Jasser, Saudi Minister of Transport and Logistic Services signed an initial cooperation agreement, which aims at consultations and sharing of information and experiences in the field of maritime transport, cooperation between maritime transport companies and exploring economic investment initiatives.

<https://www.muscatdaily.com/2022/09/10/oman-saudi-sign-pacts-on-maritime-transport/>

### Oman-Egypt joint military drill ends

Times of Oman, September 13, 2022

The joint Oman-Egypt military exercise "Mountain Castle" concluded on Tuesday. The exercise was held at the military drills zone in the Wilayat of Al Jabal Al Akhdar. The drill ran from 4 till 13 September 2022. The concluding event was held under the auspices of Maj. Gen Mattar Salim Al Balushi, Commander of the Royal Army of

Oman (RAO). Present at the event were several high-ranking Egyptian officers and the Military attache at the Egyptian embassy in Muscat.

<https://timesofoman.com/article/121169-oman-egypt-joint-military-drill-ends>

## **Qatar**

### **Chief of staff meets Saudi counterpart**

Gulf Times, September 08, 2022

HE the Chief of Staff of Qatar Armed Forces Staff Lieutenant General (Pilot) Salem bin Hamad al-Nabit met with Chief of the Saudi General Staff Lieutenant General Fayyad bin Hamed al-Ruwaili and the accompanying delegation, within an official reception ceremony that took place at Al Udeid Air Base Airport. The meeting reviewed the military relations between the two brotherly countries and ways of enhancing and developing them.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/723889/Chief-of-staff-meets-Saudi-counterpart>

### **Chief of Saudi General Staff visits military facilities**

Gulf Times, September 11, 2022

Chief of the Saudi General Staff Lieutenant General (Pilot) Fayyad bin Hamed al-Ruwaili, accompanied by HE the Chief of Staff of Armed Forces Staff Lieutenant General (Pilot) Salem bin Hamad bin Aqeel al-Nabit, visited the National Service Academy. The Chief of the Saudi General Staff toured the academy to review its most prominent facilities as well as the most important programs it offers. They were received by HE President of the National

Service Academy Major General Saeed bin Hamad al-Nuaimi.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/724027/Chief-of-Saudi-General-Staff-visits-military-facilities>

### **Secretary generals of foreign ministry, pugwash international conferences meet**

Gulf Times, September 12, 2022

HE the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dr. Ahmed bin Hassan Al Hammadi met on Monday with the Secretary-General of the Pugwash International Conferences Prof. Paolo Cotta-Ramusino on the sidelines of the opening of the first Arab seminar on disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation, held in Doha. During the meeting, they reviewed the cooperation relations between Qatar and the Pugwash International Conferences.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/724089/Secretary-Generals-of-Foreign-Ministry-Pugwash-International-Conferences-meet>

### **'Visit to Qatar reflects mutual desire to deepen ties, enhance Arab solidarity'**

Gulf Times, September 14, 2022

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi has affirmed that his current visit to Qatar reflects the recent development and momentum in bilateral relations, and bolsters both sides' desire to deepen ties at various levels to serve the interests of the brotherly countries and its people. In an interview with QNA, he expressed appreciation for Qatar's leadership, government and people for the good reception and hospitality accorded during

the visit, and said the visit also boosts the mutual aspirations for deepening bilateral relations at all levels.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/724253/Visit-to-Qatar-reflects-mutual-desire-to-deepen-ties-enhance-Arab-solidarity>

### **Lebanese Army appreciates Qatari support for military establishment**

Gulf Times, September 15, 2022

Commander of the Lebanese Armed Forces General Joseph Aoun highly appreciated the initiatives undertaken by Qatar towards the Lebanese military establishment, considering that they are one of the most important components of the military's steadfastness during the severe crisis the country is going through. This came during the Lebanese army leadership's honouring of ambassador of Qatar to Lebanon Ibrahim bin Abdulaziz al-Sahlawi in recognition of the continuous support provided by Qatar to the military establishment in Lebanon.

<https://www.gulf-times.com/story/724314/Lebanese-Army-appreciates-Qatari-support-for-military-establishment>

### **Saudi Arabia**

#### **Saudi designates five individuals over links to Iran-backed Houthis**

GDN Online, September 01, 2022

Saudi Arabia yesterday announced that it had designated five people for being linked to the Iran-backed Houthis and issued a ruling to freeze their assets. The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported that the ruling aligns with the system for combating terrorism and its financing. It follows a

royal decree and a Security Council resolution. No direct or indirect dealings are to be carried out with the five Yemeni nationals, SPA reported.

<https://www.gdnonline.com/Details/1141400>

#### **Military exercise between Saudi Air Force and US counterpart begins**

Saudi Gazette, September 05, 2022

The Ministry of Defense announced on Monday the start of a military exercise between the Saudi Royal Air Force and its US counterpart at King Faisal Air Base. The exercise aims to raise the level of joint action to maintain the security and stability of the region. Meanwhile, the ministry announced the conclusion of the drill "Native Fury" between the Saudi Armed Forces and the US Marines hosted by the Kingdom.

<https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/624641/SAUDI-ARABIA/Military-exercise-between-Saudi-Air-Force-and-US-counterpart-begins>

#### **Saudi Arabia donates USD 3.5 mln towards UN nuclear initiatives**

Kuwait times, September 08, 2022

Saudi Arabia is donating USD 3.5 million to prop up the initiatives of the United Nations nuclear watchdog, the state news agency reported on Sunday, saying the aid aims to "maximize" the UN body's resources. The donation will support the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'s Zoonotic Diseases Integrated Action (ZODIAC) initiative, launched by the IAEA to help prevent the outbreaks of infectious diseases with the use of nuclear

techniques, according to Saudi Press Agency. The financial aid represents an “extension” of Riyadh’s continuous support for the efforts of the IAEA and its initiatives aimed at developing its capabilities in a way that enhances its vital role, it added.

<https://www.kuwaittimes.com/saudi-arabia-donates-usd-3-5-mln-towards-un-nuclear-initiatives/>

### **SAMI to be strategic sponsor in 2nd Saudi International Maritime Forum**

Saudi Gazette, September 11, 2022

The Saudi Arabian Military Industries (SAMI) will participate as a strategic sponsor in the second Saudi International Maritime Forum that will be organized by the Royal Saudi Navy between Nov. 15 and 17, 2022 in Jeddah. The forum is being held under the patronage of Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman, deputy prime minister and minister of defense. SAMI CEO Eng. Walid Abu Khaled said that the company, through its sponsorship of the second edition of the forum, stresses its pivotal role as a strategic national partner for defense industries through its effective presence in all events that are organized by the Ministry of Defense.

<https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/624835/SAUDI-ARABIA/SAMI-to-be-strategic-sponsor-in-2nd-Saudi-International-Maritime-Forum>

### **Al-Khorayef announces new iron and steel projects worth SR35 billion**

Saudi Gazette, September 12, 2022

Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources Bandar Al-Khorayef stated that the Ministry is working with local and

international investors to establish a variety of investment opportunities in the iron and steel sector in the Kingdom. Three projects are being constructed, with a combined production capacity of 6.2 million tons and a value of around SR35 billion. The construction of an integrated iron sheet production complex with a capacity of 1.2 million tons per year is one of the projects, with the complex focusing on shipbuilding, oil pipes and platforms, and enormous oil reservoirs.

<https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/624882/SAUDI-ARABIA/Al-Khorayef-announces-new-iron-and-steel-projects-worth-SR35-billion>

### **2nd Global AI Summit kicks off in Riyadh**

Saudi Gazette, September 13, 2022

Under the patronage of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Chairman of Board of Directors of the Saudi Data and AI Authority (SDAIA), the 2nd Global AI Summit, held under the theme “Artificial Intelligence for the Good of Humanity”, kicked off in Riyadh on Tuesday with the participation of more than 10,000 people and 200 speakers from 90 countries, representing policymakers, specialists and others concerned with AI.

<https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/624903/SAUDI-ARABIA/2nd-Global-AI-Summit-kicks-off-in-Riyadh>

### **Bilateral exercise between Saudi, US air forces comes to a close**

Arab News, September 13, 2022

A bilateral exercise between the Royal Saudi Air Force and the United States Air



Force ended at the King Faisal Air Base in northwestern Saudi Arabia on Tuesday. The strategic combat readiness exercise saw the implementation of a number of combat scenarios to unify the rules of engagement and raise readiness levels, the Kingdom's Ministry of Defense said. The exercise aimed to raise the level of joint action and maintain security and stability in the region, the ministry said previously.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2161791/saudi-arabia>

### **Al-Khayyal: Saudi Arabia continues to promote and protect human rights and noble values**

Saudi Gazette, September 13, 2022

Vice-President of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) Abdulaziz Bin Abdullah Al-Khayyal affirmed that the government of Saudi Arabia continues its efforts to promote and protect human rights and noble values based on the principle of "Human first". This is done under the directives of Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman and Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman, deputy prime minister and minister of defense. He made this statement in a speech delivered Tuesday by the Vice-President of the HRC before the United Nations Human Rights Council at its 51st session, currently being held in Geneva, in the presence of the member states of the Council.

<https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/624931/SAUDI-ARABIA/Al-Khayyal-Saudi-Arabia-continues-to-promote-and-protect-human-rights-and-noble-values>

### **Saudi Arabia to deploy AI security screening system at airports**

GDN Online, September 14, 2022

Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) has announced that it is set to deploy the Artificial Intelligence security screening technology (ICMOR) for operational use in airports across the kingdom. This comes following a partnership contract with Smith Detection Group, a global leader in the application, management and manufacture of world-class security equipment technologies for aviation, ports, borders, security and the military field.

<https://www.gdnonline.com/Details/1142652>

## **Syria**

### **Syria calls on security council and UN secretariat to condemn Israeli attacks on Syrian territory**

Syrian Arab News Agency, September 01, 2022

Syria called on the UN Security Council and UN Secretariat to condemn the Israeli attacks on the Syrian territory as a violation of sovereignty and a direct threat to regional and international peace and security, holding the occupation legal, moral, political and financial responsibilities for deliberately targeting the international airports of Damascus and Aleppo and for endangering civilian facilities and the lives of civilians. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates said in a message addressed to the UN Secretary-General and

President of the Security Council “at approximately 20:00 p.m. yesterday, Wednesday, August 31, 2022, “Israel” launched an air aggression on Aleppo International Airport resulted in severe damage to its runway and causing it to be out of service and completely destroying the navigational station with its equipment.

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=282598>

### **China: US should end its military presence in Syria, lift coercive measures**

Syrian Arab News Agency, September 04, 2022

China once again called for withdrawal the US occupation forces from the Syrian territory, stressing the illegitimacy of these forces and the atrocity of their crimes. “It is horrific to see the massive scale of US looting in Syria, which was continuing while the country was trying to get out of the crisis, which has lasted for more than a decade, and a serious humanitarian crisis facing its people, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Zhao Lijian said during a press conference on Sunday. Lijian pointed out that the repeated US interference, especially the military one caused massive losses among civilians and economic losses, in addition to the displacement of millions of people.

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=282871>

### **Syria participates in strategic military training in eastern Russia**

Syrian Arab News Agency, September 06, 2022

Russian Ministry of Defense announced that strategic military exercises carried out in the east of the country by units of the Russian Armed Forces, with the

participation of units from the forces of several countries, including Syria. Sputnik quoted the ministry as saying in a statement today that the forces participating in the strategic training “East 2022” include more than 2,000 foreign soldiers from Syria, China, India, Algeria, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Laos, Myanmar and Nicaragua.” The statement indicated that the forces participating in this strategic training will practice offensive and defensive operations, while the activities of the closing stage will include the participating forces occupying an important location and directing the intense fire strike by artillery and aviation in preparation for an offensive operation to defeat the enemy.

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=283002>

### **A secret revealed: Israel's game of bombing Syria will never end**

Albawaba, September 07, 2022

Much is happening in north Syria these days. Israel has bombed the Aleppo International Airport, effectively putting it out of action for no one knows how long this time. Its the second strike in one week. A day later Israel leaked a document that it was responsible for the bombing of an alleged Syrian nuclear reactor in 2007.

<https://www.albawaba.com/news/secret-revealed-israels-game-bombing-syria-will-never-end-1490364>

### **Mikdad: Syria fought international terrorism on behalf of the whole world**

Syrian Arab News Agency, September 08, 2022

Foreign and Expatriates Minister, Fayssal Mikdad, said that Syria has fought

international terrorism on behalf of the whole world and paid unprecedented prices of its social, economic and human energies. “Despite the plans set by the UN to help victims of terrorism, Syria has not received any support to combat it or support its victims, yet, the Syrian people are subjected to an economic blockade imposed by countries that backed terrorism,” Mikdad said in a video speech at the opening of the international conference on victims of terrorism held at the UN HQ in New York.

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=283290>

### **Russian jets destroy Al-Nusra camp, kill 120 terrorists in Idlib**

Syrian Arab News Agency, September 09, 2022

Russian ministry of defense announced that the air forces bombed a camp of the terrorist organization “Jabhat al-Nusra”, which is on the international terrorism list, in Idlib province, destroying it completely. “ The Russian Air Force destroyed a camp belonging to the terrorists of “Al-Nusra” organization in Sheikh Yusef area in Idlib, killing more than 120 terrorists”, the deputy commander of the Russian Coordination Center in Hemeimim base in Latakia, Major General Oleg Igorov, said in a press release. Russia has been participating in the fight against terrorism together with the Syrian Arab Army since September 2015 at the request of the Syrian Arab Republic.

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=283312>

### **Syrian military helicopter crashes in Hama, crew is killed**

The Peninsula Qatar, September 09, 2022

A Syrian military helicopter crashed today during a training mission and its crew

were killed. The Syrian state news agency (SANA) said that “the crash was due to a technical failure northeast of the city of Hama, and its crew were killed”.

<https://thepeninsulaqatar.com/article/04/09/2022/syrian-military-helicopter-crashes-in-hama-crew-is-killed>

### **Four medals for Syria in kowat al-rami and self-defense arab championship**

SANA, September 10, 2022

Syrian Kowat Al Rami and Self Defense national team won on Saturday 4 medals, two gold and two silver in the 6th Arab championship currently held in the Bahraini capital of Manama. Eighty players, representing Bahrain, Kuwait, Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Lebanon, Yemen, Palestine and Sudan, participate in the competitions of this tournament, in addition to Syria.

<http://sana.sy/en/?p=283369>

## **Türkiye**

### **Türkiye's 1st indigenous turbofan engine to be launched next year**

Anadolu Agency, September 01, 2022

Türkiye's first indigenous turbofan engine, which is also the most powerful engine produced by the country, will be launched by the beginning of 2023. Mahmut Faruk Aksit, CEO of the Tusas Engine Industries, told Anadolu Agency the engine will have a 6,000 pound-force dry thrust, equivalent to around 6,000 horsepower. Speaking at the country's largest technology fair Teknofest in the Black Sea province of Samsun, he said the engine is being showcased for the first time. Two years after conceiving the project, the design phase is over and the manufacturing phase

is underway, he said. The target is to launch the product in the first quarter of 2023, he added. The engine is compatible with assault boats, pipelines for pumping natural gas, or the newly designed Turkish fighter drone Kizil Elma.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/science-technology/turkiyes-1st-indigenous-turbofan-engine-to-be-launched-next-year/2674562>

### **Romania wants to buy 18 Turkish Bayraktar TB2 UCAVs for \$300M**

Daily Sabah, September 01, 2022

Romania wants to buy Bayraktar TB2 unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAV) from Türkiye after it gained popularity for causing loss to the Russian military gear in the war in Ukraine, following several examples elsewhere, the local media reported Thursday. According to media reports, the country wants about 18 such UCAVs at an estimated price of \$300 million. The Romanian Ministry of Defense has sent a request to Parliament for such purpose, the reports said and if it receives legislative approval, it will be able to start negotiations with the Turkish company – Baykar. Currently, Romania does not have state-of-the-art combat drones in its inventory.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/romania-wants-to-buy-18-turkish-bayraktar-tb2-ucavs-for-300m>

### **Turkish drone magnate rushes to boost capacity as orders pile up**

Daily Sabah, September 01, 2022

Turkish company behind pioneering drones that earned fame for their critical role in several conflicts, including in Ukraine, is

seeking to ramp up its production capacity to meet the orders piling up. Baykar has signed deals to sell Bayraktar TB2 unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAV) to 24 countries and has reached a point where exports account for almost all of its revenues this year, its CEO Haluk Bayraktar said Thursday. The platform is known for taking out some of the most advanced anti-aircraft systems and advanced artillery systems and armored vehicles – a capability it demonstrated in conflicts in Syria, Iraq, Libya and Nagorno-Karabakh as well as Ukraine. The TB2 has been such a factor that it now spearheads Türkiye’s global defense export push.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-drone-magnate-rushes-to-boost-capacity-as-orders-pile-up>

### **Turkish defense giant Aselsan introduces flapping-wing nano UAV**

Daily Sabah, September 01, 2022

Turkish defense giant Aselsan exhibited technology it used in its flapping-wing nano unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) at the major aviation and defense industry event, Teknofest. The “flapping mechanism” of the mini-UAV with flapping wings draws high attention from the visitors at the Aselsan booth. The mechanism, which was developed and designed entirely by Aselsan, was produced for hummingbird-type flapping wing mini aircraft. It is aimed to perform reconnaissance and surveillance missions with flapping wing UAVs with low detectability by completing the project, which is currently in the research and development (R&D) phase.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-defense-giant-aselsan-introduces-flapping-wing-nano-uav>

### **Turkish tech event Teknofest boasts cutting-edge technology, aircraft, inventions**

Anadolu Agency, September 02, 2022

Türkiye's largest technology and aviation event Teknofest this year is showcasing cutting-edge technology, next-generation aircraft, the latest military equipment, and inventions in Samsun, on the Turkish Black Sea. As part of aircraft/transport exhibits, visitors were treated to look at unmanned aerial vehicles Bayraktar TB-2, Kizil Elma and Aksungur, F-16 and F-4 Phantom fighter jets, helicopters Gokbey and Bell 429, ongoing national warcraft projects MMU and Hurjet, indigenous trainer plane Hurkus, transport aircraft CASA CN-235, maritime patrol aircraft P-72, and the first indigenous flying car Cezeri. The event also featured air shows with jet fighters, drones, and helicopters. Some products were introduced for the first time at the event, such as Baykar's next-generation fighter drone Kizil Elma and Aselsan's mini/nano UAV project's flapping wings.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/science-technology/turkish-tech-event-teknofest-boasts-cutting-edge-technology-aircraft-inventions/2675280>

### **Türkiye-built engines for domestic choppers draw foreign customers**

Daily Sabah, September 02, 2022

Turkish Aerospace Industries' (TAI) engine manufacturing subsidiary, TUSAŞ Engine Industries (TEI), continues with domestic engine production without slowing down, and those engines that will power nationally built choppers have already attracted demand from outside Türkiye, the

company's general manager said Friday. TEI General Manager Mahmut Faruk Akşit told Anadolu Agency (AA) that they delivered the first prototype of the TS1400 turboshaft engine to TAI 1 1/2 years ago to start the integration studies. "We have been continuing the maturation tests of the TS1400 since then. We have tested it up to the emergency take-off power," he said. Akşit said that this engine would be integrated into Gökbey, Türkiye's first homegrown multirole helicopter, in the first half of next year.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkiye-built-engines-for-domestic-choppers-draw-foreign-customers>

### **Türkiye's 1st unmanned marine craft to have domestic diesel engine**

Daily Sabah, September 05, 2022

Türkiye's first armored unmanned surface vessel (AUSV), the first marine craft of the ULAQ project, will be powered by a domestically developed marine diesel engine, the head of the company making the engine said Monday. Halim Tosun, general manager of TUMOSAN Engine and Tractor Industry Inc. told Anadolu Agency (AA) that they manufacture engines for the defense industry and his company is part of many projects kicked off under the Presidency of Defense Industries (SSB). Torun said that they have gained important ground in the ULAQ project, which was developed by Ares Shipyard in cooperation with Ankara-based Meteksan Defense Industry Inc. "We will carry out prototype deliveries of the engines this year," he said, noting that have taken important steps toward becoming a marine engine supplier in line with the Turkish defense industry's



recent push for local production and nationalization of systems.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkiyes-1st-unmanned-marine-craft-to-have-domestic-diesel-engine>

### **Gunmaker Canik's wares pull crowds at Turkish tech event Teknofest**

Anadolu Agency, September 06, 2022

Products from Canik, a major Turkish arms manufacturer, garnered great interest at Teknofest, Türkiye's largest technology and aviation event held last week in the Black Sea city of Samsun. Canik, one of the main sponsors of this year's Teknofest, showcased several products that it exports to 69 countries, the company said in a statement. Its biggest crowd-puller was the Canik M2 QCB (Quick Change Barrel), an anti-aircraft gun that the firm touts as "one of the most combat-proven heavy machine guns in the world."

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/science-technology/gunmaker-caniks-wares-pull-crowds-at-turkish-tech-event-teknofest/2678036>

### **Poland, Azerbaijan eye award-winning Turkish arms**

Daily Sabah, September 08, 2022

Turkish weapon manufacturing giant Sarsılmaz attracted the attention of visitors at Polish and Azerbaijani defense fairs with its domestic products. The company said Thursday in a statement that it attended the 30th International Defense Industry Fair MSPO held in Kielce, Poland between Sept. 6-9 for the first time this year. At the event, it exhibited its products consisting of infantry rifles, machine guns and pistols.

Türkiye's Defense Minister Hulusi Akar together with his Polish counterpart Mariusz Blaszczak visited the Sarsılmaz booth at the fair and examined the weapons produced by the company with domestic resources.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/poland-azerbaijan-eye-award-winning-turkish-arms>

### **Türkiye hosts international space convention**

Anadolu Agency, September 09, 2022

International Space Convention (ISC) 2022, one of the world's leading space events, has begun in Türkiye's Marmara province of Bursa. The three-day event, which started on Friday, will host 80 speakers, including experts and officials from companies and space agencies such as European Space Agency and Turkish Space Agency. During the event, a number of topics will be discussed, including autonomy in space, commercialization of space, and using space for international security challenges. Organized by Altair Enterprises, a space education company, the event is hosted by Gokmen Space and Aviation Training Center (GUHEM), located in Bursa.

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/science-technology/turkiye-hosts-international-space-convention/2681282>

### **Türkiye signals it may turn to Russia if US blocks F-16 jet sales**

Daily Sabah, September 09, 2022

Türkiye may turn to other countries such as Russia if the United States fails to follow through on its promise to deliver F-16

fighter jets, President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan said Friday. A bill recently approved by American lawmakers created a new hurdle for any purchase by Türkiye, which has been voicing its firm opposition to any conditions on the sale of the Lockheed Martin-made F-16s. U.S. President Joe Biden has said he would work to convince lawmakers to deliver the F-16 jets for Türkiye's air force. Erdoğan recalled that Biden told him in June that he "will extend all the support he can regarding F-16s." Expressing hope for the U.S. to "not lead" Türkiye to "different tracks," Erdoğan said: "The U.S. is not the only one selling warplanes in the world. The U.K., France and Russia sell them as well."

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkiye-signals-it-may-turn-to-russia-if-us-blocks-f-16-jet-sales>

### **Greece gets 1st pair of upgraded F-16 jets amid tensions with Türkiye**

Daily Sabah, September 12, 2022

The first pair of upgraded F-16 military jets was delivered to Greece's air force on Monday under a \$1.5 billion program to modernize its fighter fleet, which comes amid increasing tensions with neighboring Türkiye. The two F-16s presented at the Tanagra air base northwest of Athens are the first of 83 to be refitted with advanced electronics, radar and weapons capabilities by late 2027 by Greece's Hellenic Aerospace Industry, in coordination with U.S. manufacturer Lockheed Martin. The head of Greece's joint chiefs of staff, Gen. Constantinos Floros, said the program's successful and timely completion "is an issue of the highest national importance."

"Any potential aggressor will have to think twice or thrice before trying their luck," once the upgrade is completed, he said at Monday's presentation.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/greece-gets-1st-pair-of-upgraded-f-16-jets-amid-tensions-with-turkiye>

### **In a first, Turkish armed unmanned vessel to join NATO drill**

Daily Sabah, September 15, 2022

Turkish armed unmanned surface vessel (AUSV) is set to be used in an upcoming NATO exercise, becoming Türkiye's first such platform to be represented in the alliance's military drill, local media reported Thursday. The AUSV MARLIN was produced in cooperation with Sefine Shipyard and leading defense company Aselsan domestically in northwestern Yalova province, under the leadership of the Presidency of Defense Industries (SSB). With this product, Türkiye will undertake special tasks in its own classification, such as underwater and surface reconnaissance and surveillance, intelligence, electronic warfare, target detection and identification, and support for amphibious operations in the NATO exercise, according to TRT Haber.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/in-a-first-turkish-armed-unmanned-vessel-to-join-nato-drill>

### **UAE**

### **UAE reportedly looking to buy 120 Turkish Bayraktar TB2 drones**

Daily Sabah, 09 September, 2022

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is said to be engaged in lengthy negotiations with a

Turkish company behind pioneering drones that earned fame for their critical role in several conflicts, including in Ukraine, a report claimed on Thursday. Talks with Baykar are focused on a supply of up to 120 Bayraktar TB2 unmanned combat aerial vehicles (UCAV), the Middle East Eye reported, citing people familiar with the negotiations.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/uae-reportedly-looking-to-buy-120-turkish-bayraktar-tb2-drones>

### **Trend micro & moro hub collaborate to bolster cybersecurity skills in the UAE**

Albawaba, September 09, 2022

Trend Micro Incorporated (TYO: 4704; TSE: 4704), a global leader in cybersecurity solutions, in partnership with Moro Hub, subsidiary of Digital DEWA, the digital arm of Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (PJSC) hosted a threat hunt workshop at the Sofitel Dubai Jumeirah Beach, Dubai, UAE, aimed at fortifying the nation's digital infrastructure and raise awareness of cybersecurity.

<https://www.albawaba.com/business/pr/trend-micro-moro-hub-collaborate-bolster-cybersecurity-skills-uae-1491222>

## **Yemen**

### **Yemen military forces drive Al-Qaeda out of new areas in Abyan, Shabwa**

Arab News, September 11, 2022

Yemeni military and security forces have taken control of a large swath of valley and mountainous areas in the southern

provinces of Abyan and Shabwa, which have long been considered safe havens for Al-Qaeda militants. Local media and officials said that military and security forces led by the pro-independence Southern Transitional Council stormed the arid and mountainous Khaber Al-Marakesha, an area in Abyan known for nearly 10 years as an Al-Qaeda hideout and the cradle of some militants, including Jalal Baliedi, a senior Al-Qaeda leader killed by a US drone in the same region in 2016.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2160556/middle-east>

### **Gen. Al-Azima welcomes Yemeni defense minister at Coalition's Joint Forces Command**

Saudi Gazette, September 14, 2022

The Yemeni Minister of Defense Lt. Gen. Mohsen Bin Muhammad Al-Daari visited here Wednesday the Joint Forces Command of the Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen, where he was received by the Commander of the Joint Forces and Deputy Chief of the General Staff Gen. Mutlaq Bin Salim Al-Azima. The visit comes within the framework of permanent coordination and continuous support from the coalition countries, led by Saudi Arabia, to achieve the desired goals and aspirations of the Yemeni people and their legitimate leadership. The meeting was attended by a number of commanders in the Joint Forces Command.

<https://www.saudigazette.com.sa/article/624970/SAUDI-ARABIA/Gen-Al-Azima-welcomes-Yemeni-defense-minister-at-Coalitions-Joint-Forces-Command>

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<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2162671/saudi-arabia>

### **Yemen troops drive Al-Qaeda from Abyan stronghold**

Arab News, September 15, 2022

Yemeni forces say they have driven Al-Qaeda militants from a key mountain stronghold in the province of Abyan, in the latest victory against the terrorist group. Military units commanded by the pro-independence Southern Transitional Council on Thursday pushed deep into Oamaran valley to strike a blow against the group's decade-long occupation, Mohammed Al-Naqeeb, the STC's spokesman, told Arab News. "They tried to stop our forces' advance into the valley by deploying snipers, planting IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and blowing up bridges and roads," he said.

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2163401/middle-east>

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