

Weekly Update

1. Report: Iran's Mostazafan Foundation website hacked

A cyber group known as Bakhtak said it had hacked the Mostazafan Foundation website. The group also claims to have confidential documents from the foundation. The Bakhtak cyber group had previously claimed to have hacked from the Shaheed Foundation website.

Source: **IRAN FRONT PAGE**

<https://ifpnews.com/iran-mostazafan-foundation-website-hacked/>

2. No pictures: Afghanistan journalists fear clampdown on visual reporting

According to the Afghanistan Journalists Center (AFJC), media representatives were warned that if journalists did not wear the niqab "properly", they would be removed from the screen altogether. Now the Taliban are not satisfied with an open forehead and multicolored clothes - it must be completely black, and only the eyes should be open.

Source: **NIKKEI ASIA**

<https://asia.nikkei.com/Politics/International-relations/Afghanistan-turmoil/No-pictures-Afghanistan-journalists-fear-clampdown-on-visual-reporting>

3. At least 11 identified Indian nationals who were ISKP affiliated have been killed or apprehended in Afghanistan since 2014, majority of whom have been from Kerala.

Indian Citizen detained by Taliban. Khorasan Diary reports, citing a Taliban intelligence officer, that Sana-ul-Islam from the Indian state of Kerala arrived in Kandahar from Ullatupara, Tajikistan and was suspected of working for ISKP.*

Source: **The Khorasan Diary**

<https://www.thekhorasandiary.com/>

4. Rosatom will be given a site for the construction of a second nuclear power plant in Turkey

Rosatom will build a second nuclear power plant in Turkey. The head of Rosatom, citing the President of Turkey, said that a "Political decision" had been made on the construction of a second nuclear power plant in the republic by the state corporation.

Source: **oreanda-news**

<https://www.oreanda-news.com/en/gosudarstvo/rosatom-will-be-given-a-site-for-the-construction-of-a-second-nuclear-power-plant-/article1506464/>

5. Germany to deploy troops in Lithuania, first move of its kind Since World War II

The permanent deployment of German troops will be located just 100 km from the border with Russia. NATO believes that the deployment of troops will protect Lithuania, since, according to their forecasts, if the conflict escalates, Russia could attack a 60 km section of the Polish-Lithuanian border, called the "Suwalki Corridor".

Source: Euronews

<https://www.euronews.com/2024/02/29/germany-to-deploy-troops-in-lithuania-first-move-of-its-kind-since-world-war-ii>

6. According to Institute for Economics & Peace, Terrorism gets worse as global conflicts drive risk of new wave

Global Terrorism Index (GTI 2024): The GTI is a composite measure composed of four indicators: incidents, deaths, injuries, and hostages. A five-year weighted average is applied to measure the impact of terrorism.

Source: prnewswire

<https://www.prnewswire.com/de/pressemitteilungen/according-to-institute-for-economics--peace-terrorism-gets-worse-as-global-conflicts-drive-risk-of-new-wave-302071244.html>

7. Former U.S. ambassador to plead guilty to charges of espionage for Cuba

Victor Manuel Rocha, who joined the US diplomatic service in 1981, admitted to working as a covert agent for Cuban intelligence for several years; Under this charge, Rocha could face a sentence that could include several years in prison.

Source: CubaNEWS

<https://oncubanews.com/en/cuba-usa/former-u-s-ambassador-to-plead-guilty-to-charges-of-espionage-for-cuba/>

8. Why is the Secretary of the Security Council of Russia in Nicaragua?

During the visit of Nikolai Patrushev, the secretary of the Russian National Security Council, to Nicaragua, the two Countries signed a memorandum of understanding on security cooperation that covers a two-year period (until 2026).

Source: LA PRESNA

<https://www.laprensani.com/2024/02/28/english/3285636-why-is-the-secretary-of-the-security-council-of-russia-in-nicaragua>

9. Taliban's Interior Minister & Russian Envoy Explore Security Collaboration

Sirajuddin Haqqani (The head of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Taliban) officially met Russian diplomats for the second time. Haqqani emphasized the need to continue bilateral cooperation and development of relations as well as deepen cooperation in the security field.*

Source: **Afghanistan International**

<https://www.afintl.com/en/202403053934>

10. Shehbaz Sharif elected prime minister for 2nd time, vows to steer Pakistan 'back to shore' in victory speech

Shehbaz Sharif secures PM post, pledges not to indulge in vendetta politics.

Source: **Dawn**

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1818835>