

# Weekly Update

## 1. Al-Qassam Brigades" broadcast scenes of the fusion of its mujahideen with the Zionist enemy west of the city of Khan Yunis.

*Al-Qassam Mujahideen were able to target a group of occupation soldiers barricaded inside a house with an anti-fortified TBG shell, killing and wounding them in the vicinity of the Industrial area, southwest of Gaza City.*

**Source: Yemen News Agency**

<https://www.saba.ye/en/news3301173.htm>

## 2. Turkish FM: Montreux Convention ensures regional security

*As per the Turkish Foreign Minister, Hakan Fidan- Turkey would not renounce its literalim observance of the Montreux Convention under any stipulations.*

**Source: Turkish Radio and Television Corporation**

<https://www.trtworld.com/turkiye/turkish-fm-montreux-convention-ensures-regional-security-16816367>

## 3. India-Russia Defence Partnership Powerful Enough to Fend Off West's Delusional Lies

*The Indian Air Force veteran's comments come after Western media reported that India is reportedly "far away" from Russian weapons. The combination of the experienced BrahMos missiles and the Su-30 MKI is the mainstay of India's defense strategy.*

**Source: Sputnik**

<https://sputniknews.in/20240129/india-russia-defence-partnership-powerful-enough-to-fend-off-west-delusion-lies-6376411.html>

## 4. Governor Abbott Bolsters Enduring Economic, Cultural Bond With India

*Texas Independence Movement: A Natural Ally for India. During the visit Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced that Texas and India share a "free trade" and ambitions of global influence.*

**Source: Office of the Texas Governor**

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-bolsters-enduring-economic-cultural-bond-with-india>

**5. Russia to open first meeting of BRICS Sherpas under its chairmanship in the bloc**

*The BRICS Sherpa/Su-Sherpa meeting is being held in Moscow from 30 January to 1 February. For the first time, representatives of the union's five new members, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, will participate.*

**Source: Russian News Agency**

<https://tass.com/politics/1738949>

**6. EU-Mercosur trade agreement negotiations halted hours before signing, says Macron**

*In a decision of significant impact, French President Emanuel Macron informed the European Commission that there are no conditions to advance in trade negotiations with Mercosur countries.*

**Source: EURACTIV**

<https://www.euractiv.com/section/politics/news/eu-mercotur-trade-agreement-negotiations-halted-hours-before-signing-says-macron/>

**7. President, parliament, and impeachment: A persistent struggle in the Maldives' politics**

*Maldivian lethal conflict: The Battle in Parliament. The clashes broke out after opposition MPs protested during the vote in the Maldives' parliament to approve President Mohamed Muizzu's cabinet.*

**Source: ORF**

<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/president-parliament-and-impeachment-a-persistent-struggle-in-the-maldives-politics>

**8. UP ATS arrests Indian embassy worker in Moscow for spying for Pakistan's ISI**

*Pakistani spy exposed: Indian Embassy employee arrested in espionage case. The Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of Uttar Pradesh state has arrested an employee of the Indian Embassy in Moscow, Russia on charges of spying for Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI.*

**Source: The IndianExpress**

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/lucknow/up-ats-arrest-indian-embassy-in-moscow-pakistan-isi-spy-9143604/>

**9. Bangladesh, Nepal to work in hydropower, climate change**

*Bangladesh and Nepal have recently agreed to strengthen their cooperation in the fields of hydropower and climate change in the region. Both parties accentuated the concern of working together to address the challenges arising after attaining LDC (Least Developed Country) status.*

**Source: Asia News Network**

<https://asianews.network/bangladesh-nepal-to-work-in-hydropower-climate-change/>

## **10. Orban Escalates Standoff Over Sweden's Accession to NATO**

*Prime Minister Viktor Orban's lawmakers will not allow a vote on ratifying Sweden's entry into NATO until the leader of the Scandinavian Country visits Budapest.*

*Source:* **BloomBerg**

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2024-02-02/hungary-won-t-vote-on-sweden-s-na-to-bid-until-pms-meet-atv-says>