

Weekly Update

1. Azerbaijan Opens diplomatic mission in Kabul for First Time

Azerbaijan restores diplomatic relations with Afghanistan. Ambassador Ilham Mamedov informed the Taliban's acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi on the return of the Azerbaijani embassy to Kabul.

Source: Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

<https://mfa.gov.af/en/16399>

2. US 'hijacking' Venezuelan airplane, Iran says

Venezuelans protest against the "open theft" of Americans. The Venezuelan government described as "open theft" the hijacking of the Venezuelan-owned Amtrasor aircraft which was seized in Argentina and flown to the United States.

Source: Intellinews

<https://www.intellinews.com/us-hijacking-venezuelan-aeroplane-iran-says-312213/>

3. Brazil's Lula Slams Israel on Gaza War, Says UN Failed

"The United Nations lacks the necessary authority." During an official visit to Egypt, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva emphasized that the United Nations currently lacks the necessary authority to stop the conflict. At the same time, he called for improving decision-making mechanisms in international organizations and strengthening multilateralism.

Source: U.S. news & World Report

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2024-02-15/brazils-lula-slams-israel-on-gaza-war-says-un-failed>

4. Pro-Khalistanis Seek to Use Farmers' Protest to Promote Agenda

Anti-social and foreign elements who want to divide India are getting their hands dirty in the 'Delhi Chalo' march demanding MSP law for all crops. Pro-Khalistan extremist and Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) asset Guruwant Singh Pannu has come out in support of the farmers' protest.

Source: Sputnik

<https://sputniknews.in/20240213/pro-khalistanis-seek-to-use-farmers-protest-to-promote-agenda-6534036.html>

5. Two Afghan Prisoners Released from Guantanamo Jail and Returned to Afghanistan

Abdul Zahir Sabar and Abdul Karim spent nearly 14 years in Guantanamo Bay (GITMO) starting in 2002, and spent the next seven years under house arrest in Oman. Negotiations for their release were facilitated by Muscat.

Source: **[bakhtarnews.af](https://www.bakhtarnews.af)**

<https://www.bakhtarnews.af/en/two-afghan-prisoners-released-from-guantanamo-jail-and-re-turned-to-afghanistan/>

6. Modi, Nahyan launch RuPay card at Abu Dhabi

BRICS de-dollarization drive: India links UPI, RuPay cards with UAE platforms. India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have signed an agreement to link New Delhi's domestic payments platform Interface (UPI) with Abu Dhabi-backed instant payments platform Ani.

Source: **[Press Trust of India](https://www.ptinews.com/story/national/modi-nahyan-launch-rupay-card-at-abu-dabhi/1287923)**

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7. Supreme Court Strikes Down Electoral Bonds Scheme As Unconstitutional, Asks SBI To Stop Issuing EBs

The Supreme Court of India has delivered an unanimous verdict on petitions challenging the legal validity of the central government's electoral bond scheme. The electoral bonds scheme violates Article 19(1)(a) and is unconstitutional, India's apex court said.

Source: **[LiveLaw](https://www.livelow.in/top-stories/supreme-court-electoral-bonds-1scheme-249553?infinite-scroll=1)**

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8. Pakistan Navy Lays The Keel Of The 2nd Hangor-Class Submarine

The Construction will be divided between China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC) and Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works (KSEW), with the first four units to be built in China and the remaining four in Pakistan through a technology transfer agreement.

Source: **[Naval News](https://www.navalnews.com/naval-news/2024/02/pakistan-navy-lays-the-keel-of-the-2nd-hangor-class-submarine/)**

<https://www.navalnews.com/naval-news/2024/02/pakistan-navy-lays-the-keel-of-the-2nd-hangor-class-submarine/>

9. Munich Security Conference 2024: Jaishankar Met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in a Brief Interaction

Wang Yi, director of China's Foreign Affairs Commission, and Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar held brief talks at the Munich Security Conference.

Source: **Bnn breaking**

<https://bnnbreaking.com/politics/munich-security-conference-2024-jaishankar-met-chinese-foreign-minister-wang-yi-in-a-brief-interaction>

10. Iran's ambassador meets with Saudi Minister of National Guard

Saudi Ambassador meets Iran's Defense Minister. The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Tehran was welcomed by the Minister of Defense and Support of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Source: **Tehran Times**

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/494966/Iran-s-ambassador-meets-with-Saudi-Minister-of-National-Guard>