

Weekly Update

1. The Iran Threat Geiger Counter: Reaching Extreme Danger

From material published on the ISIS website on February 5, 2024:

The Institute for Science and International Security (ISIS) is an organization specializing in nuclear security issues, including nuclear non-proliferation issues.

ISIS expert: The level of uranium enrichment in Tehran and its quantity is such that the first nuclear bomb will appear there in the coming weeks.

Source: ISIS

<https://isis-online.org/isis-reports/detail/the-iran-threat-geiger-counter-reaching-extreme-danger>

2. Progress Made to Facilitate Mining of Mes Aynak: Ministry

As Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told Tolo News, the terms of the package contract with the Chinese company MCC provide for the construction of a power plant, a highway and an airport related to the site. In addition, the Taliban Ministry of Mining and Industry estimated the projected copper reserves at the Mes Aynak deposit at 11.5 million tons.

Source: TOLO News

<https://tolonews.com/business-187511>

3. Brief introduction of NIXA infrastructure (Internet Exchange Point Center); Goals and Achievements

The Taliban created the first internet exchange point in Afghanistan. According to the Taliban Ministry of Communications NIXA will protect the personal data of citizens and ensure the exchange of IP traffic between operators.*

Source: Ministry of Communications & IT (Afghanistan)

[https://mcit.gov.af/en/node/7048#:~:text=The%20Internet%20Exchange%20Point%20Center%20\(NIXA\)%20was%20established%20to%20build,Internet%20and%20reducing%20bandwidth%20consumption.](https://mcit.gov.af/en/node/7048#:~:text=The%20Internet%20Exchange%20Point%20Center%20(NIXA)%20was%20established%20to%20build,Internet%20and%20reducing%20bandwidth%20consumption.)

4. Houthi bypass: Quietly, goods forge overland path to Israel via Saudi Arabia, Jordan

Ships arriving from India and China are unloaded at the ports of Bahrain and Dubai, then the Cargo is transported overland on Jordanian trucks to Israel through the King Hussein border crossing in Jordan.

Source: The Times of Israel

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/houthi-bypass-quietly-goods-forge-overland-path-to-israel-via-saudi-arabia-jordan/>

5. Nayib Bukele Destroys Arguments of BBC reporter Amid questions of El Salvador's Security.

El Salvador President Nayib Bukele criticizes businessman George Soros during a speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), saying his country is immune to his influence. American billionaire George Soros has been accused of destabilizing governments around the world.

Source: el salvador english

<https://elsalvadorinenglish.com/2024/02/21/nayib-bukele-confronts-bbc-journalist-amid-questions-on-el-salvadors-security/>

6. Venezuela and Russia Strengthen Ties, Lavrov Supports BRICS Membership

Nicolás Maduro Moros (President of Venezuela): Today Russia is facing the entire west. During the Russian Foreign Minister's visit to his country, the Venezuelan President called the war in Ukraine an "immoral war" that Washington and its allies have launched against Moscow.

Source: venezuelan analysis

<https://venezuelanalysis.com/news/venezuela-and-russia-strengthen-ties-lavrov-supports-brics-membership/>

7. Very existence of Palestinian people 'at stake,' Colombian representative tells top UN court

The Government of Colombia emphasized that the Israeli regime must face the legal consequences of its actions in the framework of International law, considering the current dire situation and its consequences.

Source: Anadolu Ajansi

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/world/very-existence-of-palestinian-people-at-stake-colombian-representative-tells-top-un-court/3143922>

8. Alliance with Sunni Ittehad to strengthen PTI, says Omer Ayub

Joint press meeting of Shia and Sunni Parties with Tehreek-e-Insaf Party. Omar Ayub Khan, one of the leaders of Tehreek-e-Insaf, stated that the goal of joining the Ittehad Ahl-e-sunna was to obtain special seats, and stating that we are joining the Ittehad Ahl-e-Sunna Council.

Source: Dawn News

<https://www.dawn.com/news/amp/1815486>

9. Panama Judge Orders Arrest Of Ex-president Martinelli

President Ricardo Martinelli (2009–2014), who is seeking asylum at the Nicaraguan embassy in Panama after being sentenced to more than 10 years in prison for money laundering. In Spain, he is also being investigated for alleged corruption related to bribes that Spanish construction company FCC has confessed paying in Panama, as well as for allegedly spying on a woman on the island of Majorca.

Source: **BARRON'S**

<https://www.barrons.com/news/panama-judge-orders-arrest-of-ex-president-martinelli-b9e0a655>

10. Pakistan inks historic deal with Azerbaijan for the purchase of JF-17 “Thunder” fighters

According to the report of the Air Operations Syndicate, Azerbaijan has signed a significant agreement with Pakistan to purchase modern fighter jets. The deal is valued at an estimated \$1.6 billion.

Source: **aviacionline**

<https://www.aviacionline.com/2024/02/pakistan-inks-historic-deal-with-azerbaijan-for-the-purchase-of-jf-17-thunder-fighters/>