

Weekly Update

1. Visit of External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar to Uganda and Nigeria (January 19-23, 2024)

While addressing the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit in Kampala, Uganda. Dr. S. Jaishankar calls for a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine crisis at the NAM Summit.

Source: Ministry of External Affairs

https://www.mea.gov.in/press-releases.htm?dtl/37517/Visit_of_External_Affairs_Minister_Dr_S_Jaishankar_to_Uganda_and_Nigeria_January_1923_2024

2. These Three Nuclear Powers Encircle Middle East Crisis

The recent mutual attacks by Iran and Pakistan as well as the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. These are some of the areas in which the presence of three nuclear powers creates a treacherous foreboding.

Source: Sputnik

<https://sputniknews.in/20240120/which-nuclear-powers-increased-tensions-in-middle-east-6278556.html>

3. New thaw: Taliban envoy is Republic Day guest in Abu Dhabi

India seeks to smooth ties with Kabul after Afghan diplomats vacated the embassy in New Delhi. According to journalist Bilal Sarwari, the invitation was sent to Badruddin Haqqani, the mission chief of the Taliban movement, by the Indian Ambassador in Abu Dhabi.

Source: The IndianExpress

<https://indianexpress.com/article/india/new-thaw-taliban-envoy-is-r-day-guest-in-abu-dhabi-9119589/>

4. Plans For an India-to-Europe Trade Route Get Shelved

As of now, there is no possibility of an India-Middle East-Europe route unless Israel agrees to a two-state solution. The key partners in IMEC—Saudi Arabia and Jordan—will not cooperate unless Israel agrees to a two-state solution.

Source: bloomberg

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/newsletters/2024-01-23/supply-chain-latest-india-middle-east-europe-economic-corridor>

5. Vietnam, Germany boost cooperation in industry, trade, energy

The German President and a delegation of significant businessmen have visited Vietnam in search of labor agreements and investment. Faced with problems in the European region that they themselves created, they are now looking for new trading partners.

Source: **Vietnamnet**

<https://vietnamnet.vn/en/vietnam-news-headlines-january-24-2024-2242877.html>

6. Iran, Turkey sign 10 cooperation documents

Signing of 10 joint cooperation documents between Iranian and Turkish officials in various fields in the presence of the presidents of the two countries.

Source: **MehrNewsAgency**

<https://en.mehrnews.com/news/211272/Iran-Turkey-sign-10-cooperation-documents>

7. Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant to significantly develop Egypt's economy: Putin

Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Egyptian counterpart Abdel Fattah el-Sisi attended a ceremony via videolink where the first batch of concrete will be poured into the foundation of the fourth power unit at the El-Dabaa Nuclear Power Plant (NPP).

Source: **ahramOnline**

<https://english.ahram.org.eg/News/516353.aspx>

8. Saudi Arabia to legally sell alcohol — but only to diplomats.

Its development comes after the government circulated new rules to limit alcohol brought into the country through diplomatic baggage at embassies, even as Saudi eases religious laws and seeks to attract tourists and investors.

Source: **The Times**

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/saudi-arabia-to-legally-sell-alcohol-but-only-to-diplomats-89xjztpbd>

9. All arrangements in place for 75th Republic Day parade; Kartavya Path set to be painted with Viksit Bharat's rich cultural diversity, 'Aatmanirbhar' military prowess & growing Nari Shakti

India celebrates 75th Republic day, PM Modi. French President Emmanuel Macron is the Chief guest. For the First time, an all women tri-services contingent will be part of the event.

Source: **PIB**

<https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaseIframePage.aspx?PRID=1999559>

10. Indian Navy helps oil tanker on fire in Gulf of Aden

Indian Navy's INS Visakhapatnam responded to a call from MV Marlin Luanda, which was attacked in the Gulf of Aden on the night of 26 January.

Source: **TheAsianAge**

<https://www.asianage.com/india/all-india/280124/indian-navy-helps-oil-tanker-on-fire-in-gulf-of-aden.html>