

# Weekly Update

## 1. New attacks near US bases in Iraq, Syria threaten uneasy detente

*The Pentagon threatens to attack Iran-backed militias in Iraq. Following two recent attacks by Shia militias in Iraq on US targets in Syria and Iraq, the Pentagon says: We will not hesitate to protect our forces, as we have done in the past, if militia attacks in Iraq continue.*

*Source:* **AL-Monitor**

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2024/04/new-attacks-near-us-bases-iraq-syria-threaten-uneasy-detente>

## 2. Taliban bans translation of scientific works into Turkish and Uzbek

*As stated in the order of April 20, signed by Hamidullah Muzammil, head of the editing and translation department of the Taliban Ministry of Education\*Teachers of the Department of Uzbek Language and Literature of Jawzjan University must translate scientific works published in Turkish (the request was for it) or in any other foreign language, only Dari and Pashto.*

*Source:* **The TashkentTimes**

<http://tashkenttimes.uz/national/12868-taliban-bans-translation-of-scientific-works-into-turkish-and-uzbek>

## 3. Taliban and China hold discussions on Mes Aynak field development

*Shahabuddin Delaware, acting head of the Ministry of Municipal Industry and representative of the Metallurgical Corporation of China. Khairulla Khairkhah, acting head of the Information Ministry and Chinese Ambassador Zhao Jing. Other areas of bilateral cooperation were also mentioned: increasing exports of water chestnuts to China, as well as investments in the Wakhan Corridor and several other areas.*

*Source:* **Daryo**

<https://daryo.uz/en/2024/04/24/taliban-and-china-hold-discussions-on-mes-aynak-field-development>

## 4. Harvard suspends pro-Palestine student group over Gaza war protest

*Harvard College suspended the Palestine Solidarity Committee for the remainder of the school year amid pro-Palestine protests on US university campuses.*

*Source:* **TheNationalNews**

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/us/2024/04/23/harvard-suspends-pro-palestine-student-group-over-gaza-war-activism/>

### **5. AfD politician's aide arrested on suspicion of spying for China**

*The scandal embarrasses relations between China and Germany. The arrest of several people on charges of spying for China and the involvement of people close to the right-wing AfD party has raised suspicion on China.*

**Source:** TheGuardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2024/apr/23/afd-politician-employee-arrested-germany-on-suspicion-of-spying-for-china>

### **6. Global military spending surges amid war, rising tensions and insecurity**

*Saudi Arabia tops the Middle East military budget. According to these statistics, with the allocation of 75 billion and 800 million dollars, Saudi Arabia is not only in first place in the Middle East region, but even in the world, after the United States, China, Russia and India, it stands in the fifth place.*

**Source:** Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

<https://www.sipri.org/media/press-release/2024/global-military-spending-surges-amid-war-rising-tensions-and-insecurity>

### **7. With public universities under threat, massive protests against austerity shake Argentina**

*A massive demonstration of thousands of people in Buenos Aires, protesting against the neoliberal policies of the Javier Milli government to end free public education.*

**Source:** Apnews

<https://apnews.com/article/argentina-milei-libertarian-economic-overhaul-austerity-university-public-35f1c1df7826fb8be935c9acfdc6cce2>

### **8. 288 Myanmar security personnel sent back from Bangladesh**

*288 Myanmar security personnel who took refuge in Bangladesh amid the ongoing conflict have been sent back by Bangladeshi authorities, The Daily Star reports. The repatriation operation was carried out after Myanmar authorities verified identities and checked documents.*

**Source:** The Daily Star

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/288-myanmar-security-personnel-sent-back-bangladesh-3594981>

### **9. India-Bound Oil Tanker Hit By Missiles In Red Sea, Say Yemen's Houthis**

*According to U.S. media, The Andromeda Star was broadcasting its AIS signal and posting messages of no contact with Israel and it was reportedly coming to India from Russia carrying 730 kbd of Ural crude for delivery to the Mundra oil terminal.*

**Source:** NDTV World

<https://www.ndtv.com/world-news/india-bound-oil-tanker-hit-by-missiles-in-red-sea-say-yemens-houthis-5532875>

**10. Vote on the resolution on Srebrenica postponed: It will not take place prior to May 6**

*Voting on the resolution on Srebrenica postponed in the United Nations General Assembly. The UN General Assembly was scheduled to vote on the resolution on Srebrenica on 2 May, but the vote was postponed, Zlatko Lagumadžija, Bosnia and Herzegovina's ambassador to the UN, confirmed for N1 Sarajevo.*

**Source: b92.net**

<https://www.b92.net/english/politics/17140/vote-on-the-resolution-on-srebrenica-postponed-it-will-not-take-place-prior-to-may-6/vest>