

Weekly Update

1. The US-Made Helicopter In Iran President's Crash

Iran supplied President Raisi with a government helicopter based on the military Bell 412EP, which was equipped with a four-bladed propeller depending on the size and number of passengers in that version. But on the day of the accident it had only a two-bladed propeller, similar to the Bell 212, which indicates a modification made to the helicopter due to a parts shortage or a poor upgrade that does not match the original version.

Source: ChannelsTv

<https://www.channelstv.com/2024/05/21/the-us-made-helicopter-in-iran-presidents-crash/>

2. Obama administration prevented FBI from arresting 'known terrorists' and others linked to Iran during nuclear deal negotiations, GOP senators say

The administration of former US President Obama (2013–2017) did not allow the FBI to arrest individuals funding the Iranian nuclear program. It is known that this happened in 2015 during negotiations on the conclusion of a nuclear agreement. The nuclear deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), was signed in 2015 between Iran and the group of countries known as 5+1. US, Russian Federation, China, UK, France and Germany). In May 2018, former US President Trump had announced his withdrawal from the nuclear deal. Negotiations to reinstate the JCPOA began in Vienna in spring 2021, but were unsuccessful.

Source: New York Post

<https://nypost.com/2024/05/22/us-news/obama-state-department-blocked-fbi-from-arresting-supporters-of-iran-nuclear-program-in-us-emails/>

3. Listing of Ansar Allah as a terrorist organisation

Australia has declared Yemen's Houthis Ansar Allah a terrorist organization. This was reported by the Australian National Security Agency. From May 24, 2024, the Houthis will be subject to sanctions including the freeze of assets belonging to the organization and its leaders, as well as a ban on entry into Australia.

Source: Attorney-General's Department

<https://ministers.ag.gov.au/media-centre/listing-ansar-allah-terrorist-organisation-23-05-2024>

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4. Brazil and China Present Roadmap to End the Ukrainian Conflict

The governments of Brazil and China presented a road map to end the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, following a meeting between Wang Yi, Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China, and Celso Amorim, Special Advisor to the Brazilian Presidency and former Foreign Minister.

Source: teleSUR

<https://www.telesurenglish.net/news/Brazil-and-China-Present-Roadmap-to-End-the-Ukrainian-Conflict-20240524-0008.html>

5. Haiti national police to head much-awaited UN-backed security mission set to launch by end of May, says transition council

Haiti's police face heavily armed gangs, deteriorating humanitarian conditions, and a shortage of equipment and infrastructure. Nearly 80 police officers were killed in action, killed in accidents or went missing last year, according to a union report.

Source: **FirstPost**

<https://www.firstpost.com/world/haiti-national-police-to-head-much-awaited-un-backed-security-mission-set-to-launch-by-end-of-may-says-transition-council-13773614.html>

6. Letter to President Noboa on “internal armed conflict” and human rights violations in Ecuador

Ecuadorian President Daniel Noboa has ordered the Armed Forces to maintain permanent control over weapons, ammunition, explosives and accessories on authorized routes, roads, highways and corridors to enter the country's prisons.

Source: **Human Rights Watch**

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2024/05/22/letter-president-noboa-internal-armed-conflict-and-human-rights-violations-ecuador>

7. Crown Prince and Macron underscore need to intensify efforts to end war in Gaza

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and French President Emmanuel Macron discussed regional and international issues, including the latest developments in the Gaza Strip. Bin Salman and Macron discussed ways to develop existing cooperation in a number of areas and issues of common importance to bilateral relations in the telephone conversation.

Source: **Saudi Gazette**

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/643041/SAUDI-ARABIA/Crown-Prince-and-Macron-underscore-need-to-intensify-efforts-to-end-war-in-Gaza>

8. Ukraine’s military intelligence directly involved in Crocus attack — FSB head

FSB Director Alexander Bortnikov said that the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine is directly linked to the terrorist attack on the "Crocus City Hall" on the outskirts of Moscow. More than 20 people involved in the terrorist attack in "Crocus" have already been arrested, Bortnikov said, including accomplices and criminals.

Source: **Russian News Agency**

<https://tass.com/politics/1792659>

9. Pakistani Shipyard KSEW Contracted To Build Bigger, Better Warships Close To Indian Navy's Largest Base

Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works (KSEW) is expanding its capabilities to build larger and more advanced warships. The effort comes as India is building its own naval base, Project Seabird, also known as INS Kabamba. KSEW has begun using the Synchrolift shift lift-and-transfer system ordered in 2017.

Source: The Eurasian Times

<https://www.eurasiantimes.com/jostling-for-space-in-the-indian-ocean/>

10. Plot afoot for new state carved out of Bangladesh, Myanmar

Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has accused the US of plotting to break up the South Asian nation and create a Christian state with parts of Myanmar, Bangladeshi media Bangi News reports.

Source: The Daily Star

<https://www.thedailystar.net/news/bangladesh/news/plot-afoot-new-state-carved-out-bangladesh-myanmar-3617251>