

# Weekly Update

## 1. Opposition Rallies Cry Against Dragging Lebanon to War

*The Lebanese Forces held a conference in which they called for a halt to fighting on the border with Israel, not dragging Lebanon into a larger war, and implementing UN Resolution 1701. The meeting was held at Ma'arab, the headquarters of the Lebanese Forces.*

**Source:** Asharq Al-Awsat

<https://english.aawsat.com/arab-world/4989036-opposition-rallies-cry-against-dragging-lebanon-war>

## 2. Golan Heights and South/West Syria

*Hezbollah is conducting military training for more than 300 of its fighters in the Latakia province in western Syria. The exercises will last for several months, during which the militants will be trained in the use of heavy weapons, missile systems and drones.*

**Source:** International Crisis Group

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/trigger-list/iran-usisrael-trigger-list/flashpoints/golan-heights-and-southwest-syria>

## 3. National Security Advisor Union Minister attends 12th Meeting of High-Ranking Officials on Security Issues in Russia

*What did Myanmar's National Security Advisor Moe Aung discuss during the international security meeting in St. Petersburg?*

*Answer:*

- 1. Serving as joint chairman of the Russian-Myanmar Anti-Terrorism Committee.*
- 2. Cooperation between Russia and ASEAN in the field of security.*
- 3. Humanitarian assistance from ASEAN to Myanmar.*
- 4. Myanmar's status as the coordinator of Russia-ASEAN relations.*
- 5. Myanmar National Security Operations.*
- 6. Status of the five-step process of the State Administrative Council and its current implementation.*

**Source:** The Republic of the Union of Myanmar (Ministry of Information)

<https://www.moi.gov.mm/moi:eng/news/13746>

## 4. The Lonely Life of El Salvador's Opposition

*Nayib Bukele consolidated his overall power in El Salvador by tailoring a Congress to his needs, allowing him to pass reforms without opposition; 54 of the 60 seats are congressmen. Bukele's ally, the National Concerto Party, got two seats and the Christian Democratic Party, which is allied with the president, got one.*

**Source:** Americas Quarterly

<https://americasquarterly.org/article/the-lonely-life-of-el-salvadors-opposition/>

## **5. National Day of the ARA General Belgrano: Honor and Glory to our Heroes**

*Argentina reiterated its stance to recover the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) through "peace, dialogue and diplomacy" on the 42nd anniversary of the sinking of the cruiser ARA General Belgrano, which was attacked by the United Kingdom outside the 200-mile military exclusion zone during the war between the two countries in 1982.*

**Source: Casa Rosada Presidencia**

<https://www.casarosada.gob.ar/international/latest-news/50466-national-day-of-the-ara-general-belgrano-honor-and-glory-to-our-heroes>

## **6. Bahraini militia claims drone attack on Israel**

*For the first time in the current war and for the first time in history, the Shia Bahraini militia Saraya al-Ashtar, backed by the Iranian Quds Force, claimed responsibility for a UAV attack in the Eilat region on April 27. This pro-Iranian militia was created in 2013, and its goal is to overthrow the Bahraini regime (the majority of the population of Bahrain are Shiites, the monarch and the elite that supports him are Sunnis). Unpleasant news for both Bahrain and other Arab Gulf countries, and, of course, for Israel.*

**Source: FDD**

[https://www.fdd.org/analysis/op\\_ed/2024/05/02/bahraini-militia-claims-drone-attack-on-israel/](https://www.fdd.org/analysis/op_ed/2024/05/02/bahraini-militia-claims-drone-attack-on-israel/)

## **7. U.S. Shuffles Military Assets in Middle East After Gulf Pushback**

*The United States began transferring fighter jets and drones from the United Arab Emirates to Qatar, after the emirate said it would not allow attacks on targets in Yemen and Iraq using equipment deployed at the Al Dhafra base near Abu Dhabi.*

**Source: The Wall Street Journal**

<https://www.wsj.com/politics/national-security/u-s-shuffles-military-assets-in-middle-east-after-gulf-pushback-e728e357>

## **8. Aafia Siddiqui's Defense Attorney in Kabul to Gather Evidence**

*This is a Pakistani neuroscientist who was suspected of involvement in the 09/11/2001 terrorist attacks and after mysteriously disappearing in 2003, she was arrested by the United States in Afghanistan in 2008 on charges of transporting explosives. She was sentenced to 86 years in prison for allegedly attacking investigators, which many doubted. Now her lawyer, Clive Stafford Smith, has reached Kabul to collect evidence.*

**Source: ToLo News**

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-188605#:~:text=A%20defense%20lawyer%20for%20Aafia,gather%20evidence%20for%20Siddiqui's%20case.>

**9. Russia is violating UN limits on petroleum shipments to North Korea, the White House says**

*White House National Security and Public Relations Advisor John Kirby accused Russia of supplying petroleum products to the DPRK in quantities exceeding the limits set by UN Security Council resolutions and thus violating international sanctions against the DPRK.*

**Source: AP News**

<https://apnews.com/article/us-russia-north-korea-united-nations-petroleum-6e674af988fa65d0661704f075047eed>

**10. S. Korea to Join US-led Multinational Cyber Exercise**

*South Korea's Cyber Operations Command will take part in Cyber Flag, a multilateral cybersecurity exercise held under US auspices in the US state of Virginia this week. This year, 18 states are taking part in the training, including members of the Five Eyes intelligence alliance (USA, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, UK).*

**Source: KBS WORLD Radio**

[https://world.kbs.co.kr/service/news\\_view.htm?lang=e&Seq\\_Code=185278](https://world.kbs.co.kr/service/news_view.htm?lang=e&Seq_Code=185278)