

Weekly Update

1. Authorities apprehend alleged IS sympathizer at the airport.

It is noteworthy that the man is a citizen of Morocco and has citizenship of Germany and Poland. It is noteworthy that the suspect is under investigation for supporting ISIS. According to law enforcement, in September 2023 he transferred \$1,700 to terrorists from the group's branch in Afghanistan.

Source: ASB zeitung

<https://aussiedlerbote.de/en/authorities-apprehend-alleged-is-sympathizer-at-the-airport/>

2. Taliban's Welcoming Embrace of Al-Qaeda: The Godfather of Terrorists Enter the Arena

Al-Qaeda published a newspaper calling for people to move to Afghanistan to prepare for attacks on Israel and the West. The author of this material was Saif al-Adl, also known as Salim al-Sharif. He is believed to have taken over as the group's leader after the liquidation of Ayman al-Zawahiri. Al-Adl said that jihadists from around the world should come to Afghanistan to learn from the Taliban in order to achieve their goals.

Source: Hasht e Subh Daily

<https://8am.media/eng/talibans-welcoming-embrace-of-al-qaeda-the-godfather-of-terrorists-enter-the-arena/>

3. Joint meetings and coordination between the "Islamic State" organization and the Lebanese "Hezbollah" to strike the areas of the American forces and the SDF east of the Euphrates.

On April 14, a secret meeting took place between Hezbollah leader Nasrallah and senior ISIS member Abu al-Baraa, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported. According to the source, the meeting took place in an ISIS tunnel, where pro-Iran groups store their weapons and hold secret meetings. Ways to destabilize areas under the influence of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) were discussed.

Source: syria hr

[https://www.syriahr.com/\[717601/إلى-الواجهة-من-جديد-اجتماعات-وتنسيق-مش-717601](https://www.syriahr.com/[717601/إلى-الواجهة-من-جديد-اجتماعات-وتنسيق-مش-717601)

4. Yemen's Houthi rebels claim latest attack on cargo ship in Gulf of Aden

US intelligence reports: The US and its allies have failed to prevent Houthi attacks in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, harming the interests of more than 65 countries, while 29 major shipping and energy companies have rerouted their vessels.

Source: Voice of America

<https://www.voanews.com/a/yemen-s-houthi-rebels-claim-latest-attack-on-cargo-ship-in-gulf-of-aden/7649384.html>

5. What's behind Saudi ambassador's visit to Iraq holy Shiite cities?

These developments have led the Saudis to the conclusion that confrontational policies with the Shiites of Iraq have been a reason for them to rely on Tehran as the only strategic ally and for this reason they should review this policy and develop relations with the Shiites regardless of the religious aspect. And by emphasizing the religious, and the element of Arabism and nationalism, it can reduce the Shiites' dependence on Tehran.

Source: AhlulBayt News Agency

<https://en.abna24.com/story/1465495#:~:text=Al%2DShammari%20went%20to%20Karbala,relations%20betwe en%20the%20two%20countries.>

6. Argentine journalists sign statement to demand respect for freedom of expression in face of Milei's policies

Protests by members of the media in Argentina: the darkest era for freedom of expression. By protesting the anti-freedom actions of the government of Javier Milli, which closed some domestic media and limited the activities of some foreign news media such as Telesur, the media in Argentina called the current era the darkest era for freedom of expression in the last forty years (the period of restoration of democracy after the military dictatorship). In addition to political problems, members of the media are also struggling with livelihood problems.

Source: LatAm Journalist Review

<https://latamjournalismreview.org/news/argentine-journalists-sign-statement-to-demand-respect-for-freedom-of-expression-in-face-of-mileis-policies/>

7. G7 Warns Iran Against Giving Russia Ballistic Missiles

In a joint statement following the summit, the G7 countries called on Iran not to transfer ballistic missiles and military technologies to the Russian Federation for use against Ukraine. It is noted that otherwise, the Union will take "new and concrete measures". The countries also warned Tehran against "destabilizing actions" in the Middle East.

Source: Iran International

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202406146731>

8. Saudi crown prince cancels G7 Summit attendance due to Hajj commitments

In his message to Meloni, bin Salman stated the reason for his inability to attend the G-7 summit was the need for his presence to oversee the Hajj season. However, some analysts have interpreted the Saudi Crown Prince's non-participation in the Group of Seven summit as his reluctance to face US President Joe Biden.

Source: Arab News

<https://www.arabnews.com/node/2529476/%7B%7B>

9. Why Pakistan Opts Out of the 'Ukraine Peace Summit'?

Pakistan's decision to pull out of the summit sends a multifaceted signal to the West. Political analyst Dr. Shahid Rashid said that by not clearly aligning with the Western countries' position on the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Pakistan demonstrates its desire to maintain an independent foreign policy that is not influenced by external pressures.

Source: Sputnik

<https://sputniknews.in/20240612/why-pakistan-opts-out-of-the-ukraine-peace-summit-7598699.html>

10. President Joe Biden's son, Hunter Biden, is convicted of all 3 felonies in federal gun trial

Hunter Biden was found guilty of weapons possession charges. The son of the President of the United States faces a maximum sentence of 25 years in prison.

Source: AP news

<https://apnews.com/article/hunter-biden-gun-trial-federal-charges-delaware-5dd8a9380235c6360a1ddb691ef24a06>