

Weekly Update

1. Lavrov: 'Taliban' Will Be Taken Off Terrorist List, Hold 'Real Power'

Foreign Minister Lavrov said that the initiative to remove the Taliban from the list of terrorist organizations reflects objective reality. According to him, the Taliban is the real force in Afghanistan and Russia is not indifferent to this.

Source: **Tolo news**

<https://tolonews.com/afghanistan-189000>

2. US picking a fight with ICC over Israel isn't superpower behaviour. It's embarrassing

US House Speaker Johnson: "We do not place any international body above our sovereignty." The US rejects the very concept of international law; it is for the weak.

Source: **The Print**

<https://theprint.in/opinion/us-picking-a-fight-with-icc-over-israel-isnt-superpower-behaviour-its-embarrassing/2109702/>

3. Peru's president accused of bribery in 'Rolexgate' scandal

Peru's Attorney General's Office has sent a constitutional complaint to Congress against the country's President Dina Boluarte. She is accused of bribery. The investigation against Boluarte began after an analysis of her photographs revealed that the president was wearing 14 expensive watches.

Source: **Times of Malta**

<https://timesofmalta.com/article/peru-president-accused-bribery-rolexgate-scandal.1093115>

4. Biden Administration Presses Allies Not to Confront Iran on Nuclear Program

According to a report by the Wall Street Journal, Iran is moving rapidly towards building a nuclear bomb. President Biden is trying to hide that Tehran is getting close to it. Because Biden does not want to spread unrest in the election year.

Source: **Wall Street Journal**

<https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/u-s-opposes-european-plan-to-censure-iran-over-nuclear-work-85ad7fc6>

5. Italy rules out sending troops to Ukraine, use of its weapons to strike inside Russia

Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani has said that Italy's constitution prohibits Italian weapons supplied to Ukraine from being used on Russian territory.

Source: **Anadolu Ajansi**

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/europe/italy-rules-out-sending-troops-to-ukraine-use-of-its-weapons-to-strike-inside-russia/3236163>

6. Mexico files a declaration of intervention in the proceedings under Article 63 of the Statute

The Mexican government submitted a petition to the International Court of Justice to intervene in the case related to the implementation of measures of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide in the Gaza Strip. This document states that the country of Mexico used Article 63 of the Constitution of this organization.

Source: International Court of Justice

<https://www.icj-cij.org/node/204114>

7. Ecuador Police Say Gang Leader Implicated in Killing of Prosecutor Arrested in Panama

Ecuadorian police said the leader of a major gang from the South American country has been arrested in Panama, accused of, among other crimes, the murder of a prosecutor in January.

Source: U.S. News & World Report

<https://www.usnews.com/news/world/articles/2024-05-30/ecuador-police-say-gang-leader-implicated-in-killing-of-prosecutor-arrested-in-panama>

8. EU special envoy Holds talks about Afghanistan with Qatari ambassador

Qatar's Foreign Ministry announced the meeting of the Qatar and EU Special Representatives for Afghanistan. Qatar's Foreign Ministry said Faisal bin Abdullah Al-Khanjab met Thomas Nicholson and discussed the situation in Afghanistan and global efforts to achieve peace and stability in the country.

Source: The Khaama Press

<https://www.khaama.com/eu-special-envoy-holds-talks-about-afghanistan-with-qatari-ambassador/>

9. French security services foil 'Islamist-inspired' attack on Olympic football match

Olympics 2024: French intelligence agency DGSI has announced that it has foiled an attack on the football events to be held in Saint-Etienne.

Source: nyTimes

<https://www.nytimes.com/athletic/5532481/2024/05/31/paris-olympics-terrorist-attack-football/>

10. China's Chang'e-6 lands on moon's far side to collect samples

Historic landing of a Chinese space probe on the moon is a key stage in the Russian-Chinese lunar program - Bloomberg. China's Chang'e-6 space probe successfully landed on the moon near the south pole. This is the world's first attempt to collect samples from the far side of the moon and bring them to Earth.

***Source:* The State Council Information Office**

http://english.scio.gov.cn/chinavoices/2024-06/03/content_117230420.htm