

Weekly Update

1. Human Rights Council Hears that the Severity of Violations against Women and Girls in Afghanistan Might Amount to Crimes against Humanity, and that Nearly 18 Million Individuals Face Acute Hunger in Sudan Amidst Looming Famine

UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Richard Bennett said the Taliban is not recognised as a government and should not be treated as a legitimate authority. Bennett and other international observers insist that meetings should be held without instructions from the Taliban and that the views of all stakeholders, including women and civil society representatives, should be taken into account.

Source: United Nations Office of the High Commissioner

<https://www.ohchr.org/en/news/2024/06/human-rights-council-hears-severity-violations-against-women-and-girls-afghanistan>

2. UN Rep & Chinese Ambassador In Kabul Discuss Third Doha Meet

China's Ambassador to Afghanistan, Zhao Xing, reported on his meeting with Marx Potzel, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Afghanistan, where they discussed the upcoming third summit on Afghanistan in Doha.

Source: Afghanistan International

<https://www.afintl.com/en/202406165930>

3. Iran, Russia discuss implementation of Rasht-Astara railway

Iran's Minister of Roads and Urban Development Bazrpash met Russian President's Assistant Levitin in Tehran. Progress was discussed in the implementation of the Rasht-Astara railway project, which will connect the land sections of the International North-South Transport Corridor. The parties emphasized the importance of developing transit, especially expanding it through the territory of Iran.

Source: Iran Chamber of Commerce, Industries, Mines and Agriculture

<https://en.otaghiranonline.ir/news/45558>

4. Why did major Global South countries refuse to sign the Swiss communiqué on Ukraine?

On the eve of the summit, Russian President Vladimir Putin outlined Moscow's peace proposal and urged Ukraine to exit the new Russian regions that have joined the country through popular referendum and abandon Kiev's NATO membership bid in order to enforce a ceasefire.

Source: SPUTNIK

<https://sputnikglobe.com/20240618/why-global-south-countries-refused-to-sign-swiss-summits-ukraine-plan-1119014198.html>

5. On the participation of the State Secretary – Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation E.S. Ivanov in the International Inter-Party Forum ‘World Majority for a Multipolar World’

On June 17-18, United Russia is holding an international inter-party forum in Vladivostok in the format "BRICS and partner countries" - "World majority for a multipolar world". More than 150 representatives of major political forces from 32 countries are taking part in the event.

Source: EL.ru

<https://embassylife.ru/en/post/57339>

6. Moscow-Pyongyang strategic partnership treaty to counterbalance US’ actions — expert
Nuclear-armed North Korea to assist in case of aggression against Russia. The recently signed strategic partnership agreement between Russia and North Korea envisages mutual assistance in case NATO countries attack Russian territories. This comes amid claims by the US and NATO countries to supply high-precision weapon systems and aircraft for attacks against Russia.

Source: Russian News Agency

<https://tass.com/world/1806579>

7. Netanyahu Dissolves Israel’s War Cabinet

France supports ending the war with Hamas to ease tensions on the Israel-Lebanon border. The French negotiating team brokering a deal between Israel and Hezbollah has made it clear to the Israeli side that such an agreement can only come into force after a permanent ceasefire in the Gaza Strip, The Wall Street Journal reported.

Source: The Wall Street Journal

https://www.wsj.com/world/middle-east/netanyahu-dissolves-israel-war-cabinet-eb2d131f?mod=Searchresults_pos1

8. Syrian Officer Martyred in Israeli Aggression

The Syrian army reported that the Israeli Air Force attacked two Syrian army checkpoints with the help of drones in the suburbs of Quneitra and Daraa in the southern part of the country. As a result, one Syrian officer was killed and heavy losses were caused.

Source: Al-Manar TV Lebanon

<https://english.almanar.com.lb/2134805>

9. Hochstein arrives in Beirut, 'Washington is trying to avoid a greater war between Israel and Hezbollah.'

Amos Hochstein has arrived in Lebanon and is currently meeting with Lebanese Army Chief of Staff Joseph Aoun. Hochstein will receive an overview of the general situation in Lebanon and a detailed briefing on the south. After this meeting, he will travel to Ain Altina, where he will meet with President Navia Berri.

Source: L’orient Today

<https://today.lorientlejour.com/article/1417586/after-arriving-in-beirut-hochstein-begins-the-latest-leg-of-his-regional-de-escalation-tour.html>

10. Fact Check Team: US farmers at risk as Mexico delays water deliveries under treaty

Under the 1944 treaty, Mexico was obliged to send 1.75 million cubic meters of water from the Rio Grande to the United States every five years, and the United States was obliged to send 1.5 million cubic meters of water from the Colorado River to Mexico each year.

Source: **nbc24**

<https://nbc24.com/news/nation-world/us-farmers-at-risk-as-mexico-delays-water-deliveries-under-treaty-gallons-colorado-river-drought-río-grande-valley-crops-sugar-mill>