

Weekly Update

1. Iran encourages Gaza war protests in US to stoke outrage and distrust, intelligence chief says

US National Intelligence Director Avril Haines: The Iranian government is involved in organizing demonstrations against the war in Gaza on US soil. This was clear from the beginning, especially since Ayatollah Khamenei began addressing American students. Iran has worked on social networks and has also used its agents very efficiently.

Source: AP news

[https://apnews.com/article/gaza-war-protests-iran-foreign-influence-95e0a161119ed0e060332feda95b4e4f#:~:text=WASHINGTON%20\(AP\)%20%E2%80%94%20The%20Iranian,top%20intelligence%20official%20said%20Tuesday](https://apnews.com/article/gaza-war-protests-iran-foreign-influence-95e0a161119ed0e060332feda95b4e4f#:~:text=WASHINGTON%20(AP)%20%E2%80%94%20The%20Iranian,top%20intelligence%20official%20said%20Tuesday)

2. Taliban don't recognise women on Afghan Olympic team: sport official

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) invited a team of six Afghan athletes, three women and three men, after consulting with the exiled Afghanistan National Olympic Committee (NOC), reports Radio France International (RFI). As for the Taliban, the IOC said it did not consult the organization about the Afghan team and did not invite their representatives to the Olympics.

Source: Radio France International

<https://www.rfi.fr/en/olympic-games/20240708-taliban-don-t-recognise-women-on-afghan-olympic-team-sport-official>

3. US denies holding 'active' nuclear talks with Iran

Iran is negotiating with the US to revive the nuclear deal through Oman. Iran continues to negotiate the lifting of sanctions with the United States through Oman, against the backdrop of the election of reformist President Pezeshkian, who advocates resuming negotiations on the nuclear deal (JCPOA).

Source: Iran International

<https://www.iranintl.com/en/202407111633>

4. Geopolitical Tensions Complicate Proposed Kazakhstan–Turkmenistan–Afghanistan Transit Corridor

In the context of rising geopolitical tensions, the proposed Kazakhstan-Turkmenistan-Afghanistan transit corridor faces serious challenges. Amid strengthening ties between Moscow and New Delhi, both governments have expressed support for the project, which emphasizes the development of north-south trade routes rather than east-west routes.

Source: The JamesTown Foundation

<https://jamestown.org/program/geopolitical-tensions-complicate-proposed-kazakhstan-turkmenistan-afghanistan-transit-corridor/>

5. Lookout Discovers Houthi-Deployed Android Surveillanceware Targeting Middle Eastern Military Forces

US cybersecurity company Lookout has revealed that the Houthis are using surveillance software to monitor military phones across the Middle East, targeting more than 450 IP addresses in Yemen, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Turkey and Qatar.

Source: Lookout

<https://www.lookout.com/news-release/lookout-discovers-houthi-deployed-android-surveillanceware-targeting-middle-eastern-military-forces>

6. The Houthis have opened an “office” in Baghdad and are threatening to attack US bases in Iraq.

For the first time, Yemen's Houthi organization Ansar Allah indirectly announced the existence of its coordination and communication office in Baghdad. This happened against the backdrop of discussions between Iraq and the United States about the process of withdrawal of American troops from the country.

Source: Institute For the Study of War

<https://www.understandingwar.org/background/iran-update-july-9-2024>

7. Negotiations on Bilateral Cooperation in the Field of Logistics of the Armed Forces of Belarus and China

Negotiations are underway in Minsk between the military of Belarus and China on cooperation in the field of logistics support of the armed forces. According to the Belarusian Defense Ministry, a Chinese military delegation from the United Logistics Force of the People's Liberation Army of China is in the Belarusian capital from July 11 to 13.

Source: Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Belarus

<https://www.mil.by/special/en/news/173110/>

8. Poland must prepare army for full-scale conflict, army chief says

Poland has announced preparations for a large-scale conflict and the deployment of several contingents of troops on the border with Belarus. Polish Defense Minister Pawel Bezda said the Polish contingent would be increased to 17,000 soldiers. According to NATO doctrinal documents, the deployment of logistics infrastructure in the proposed operational direction indicates the readiness of the armed forces for an armed conflict.

Source: Reuters

<https://www.reuters.com/world/europe/poland-must-prepare-army-full-scale-conflict-army-chief-says-2024-07-10/>

9. Joint Statement following the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit

Putin and Modi thoroughly examined all issues in Russia-India relations. Relations between Russia and India fully correspond to the term "special privileged partnership". India and Russia have many plans for cooperation, including several deals. Modi will attend the BRICS summit in Kazan. Modi's visit reaffirmed Russia and India's commitment to developing their partnership.

Source: **Ministry of External Affairs**

<https://www.mea.gov.in/bilateral-documents.htm?dtl/37940/Joint+Statement+following+the+22nd+IndiaRussia+Annual+Summit>

10. Trump Rally Shooting Is the Secret Service's Nightmare

Explosive devices were found in the car of the gunman suspected of attempting to assassinate Donald Trump, according to the Wall Street Journal. Authorities found explosive devices in the car of the man accused of attempting to assassinate former President Donald Trump, according to sources close to the investigation. The car, driven by Thomas Matthew Crooks, was parked near Trump's rally in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Source: **The Wall Street Journal**

<https://www.wsj.com/politics/trump-rally-shooting-is-the-secret-services-nightmare-1b35a7d6>