

# Weekly Update

## 1. Interior minister points to attempts to expel Russia from Interpol

*Russian Federation Interior Minister Kolokoltsev said on the occasion of the IV session of the summit of police chiefs of the world organization's member countries that many of Moscow's requests for legal assistance are not being fulfilled, which is contrary to the organization's statutes.*

*Source:* **TASS**

<https://tass.com/politics/1806611>

## 2. Afghanistan's Lithium Treasure: China's Key To EV Dominance

*Afghanistan, which has significant resources of lithium, could play an important role in the future of the global market for this metal. China's strategic moves in Afghanistan highlight the complex relationships between energy security, economic interests and regional power dynamics.*

*Source:* **Eurasia Review**

[https://www.eurasiareview.com/25062024-afghanistans-lithium-treasure-chinas-key-to-ev-dominance-oped/#google\\_vignette](https://www.eurasiareview.com/25062024-afghanistans-lithium-treasure-chinas-key-to-ev-dominance-oped/#google_vignette)

## 3. Iran-affiliated cell reportedly found storing explosives in Jordan's capital

*Jordanian intelligence services have announced the destruction of a large explosives warehouse. During the year, Jordanian authorities repeatedly announced the interception of weapons and explosives smuggled from Syria. This transportation was carried out by Tehran-sponsored terrorists.*

*Source:* **Foundation For Defense of Democracies**

[https://www.fdd.org/analysis/op\\_ed/2024/06/24/iran-affiliated-cell-reportedly-found-storing-explosives-in-jordan-capital/](https://www.fdd.org/analysis/op_ed/2024/06/24/iran-affiliated-cell-reportedly-found-storing-explosives-in-jordan-capital/)

## 4. Does China have favorite in Iran's presidential election?

*China is looking for an Iranian president who will not cause a wider conflict with the United States and Israel. In addition, Beijing wants the next head of state to continue the diplomatic efforts initiated by the late President Raisi to improve relations with Gulf countries.*

*Source:* **AL-MONITOR**

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2024/06/does-china-have-favorite-irans-presidential-election>

## **5. US, Israel to hold 'strategic dialogue' on Iran**

*The US-Israel Strategic Consultative Group (SCG), created under the Obama administration in 2009, is a key forum for US-Israel discussions on Iran's nuclear program. The working group is led by the national security advisers of Israel and the United States. There have been no consultations since March 2023.*

**Source: Cleveland Jewish News**

[https://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/jns/us-israel-to-hold-strategic-dialogue-on-iran/article\\_76b2a359-7de3-59c0-987d-5034647153f3.html](https://www.clevelandjewishnews.com/jns/us-israel-to-hold-strategic-dialogue-on-iran/article_76b2a359-7de3-59c0-987d-5034647153f3.html)

## **6. Kabul warned against proxy use**

*Gul Agha Shirzai, former governor of Kandahar and Nangarhar provinces, said in an interview to The Express Tribune that the current Afghan government should address the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) issue properly. He stressed the need to address the threat posed by this terrorist group.*

**Source: The Express Tribune**

[https://tribune.com.pk/story/2474070/kabul-warned-against-proxy-use#google\\_vignette](https://tribune.com.pk/story/2474070/kabul-warned-against-proxy-use#google_vignette)

## **7. Bolivia's president denies being behind attempted coup and says the general acted 'on his own'**

*Coup d'etat in Bolivia. The presidential palace in La Paz is surrounded by the army. A face-to-face conversation between the country's legitimate president, Luis Arce, and one of the coup commanders has been published.*

**Source: nbc Miami**

<https://www.nbcmiami.com/news/national-international/bolivias-president-denies-being-behind-attempted-coup/3348794/>

## **8. From Prison, Imran Khan says top Pakistani General Betrayed Secret deal to stay out of politics.**

*According to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan, Gen Munir has violated the agreement to remain neutral in politics in exchange for his acceptance as army chief. Munir had allegedly conspired with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Nawaz Sharif to drop corruption charges against him in exchange for cooperation against Khan.*

**Source: The Intercept**

<https://theintercept.com/2024/06/27/imran-khan-pakistan-asim-munir-secret-deal/>

## **9. New negotiations between Yemen's government and Houthis in Muscat**

*A new round of talks between Yemen's internationally recognised government and the Houthis will take place on June 30 in the Oman capital Muscat, reported the Saudi newspaper "Okaz", which is close to the royal court.*

**Source: South24**

<https://south24.net/news/newse.php?nid=4049>

## **10. Chinese FM meets Myanmar's former president**

*The former President of Myanmar was accompanied by Mr. Than Kyaw, Chairman of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Mr. Tin Oo, Chairman of Myanmar-China Friendship Association, Ms. Tan Than Nu, Chairperson of Unu-Domyayi Foundation and other officials.*

**Source: The State Council The People's Republic of China**

[https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202406/30/content\\_WS6680ce66c6d0868f4e8e8b5b.html](https://english.www.gov.cn/news/202406/30/content_WS6680ce66c6d0868f4e8e8b5b.html)