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## ARMENIA

### Source: Turkey proposes holding next meeting in Yerevan or Ankara

Pan Armenian, July 12, 2022

Turkey has offered to hold another normalization meeting with Armenia in Ankara or Yerevan, but so far there has been no response, a diplomatic source in Ankara told RIA Novosti. "If we are talking about the process of normalizing relations between the two countries, it would be logical for the negotiations to take place without the participation of third countries," the source said.

<https://www.panarmenian.net/eng/news/301448/>

### Armenian foundations in Türkiye welcome growing momentum of 'normalization process'

Yenisafak, July 13, 2022

Monday's phone talk between the Turkish president and the Armenian premier on the normalization of ties took the growing optimism to a new level, said the Association of Armenian Foundations in Türkiye (ERVAP). "The anticipated full normalization is the primary goal that requires patience," he said and called on all pro-peace people in both Türkiye and Armenia to support the vision set by the leaders.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/armenian-foundations-in-turkiye-welcome-growing-momentum-of-normalization-process-3648623>

### U.S. "firmly" supports Armenian-Turkish dialogue

Pan Armenian, July 13, 2022

The United States firmly supports the normalization of Armenian-Turkish relations, which will positively affect the

entire region, the State Department has said, according to the Voice of America. According to Washington, the Armenian-Turkish dialogue has the potential to increase regional stability, curb adverse impacts, and lead to greater economic development that is beneficial to all.

<https://www.panarmenian.net/eng/news/301462/>

## AZERBAIJAN

### Azerbaijan-Türkiye relations developing through strategic alliance – Spokesperson

Azernews, July 8, 2022

Azerbaijan-Türkiye relations are unmatched in the world, Spokesperson for Foreign Ministry Leyla Abdullayeva has said, Azernews reports. She noted that ties between Türkiye and Azerbaijan are developing through a strategic alliance.

<https://www.azernews.az/nation/196527.html>

### Azerbaijan's FM expresses confidence in victorious outcome of peacemaking process

Azernews, July 9, 2022

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan Jeyhun Bayramov expressed confidence in the victorious outcome of a peacemaking process [with Armenia], while delivering a speech at a meeting of heads of Azerbaijan's diplomatic missions in Shusha, Trend reports.

<https://www.azernews.az/nation/196612.html>

### Azerbaijan, EU to discuss state of current relations, future priorities

Azernews, July 12, 2022

A meeting of the Azerbaijani-EU Cooperation Council will take place on

July 19 in Brussels, Azernews reports. Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell respectively will lead the delegations at the talks.

<https://www.azernews.az/nation/196657.html>

### **Armenia shells Azerbaijani military positions near state border in liberated Kalbajar**

Azernews, July 14, 2022

The Armenian armed forces have shelled Azerbaijani military positions near the state border in the liberated Kalbajar region, Azernews reports, citing the Defense Ministry. Units of the Azerbaijani army took appropriate retaliatory measures to suppress the opposite side, the report added.

<https://www.azernews.az/nation/196713.html>

### **EU negotiator on Azerbaijani-Armenian peace talks arrives in Baku for “important meetings”**

Azernews, July 15, 2022

European Union (EU) Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia Toivo Klaar has arrived in Baku for “important meetings”, Azernews reports. Klaar has been received by Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev as a part of his visit to Azerbaijan. The meeting is taking place ahead of a possible fresh round of negotiations between Baku and Yerevan, mediated by the EU.

<https://www.azernews.az/nation/196775.html>

## **IRAN**

### **Amir Abdollahian says Iran seeks to reap full economic benefits of JCPOA**

Tehran Times, July 2, 2022

Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir Abdollahian has noted that the negotiations to resurrect the 2015 agreement can bear fruit if Washington behaves realistically and gives Tehran strong assurances that it would be able to fully enjoy the deal's economic provisions. Two days after the completion of the most recent round of negotiations to lift Washington's sanctions against Iran, Amir Abdollahian stated in a tweet that the Islamic Republic will continue its diplomatic efforts with power and rationality. “A realistic approach by the U.S. and attainment of a long-term guarantee over Iran’s full economic benefits from the agreement can bring about a fruitful outcome at the negotiations,” the top diplomat remarked. In addition, he asserted that Iran's top negotiator Ali Bagheri Kani will continue to work in close cooperation with him to lift the sanctions that were reinstated against Tehran following Washington's unilateral withdrawal from the multilateral agreement, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/474297/Amir-Abdollahian-says-Iran-seeks-to-reap-full-economic-benefits>

### **President: No Place for Nukes in Iran’s Defense Doctrine**

Fars News Agency, July 5, 2022

Iranian President Seyed Ebrahim Rayeesi said his country is not in pursuit of

developing a military nuclear capability to defend itself, and further reiterated that nuclear weapons have no room in Tehran's military doctrine. Nuclear weapons have no place in Iran's defense doctrine, Rayeesi said, addressing a ceremony to laud the high-achieving professors and students at Iran University of Science and Technology on Monday. "We have announced this many times," he added. Rayeesi also vowed "no retreat" and "no pause" in the country's scientific progress under his administration, saying, "Once some believed in this country that we should not unveil satellites built by (Iranian) experts to avoid giving the enemy any excuses." "But the situation has changed today, and we will not tie the country's scientific progress to others' frowns or smiles," he added.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010414000430/Presiden-N-Place-fr-Nkes-in-Iran's-Defense-Dcrine>

### **Raisi calls anti-Iran IAEA resolution 'irresponsible'**

Tehran Times, July 5, 2022

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi has once again lambasted the U.S. and the European trio (Britain, France and Germany) for supporting a resolution against Iran at the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency, calling the move "irresponsible". Raisi made the remarks while receiving the credentials of Switzerland's new ambassador to Tehran Nadin Olivier Rey. The U.S. and three European countries' attempts in drafting the resolution against during the course of negotiations to revive the 2015 nuclear deal were irresponsible, contravened the terms of the deal, and reflected their hypocritical behavior. The U.S. and European governments' coercive tactics, according to

President Raisi, have been futile. He urged them to adhere by the spirit and terms of the internationally-endorsed agreement, officially called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action or JCPOA.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/474419/Raisi-calls-anti-Iran-IAEA-resolution-irresponsible>

### **Iran continues consultations with India**

Tehran Times, July 5, 2022

Following up on the consultations between Iran and India, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Political Affairs Ali Bagheri Kani and Indian Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra held a phone call on Tuesday. Pointing to the cultural and civilizational commonalities and the long history of political and economic interactions coupled with frequent visits of high-ranking officials of the two countries, Bagheri Kani and Mohan Kwatra shared the view that the relations between the two countries is unique. During the conversation, the two senior diplomats also discussed the ways to promote cooperation between the two countries, including in the fields of trade, investment, port and transportation. The two also exchanged views on regional cooperation and helping the people of Afghanistan.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/474415/Iran-continues-consultations-with-India>

### **US unveils fresh sanctions on Iranian oil trade network**

Al-Monitor, July 6, 2022

The Biden administration on Wednesday issued a new round of sanctions targeting an international network it says facilitated the sale of hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of Iranian oil and petrochemical

products to East Asia. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement that the State and Treasury departments designated 15 individuals and entities located in Iran, Vietnam, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates and Hong Kong for supporting “Iranian energy trade generating millions of dollars’ worth of illicit revenue.” The sanctions imposed Wednesday are the administration’s latest to target the illicit trade of Iranian oil. Last month, the US blacklisted a network of Iranian petrochemical producers as well as front companies in China and the UAE.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/07/us-unveils-fresh-sanctions-iranian-oil-trade-network#ixzz7ZWPzOHgH>

### **British navy reveals Iranian missiles seized in Gulf of Oman**

Al-Monitor, July 8, 2022

A British warship seized shipments of Iranian cruise and surface-to-air missiles in the Gulf of Oman for the first time earlier this year, the UK Defense Ministry revealed today. The HMS Montrose seized one shipment from smugglers on Jan. 28 and a second on Feb. 25, both in international waters off the coast of Iran. The operations were carried out in the early morning hours after the crew of a Wildcat helicopter assigned to the Montrose spotted speedboats departing the Iranian coast with “suspicious cargo on deck,” according to the UK Defense Ministry. During the February seizure, the Montrose had support from the USS Gridley, an accompanying US Navy destroyer and its MH-60 Seahawk helicopter crew. In both incidents, UK Royal Marines approached and boarded the smugglers’ boats and uncovered “dozens of packages containing advanced weaponry”

that were later determined to be rocket engines for Iranian-made 351 land-attack cruise missiles and a cache of 358 surface-to-air missiles.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/07/british-navy-reveals-iranian-missiles-seized-gulf-oman#ixzz7ZWV335Bb>

### **Iran Holds Naval Drill in Caspian Sea for Second Day**

Fars News Agency, July 9, 2022

The Iranian naval forces held their annual drills dubbed "Sustainable Security" for the second day in the Caspian Sea on Saturday. "The Damavand vessel (destroyer) was built with the most up-to-date technology through the efforts of local experts in order to preserve the territorial integrity of the country in the Caspian region," Commander of Iranian Army's Navy Rear Admiral Shahram Irani said on the sidelines of the 1401 (2022) Sustainable Security naval drills in the Caspian Sea. Regarding the naval drill, he said the level of security will definitely increase significantly if the drill is conducted in cooperation with friendly, neighboring and brotherly countries.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010418000656/Iran-Hlds-Naval-Drill-in-Caspian-Sea-fr-Secnd-Day>

### **Iran: IAEA Notified of Gas Injection into New Cascade of IR-6 Centrifuges**

Fars News Agency, July 10, 2022

Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi responded to media reports about his organization's increased uranium enrichment activities, and stressed that the International Atomic Energy Agency

(IAEA) had been notified of gas injection into a new cascade of IR-6 centrifuge machines. Kamalvandi made the remarks on Sunday after Reuters said the IAEA has reported that Iran has escalated its uranium enrichment further with the use of advanced machines at Fordow plant in a setup that can more easily change between enrichment levels. "The IAEA was informed of injection of gas into a new cascade of IR-6 centrifuges at least two weeks ago. The agency earlier announced this news and international media immediately published hyped reports with specific objectives in mind," the spokesperson said. "Yesterday's move by Iran to harvest 20 percent enriched product [uranium] from the cascade was the final technical part of the previously-announced move that was earlier made public by the IAEA and was recently verified," he noted. Kamalvandi added that the step taken by the AEOI is part of its legal obligations as part of internal planning to launch 1,000 IR-6 centrifuges in six cascades and inject gas into them.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010419000239/Iran-IAEA-Nified-f-Gas-Injecin-in-New-Cascade-f-IR-6-Cenrifges>

### **DM Cites Boosting Combat Capability As Iranian Army's Top Priority**

Fars News Agency, July 11, 2022

Iranian Defense Minister Brigadier General Mohammad Reza Ashtiani on Monday described improving the combat capability of the country's armed forces as the most important priority for his ministry. Ashtiani said enhancing the Iranian armed forces' combat power is of utmost significance as the rivals and enemies are constantly flexing their military muscles. "The battle

scene and the requirements of the armed forces units are constantly changing due to the type of threats, which makes progress in all-out defense, implementing the capacity of scientific and knowledge-based centers, as well as updating defense knowledge within the defense industry doubly significant," the minister added. His remarks come as the United States and Israel plan to build a security alliance with some regional Arab states that would connect their air defense systems to allegedly fight off what they call "threat from Iran".

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010420000562/DM-Cies-Bsing-Cmba-Capabiliy-As-Iranian-Army's-Tp-Pririy>

### **US: Iran aims to send drones to Russia for use in Ukraine**

Al-Monitor, July 11, 2022

Iran is preparing to send armed drones to Russia for use in the Kremlin's war against Ukraine, according to declassified US intelligence revealed by the White House on Monday. "Our information indicates that the Iranian government is preparing to provide Russia with up to several hundred UAVs [drones], including weapons-capable UAVs, on an expedited timeline," US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan told reporters today. Sullivan also said Iran's government has planned to begin training Russian troops as soon as "early July" on how to deploy the weapons. It remains unclear whether Tehran has sent any drones to Russia yet, he noted.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/07/us-iran-aims-send-drones-russia-use-ukraine#ixzz7ZWQL8Jy3>

## **IRGC General: Arab NATO to Fail**

Fars News Agency, July 12, 2022

Deputy Commander of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) for Political Affairs Brigadier General Yadollah Javani said the US plan to form an Israeli-Arab coalition against Iran will prove to be another failed effort similar to past experience. "When the United States and the Zionist regime and Saudi Arabia were at the peak of their power, the coalitions that they built to counter the resistance front and the Islamic Republic had no other result, but failure," Javani said on Monday. "An example is the coalition that the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia formed along with many other countries against the oppressed nation of Yemen. However, they got nothing, but humiliating defeat," the IRGC commander added. General Javani made the remarks in reference to US President Joe Biden's forthcoming visit to Middle East and Washington's plan to build a regional security alliance to fight off what it calls the "threat from Iran".

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010421000115/IRGC-General-Arab-NATO-Fail>

## **Iran issues stark warning as Biden visits region**

Tehran Times, July 12, 2022

As the U.S. president prepares to visit the West Asia region, Iran ramps up warnings of a U.S.-led plan to build a regional air defense system widely seen as being directed against Iran. President Biden's visit will take place on July 13-16. Ahead of the visit, there is a wave of media speculations about a U.S. plan to create a regional air defense system that includes Israel and its onetime archrival Arab states.

The U.S. has officially acknowledged that it is making efforts in that regard. John Kirby, the coordinator for strategic communications at the U.S. National Security Council, has said that the U.S. is in talks with countries in the West Asia region to integrate their air defenses. "Bilaterally we're talking with nations across the region about air defense capabilities specifically and what we can do to assist with their defense and then, exploring the idea of being able to kind of integrate all those air defenses together," Kirby told reporters. With U.S. officials formally talking of a defense structure in the region, Iran moved to warn against this effort because it believes that the U.S.-led defense system will be a threat to its interests.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/474626/Iran-issues-stark-warning-as-Biden-visits-region>

## **Iran, Russia Seeking Further Increase Cooperation in Nuclear Industry**

Fars News Agency, July 13, 2022

During the meeting between Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Chief Mohammad Eslami and Deputy Rosatom State Corporation for Atomic Energy of Russian Federation Nikolai Spassky in Tehran on Tuesday, the two sides discussed ways to expand bilateral peaceful nuclear cooperation. In the meeting, Eslami invited his Russian counterpart Alexey Likhachev to visit Tehran in the current year. During the talks, Iranian and Russian delegations, headed by AEOI Spokesman Behrouz Kamalvandi and Spassky, discussed the development of bilateral relations in various nuclear fields. Rosatom had participated in the construction of the first nuclear power plant in Bushehr and now is

also participating in construction of second and third units of the nuclear power plants.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010422000199/Iran-Russia-Seeking-Further-Increase-Operational-in-Nuclear-Industry>

### **Iran won't back down on JCPOA positions: president**

Tehran Times, July 13, 2022

President Ayatollah Seyed Ebrahim Raisi has underlined that Iran will not step back from its rightful position regarding the 2015 nuclear deal. Speaking in the cabinet meeting on Wednesday in response to the recent claims of the Americans regarding the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), President Raisi said, "The Americans have said that Iran should return to the JCPOA, while the Islamic Republic of Iran has never withdrawn from the JCPOA and it was America who violated the JCPOA." He added, "Today, it is a question not only for the Europeans, who are allies of the Americans in the negotiations, but also for all the nations around the world that why the United States did not adhere to its commitments under the JCPOA and withdrew from it." Referring to the unjust U.S. sanctions against the Iranian nation, Ayatollah Raisi said, "Americans have repeatedly said that the pressure they imposed on the Iranian nation was unprecedented and maximum, but the spokesperson of the U.S. Department of State officially announced that these pressures did not work at all and failed miserably."

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/474669/Iran-won-t-back-down-on-JCPOA-positions-president>

## **ISRAEL**

### **How is the IDF practicing multidimensional warfare**

The Jerusalem Post, July 1, 2022

Israel's new 99th Division trains for war and learns from new technology how to overcome challenges of the past. Israel is going through a revolution in military affairs. For decades Israel fought conventional wars against large countries, such as Egypt, Jordan and Syria. The goal is to push intelligence to frontline units and streamline the "sensor to shooter" loop, meaning that soldiers should be able to identify threats faster and neutralize them with a variety of means.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-710867>

### **Israel: Military had advance intelligence on Hezbollah drone launch**

I24, July 3, 2022

The Israel Defense Forces had advance intelligence on Saturday's launch by Hezbollah of three unarmed drones over the Karish gas field off the Mediterranean coast, it was learned on Sunday. The spokesman said that Israel's sovereignty was not violated during the incident, stressing that the drones were shot down over Lebanese territorial waters recognized by the United Nations.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/1656855996-israel-military-had-advance-intelligence-on-hezbollah-drone-launch>



### **Israel sends observers to military drills in Morocco**

I24, July 3, 2022

Israel's Defense Ministry announced on Saturday that three military observers took part in exercises in Morocco this week. The ministry described the move as a sign of warming relations between the two countries, according to Reuters. It was the first time that Israeli military observers participated in a drill in Morocco.

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/1656828228-israel-sends-observers-to-military-drills-in-morocco>

### **Lapid in Paris: Important to present 'united stance' on Iran deal**

The Jerusalem Post, July 5, 2022

It is important for the international community to hear Israel's opinion on the Iran nuclear deal, Prime Minister Yair Lapid said on Tuesday morning, ahead of his flight to Paris where he will meet with French President Emmanuel Macron. "We are presenting a united stance before the international community," he said, regarding Israel's opposition to the nuclear deal.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-711216>

### **After Lebanese paper report, IDF confirms another Hezbollah drone downed last week**

The Times of Israel, July 6, 2022

The Israel Defense Forces announced Wednesday that it successfully downed a drone launched by the Hezbollah terror group heading for Israeli assets at sea a week ago; hours after Lebanese media disclosed the incident. The military said the

UAV taken down last Wednesday was intercepted "at a great distance from the maritime border" within Lebanon's exclusive economic zone.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/after-lebanese-paper-report-idf-confirms-another-hezbollah-drone-downed-last-week/>

### **Israel, Turkey sign updated aviation agreement as bilateral ties continue to improve**

The Times of Israel, July 7, 2022

Israel and Turkey signed an outline of a civilian aviation agreement on Thursday, set to replace the current accord dating back to 1951. Prime Minister Yair Lapid, who is still serving as foreign minister as well, and Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu agreed last month to work toward the new agreement in their recent meetings in Jerusalem and in Ankara as the two countries continue to move steadily toward restoring full diplomatic relations.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-turkey-sign-updated-aviation-agreement-as-bilateral-ties-continue-to-improve/>

### **Israel has given up on harming Iran's uranium enrichment — report**

The Times of Israel, July 9, 2022

Israel has largely given up on further harming Iran's uranium enrichment capabilities, Channel 12 news reported Saturday. "Iran already has enough enriched uranium [for one or more bombs]," the network said without citing a source. The network assessed that this was the reason for alleged Israeli attacks against other factors related to Iran's nuclear programs, such as assassinations of scientists and strikes on missile

development bases, and a focus on Iran's weaponization program — the capacity to mount a bomb onto a missile.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-has-given-up-on-harming-irans-uranium-enrichment-report/>

### **Report: IDF officials, government at odds over maritime talks with Lebanon**

The Times of Israel, July 9, 2022

Israeli military officials are in favor of halting negotiations with Lebanon over a maritime border dispute, Channel 12 news reported Saturday. The unsourced report said the Israel Defense Forces recommended freezing negotiations following attempts by the Hezbollah terror group to launch drones at the Karish gas field, which sits in a maritime area that both Lebanon and Israel claim as their own.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/report-idf-officials-government-at-odds-over-maritime-talks-with-lebanon/>

### **Here's what to expect from virtual summit of US, Israel, India and the UAE**

The Jerusalem Post, July 10, 2022

US President Joe Biden is expected to visit Israel later this week for the first time since taking office in January 2021. On Thursday, he will participate in a virtual summit called I2U2, which will include the leaders of Israel, India, the US and the UAE. According to an Israeli source, the idea behind the forum is to build on the Abraham Accords to expand regional partnerships beyond the Middle East, specifically on energy, tech and economic issues.

<https://www.jpost.com/israeli-news/article-711711>

### **Lapid, Erdogan talk as rapprochement continues**

The Jerusalem Post, July 10, 2022

Prime Minister Yair Lapid and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan spoke on the phone on Sunday, as relations between Jerusalem and Ankara continued to improve. The prime minister also thanked Erdogan for Turkey's cooperation in thwarting Iranian terrorist plots against Israeli tourists in Istanbul last month.

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-711709>

### **'This is Biden's last chance to stop Iran from getting the bomb' – Steinitz**

The Jerusalem Post, July 10, 2022

US President Joe Biden should use his visit to the region this week to ensure that Iran knows there is a credible US military threat if it continues advancing its nuclear program, Likud MK Yuval Steinitz said on Sunday. "The whole visit is only worthwhile if it gets one result: A US military threat to Iran," Steinitz said. "That is what we have been missing in the past year, which allowed Iran, for the first time, to race to the bomb."

<https://www.jpost.com/israeli-news/article-711700>

### **Biden Unlikely to Announce Regional Defense Pact During Mideast Visit, Israeli Sources Say**

Hareetz, July 10, 2022

Despite hopes that U.S. President Joe Biden's visit to Israel and the Gulf this week will yield a defense pact between Israel and Arab states in the region, the likelihood of such an agreement being announced at this time is low, Israeli sources said.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israeli-news/2022-07-10/ty->

[article/.premium/biden-unlikely-to-announce-regional-defense-pact-during-israel-visit-sources-say/00000181-e985-da89-addd-ebdd2d440000](https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-07-10/ty-article/.premium/biden-unlikely-to-announce-regional-defense-pact-during-israel-visit-sources-say/00000181-e985-da89-addd-ebdd2d440000)

### **Ahead of Biden Visit, Israeli PM Calls for Ties With More Mideast Countries, New Gaza Policy**

Hareetz, July 10, 2022

Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid on Sunday called on other Middle Eastern countries to build ties with Israel, ahead of U.S. President Joe Biden's visit to the region this week. Building relations with Israel would change history 'for our children,' said Prime Minister Yair Lapid. In a separate speech, he said Israel has 'to find a better option' on the Gaza Strip.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-07-10/ty-article/.premium/ahead-of-biden-visit-lapid-calls-on-mideast-countries-to-normalize-ties/00000181-e746-d0fa-afb5-efd78e380000>

### **Lapid, Jordan's King Abdullah discuss ties, upcoming Biden trip in phone call**

The Times of Israel, July 10, 2022

Prime Minister Yair Lapid spoke by phone with Jordan's King Abdullah II on Saturday night, his office announced, to discuss the need for increased cooperation between the two countries and the upcoming trip to the region this week of US President Joe Biden. During their call, the two "discussed the need to strengthen and deepen cooperation and relations between Israel and Jordan" as well as Biden's upcoming visit and "regional challenges and opportunities," Lapid's office said.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/lapid-jordans-king-abdullah-discuss-ties-upcoming-biden-trip-in-phone-call/>

### **What Biden's visit means for the prospect of reviving Iran deal - analysis**

The Jerusalem Post, July 11, 2022

There is one issue connecting US President Joe Biden's visit to Israel with his participation at the I2U2 forum (with Israel, the UAE and India) and his visit to Riyadh, which will include a GCC summit of the Gulf countries. This issue is Iran. "Except for Saudi Arabia, Iran will be the main topic of this visit for Israel," said a diplomatic source. "Israel will make it clear that there's no point in returning to the deal and that time is running out: Now the time is to get back to the Security Council and to snap back sanctions."

<https://www.jpost.com/israeli-news/article-711810>

### **Israel to update Biden on progress toward regional anti-Iran military alliance**

The Times of Israel, July 11, 2022

Defense Minister Benny Gantz said Monday that Israel would bring Joe Biden up to speed on progress toward building a regional military alliance against Iran during the US president's visit this week. Gantz had recently spoken of US-led efforts to establish a regional air defense pact between Israel and its Arab allies in the region, against the threat of Iranian drones and missiles. The countries in such an alliance would reportedly include United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Jordan, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-to-update-biden-on-progress-toward-regional-anti-iran-military-alliance/>

### **Israel, US to declare 'strategic partnership' during Biden visit**

The Jerusalem post, July 12, 2022

The Jerusalem Declaration of the US-Israel Strategic Partnership will be a centerpiece of US President Joe Biden's visit to Israel on Wednesday through Friday. The agreement includes a joint stance against Iran's nuclear program and regional aggression, with both countries saying they will use "all elements of national power" to ensure Iran never attains a nuclear weapon.

<https://www.jpost.com/israeli-news/article-711901>

### **Rafael unveils new 5th-generation 'Ice Breaker' missile**

The Jerusalem post, July 12, 2022

Rafael Advanced Defense Systems has unveiled a new 5th generation air-launched long-range attack weapon system that can be launched against a variety of targets up to 300 kilometers away. Called "Ice Breaker" the missile is an "aerial force multiplier, designed to overcome the modern warfare arena challenges," Rafael said in a statement. The system, which "provides surgical, pinpoint precision strike capabilities from standoff ranges" is "resilient to electronic countermeasures and is fully operational in GNSS-denied arenas."

<https://www.jpost.com/israeli-news/article-711879>

### **Here are the top 4 security priorities Israel will discuss with Biden**

The Jerusalem post, July 12, 2022

It's not every day that the president of the United States visits Israel. And while the visit might only last less than an hour for

the defense establishment, they plan to use every moment of it to push their top priorities. Missile Defense (Iron Beam, MEAD), Iran and proxies across the Middle East, Acquiring new planes and helicopters and MOU.

<https://www.jpost.com/israeli-news/article-711876>

### **In Israel, Biden to Commit 'Iran Will Never Get Nuclear Weapons'**

Haaretz, July 12, 2022

In a joint statement with PM Lapid, Biden will also pledge to ensure Israel's security and 'maintain and strengthen its ability to deter its enemies'. Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid and U.S. President Joe Biden will release a joint statement on Thursday describing the strategic partnership between the United States and Israel and the U.S. commitment to prevent Iran from achieving nuclear weapons.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-07-12/ty-article/.premium/in-israel-biden-to-commit-iran-will-never-get-nuclear-weapons/00000181-f364-daef-a79b-f7f688a20000>

### **US President Biden holds security briefing, tours missile defense system**

The Jerusalem post, July 13, 2022

US President Joe Biden was presented with Israel's latest missile defense system, the "Iron Beam" laser system during the start of his visit in Israel and Saudi Arabia this week. During the briefing, Biden was shown a video of the capabilities of Israel's air defense systems.

<https://www.jpost.com/israeli-news/article-712036>

### **Lapid to Biden: Global coalition needed to stop Iran's nuclear program**

The Jerusalem post, July 13, 2022

The United States needs to help unite the world into a global coalition to stop Iran's continued pursuit of a nuclear weapon, Prime Minister Yair Lapid told US President Joe Biden after his arrival in Israel on Wednesday. "This is a historic visit and a deeply personal one," said Lapid. "[It] expresses unbreakable bond between our countries commitment to shared values democracy freedom right of Jewish people to a state.

<https://www.jpost.com/israeli-news/article-712000>

### **US, Israel establish tech dialogue ahead of Biden visit**

The Jerusalem post, July 13, 2022

Israel and the US established a strategic partnership in advanced technology, the countries announced while US President Joe Biden was en route to Israel on Wednesday. Prime Minister Yair Lapid said that the Strategic High-Level Dialogue on Technology "puts Israel at the forefront of global innovation and solidifies its status as a leading technological power."

<https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-711976>

### **Israel Offers to Provide UAE Air Defense Aid, Report Says**

Haaretz, July 13, 2022

Israel has offered to provide direct air defense assistance to the UAE after the country faced a series of missile strikes by Iran-backed Houthi militants in Yemen, the Wall Street Journal reported on Tuesday. Israel has also agreed to provide Bahrain with drones and anti-drone systems, the

WSJ cited a senior Bahraini official as saying

<https://www.haaretz.com/middle-east-news/2022-07-13/ty-article/.premium/israel-offers-to-provide-uae-air-defense-aid-report-says/00000181-f3e8-d005-a385-fbfb335b0000>

### **US would use force against Iran 'as last resort,' Biden tells Israeli TV**

The Times of Israel, July 13, 2022

US President Joe Biden told Israel's Channel 12 news that he would use force against Iran as a "last resort" to prevent it from obtaining nuclear weapons, but stressed his preference to negotiate with the Iranians instead. Asked if the US would use force to stop Iran's nuclear program, Biden replied "as a last resort, yes."

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-would-use-force-against-iran-as-last-resort-biden-tells-israeli-tv/>

### **Israel to laser in on Iranian drone threat as Biden visits**

I24, July 13, 2022

As concerns mount over drone warfare, Israel hopes the new 'Iron Beam' system will secure its skies. Moments after US President Joe Biden touches down in Tel Aviv on Wednesday, the Israeli military will show him new hardware it says is essential to confronting Iran: anti-drone lasers. While Israel has long been known for its efforts to thwart Tehran's nuclear ambitions, Israeli officials have increasingly been sounding the alarm over Iran's fleet of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

<https://www.i24news.tv/en/news/israel/defense/1657685751-israel-to-laser-in-on-iranian-drone-threat-as-biden-visits>

## **Biden Commits to Two-state Solution Based on 1967 Borders for First Time as President**

Haaretz, July 15, 2022

U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday publicly committed to a two-state solution based on 1967 borders with mutually agreed land swaps — a return to the Obama administration's positions after Donald Trump all but abandoned these principles.

<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/2022-07-15/ty-article/.premium/biden-commits-to-two-state-solution-based-on-1967-borders-for-first-time-as-president/00000182-019e-db48-aff6-c99e48f40000>

## **US to remove Red Sea island observer force, advancing steps toward Saudi-Israel ties**

The Times of Israel, July 15, 2022

US President Joe Biden on Friday announced the planned withdrawal of a multinational observer force that has secured a pair of Red Sea islands for over forty years. This will allow their transfer from Egypt to Saudi Arabia in a US-brokered agreement that includes steps by Riyadh toward normalizing ties with Israel.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-to-remove-red-sea-island-observer-force-advancing-steps-toward-saudi-israel-ties/>

## **IRAQ**

### **Iraqi air force bombs terrorists' hideouts in Hamrin Mountains**

Iraqi News Agency, July 5, 2022

The Security Media Cell (SMC) announced on Tuesday, that the Iraqi Air Force

targeted terrorist hideouts in Hamrin Mountains. "According to an accurate information from the Iraqi National Intelligence Service in coordination with the targeting cell of the Joint Operations Command, the Iraqi Air Force, through Iraqi F-16 aircraft, carried out two air strikes, targeting a hideout for terrorists and two caves in Hamrin mountains, " SMC said in a statement , received by The Iraqi News Agency(INA). A force from Kirkuk Counter- Terrorism Regiment went out to search the targeted area, the statement added.

<https://ina.iq/eng/20502-iraqi-air-force-bombs-terrorists-hideouts-in-hamrin-mountains.html>

### **Baghdad, Washington discuss cooperation and coordination in the security field**

Iraqi News Agency, July 6, 2022

Interior Minister Othma Al-Ghanimi and US Ambassador Alina Romanovsky discussed, on Wednesday, cooperation and coordination in the security field. The Ministry of Interior said in a statement received by the Iraqi News Agency (INA),"Interior Minister Othman Al-Ghanimi met, today, Wednesday, with the American ambassador to Iraq, Alina Romanovsky," noting that "Al-Ghanimi welcomed his guest, and discussed with her a number of issues of mutual interest." Al-Ghanimi stressed "the agreements to combat terrorism and organized crime, including combating drugs and psychotropic substances."

<https://ina.iq/eng/20529-baghdad-washington-discuss-cooperation-and-coordination-in-the-security-field.html>

### **Al-Kadhimi meets with security and military commanders in Nineveh**

Iraqi News Agency, July 9, 2022

Prime Minister, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Mustafa Al- Kadhimi, chaired a meeting with security and military leaders in Nineveh Governorate where he arrived this morning on an inspection visit. The media office of the Prime Minister said in a statement received by the Iraqi News Agency (INA), that " Al-Kadhimi, chaired a meeting that included security and military commanders in Nineveh Governorate, which he arrived this morning on an inspection visit," noting that "The meeting was attended by the Chief of Staff of the Army and the head of the Counter-Terrorism Service." During the meeting, they discussed the security reality in the governorate, five years after its liberation from the terrorist Daesh, and ways to implement security plans and mechanisms to enhance integration in the work of the security and military services.

<https://ina.iq/eng/20582-al-kadhimi-meets-with-security-and-military-commanders-in-nineveh.html>

### **Pentagon: ISIS leader eliminated by an airstrike in Syria**

Iraqi News Agency, July 12, 2022

The US Department of Defense (Pentagon) announced the killing of the leader of the ISIS terrorist gangs in Syria. "The leader of ISIS in Syria, Maher Al-Aqal, was killed in an air strike via a drone in Syria," the ministry said in a statement. "Removing ISIS leaders will disrupt the group's ability to carry out global attacks," the ministry added.

<https://ina.iq/eng/20646-pentagon-isis-leader-eliminated-by-an-airstrike-in-syria.html>

### **Air Force: We are able to support the security units and secure the borders**

Iraqi News Agency, July 12, 2022

The Commander of the Air Force, Lieutenant-General Shihab Jahid, confirmed that the Iraqi air fleet is sufficient to accomplish its basic tasks and support security forces and secure the borders, while pointing out the need for advanced equipment in order to detect violations at the Iraqi borders. Lieutenant-General Jahid told the Iraqi News Agency (INA), that "the number of the Iraqi air fleet is sufficient in terms of combat aircraft, reconnaissance and transport missions, and the air force has enough to accomplish the main task, which is to protect the land, water, and sky of Iraq," stressing that "the Iraqi air force is able to Supporting security forces and ensuring adequate protection for Iraq's borders." He added, "There are common challenges between the air force and air defense," noting that "in all countries of the world and all air defense systems, there must be the right factors and infrastructure to secure the protection of the homeland."

<https://ina.iq/eng/20651-air-force-we-are-able-to-support-the-security-units-and-secure-the-borders.html>

## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **Saudi foreign minister, EU's Borrell discuss Iran nuclear program**

Saudi Gazette, July 8, 2022

Saudi Arabia's Foreign Minister Prince Faisal Bin Farhan has met on Friday with High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell, on the sidelines of the G20 foreign ministers meeting in Bali. During the meeting, they reviewed relations between Saudi Arabia and the European

Union and ways to enhance and support them in all areas of cooperation and joint coordination. The two sides also exchanged views about the Iranian nuclear program and the international negotiations in this regard.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/622736/SAUDI-ARABIA/Saudi-foreign-minister-EUs-Borrell-discuss-Iran-nuclear-program>

## SYRIA

### **Russian Ministry of Defense registers three terrorist attacks in de-escalation zone**

Syrian Arab News Agency, July 4, 2022

Three terrorist attacks by “Jabhat al-Nusra” terrorist organization have been registered, during the past hours, in the de-escalation zone in Idleb against the safe neighboring areas, according to Russian Defense Ministry. Over the 24 past hours, three attacks have been recorded in Idleb de-escalation zone by “Jabhat al-Nusra” terrorist organization, two of which was on Aleppo province and another one on Lattakia, Deputy Chief of Hmeimim-based Russian Coordination Center, Yevgeny Gerasimov, said in a press statement on Monday. The Russian Ministry said that during the past weeks, activities and movements of terrorist organizations linked with Turkish regime in Idleb vicinity have been escalated following Turkey’s announcement on its intention to start a new act of aggression on Syrian territory.

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=276990>

### **Russia strongly condemns Israeli aggression on Tartous Province**

Syrian Arab News Agency, July 5, 2022

Russia strongly condemned the recent Israeli aggression on the vicinity of Tartous Province, describing the Israeli aggression

as “unacceptable.” “We strongly condemn such irresponsible acts that violate Syria’s sovereignty and international law, and we demand their unconditional cessation,” Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a statement on Monday. Zakharova stressed that the ongoing Israeli aggression on Syrian lands is “totally unacceptable”. Two civilians were injured and some material losses occurred as a result of the Israeli aggression last Saturday on the vicinity of the town of Hamidiya, south of Tartous.

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=277049>

### **Peskov: Russian Army presence in Syria was upon legitimate request by its government**

Syrian Arab News Agency, July 5, 2022

Russian presidential spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, said that the Russian army exists in Syria upon legitimate request by the Syrian government, unlike the illegitimate presence of the US occupation forces there. “The Russian military is present in Syria at an invitation of the Syrian leadership, in full compliance with international law, whereas the Americans don’t have such an invitation,” RIA Novosti news agency quoted Peskov as saying in a press statement today. As for tension between the Russian and US troops in Syria, Peskov said “it is appropriate to find out about this from the military experts of the Russian Defense Ministry.”

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=277128>

### **Attia: What Syria has been exposed to within OPCW raises questions about the latter’s ability to carry out its tasks**

Syrian Arab News Agency, July 6, 2022

Ambassador Milad Attia, Permanent representative of the Syrian Arab Republic



to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), has affirmed that what Syria has been subjected to during the past years within the organization raises serious questions about the organization's ability to carry out its mandate under the Chemical Weapons Convention, as it is being used as a tool to implement the political agendas of some Western states against state parties to the convention. Attia's remarks came in a statement delivered during the opening of the 100th session of the Executive OPCW Council The Hague yesterday. He added "Unfortunately, since 2018, the OPCW, the body charged with implementing the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention, has been used as a tool to implement the political agendas of some Western countries against states parties to the Convention, as those well-known countries have exploited it to make false accusations and take unjust decisions that clearly violate the provisions of the convention."

<https://sana.sy/en/?p=277193>

### **US kills top Islamic State leader in Syria, Pentagon says**

Al-Monitor, July 12, 2022

A US drone strike on Tuesday killed the leader of the Islamic State group in Syria, the US military announced today.

Maher al-Agal was killed near the town of Jidayris in Syria's Afrin region, according to US Central Command. Another senior IS official "closely associated with Maher" was seriously wounded in the strike. Al-Agal was the commander of the jihadist group's branch in Syria and a one of its five highest-ranking leaders, according to CENTCOM. He was "responsible for aggressively pursuing the development of

[IS] networks outside of Iraq and Syria," the military said in a statement today. Farhad Shami, spokesperson for the US-backed Syrian Kurdish-led militias in Syria, tweeted that al-Agal was also affiliated with an Islamist Syrian opposition group, Ahrar al-Sharqiya. The US strike was conducted in territory seized by Turkey-backed Syrian opposition factions from the Syrian Kurdish-led forces in 2016.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/07/us-kills-top-islamic-state-leader-syria-pentagon-says#ixzz7ZWdUhjLG>

## **TURKEY**

### **US' F-16 sales to Türkiye, NATO enlargement separate issues: Diplomat**

Yenisafak, July 2, 2022

A senior Turkish diplomat has responded to allegations that the US' sales of F-16 jets to Türkiye was a subject of bargaining for the signing of a memorandum that paved the way for Sweden and Finland's accession into NATO. The US' sale of F-16 fighter jets to Ankara and NATO's enlargement are two separate issues, and those claims are "baseless," said the diplomat, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/us-f-16-sales-to-turkiye-nato-enlargement-separate-issues-diplomat-3648049>

### **Turkish combat drone Akıncı undergoes 1st laser-guided firing test**

The Daily Sabah, July 3, 2022

Turkey's landmark combat drone has undergone a successful firing test with a laser-guided missile, achieving yet another milestone in the integration process of domestically manufactured ammunition. The Akıncı unmanned combat aerial

vehicle (UCAV) on Friday precisely struck a target that was laser-marked by a Bayraktar TB2 unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) flying sub-cloud, its developer Baykar said in a statement.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-combat-drone-akinci-undergoes-1st-laser-guided-firing-test>

### **Turkey's anti-ship missile tested from mobile launcher for 1st time**

The Daily Sabah, July 3, 2022

Turkey has conducted another successful test-firing of its locally made maritime missile, the country's Defense Ministry said Saturday. Atmaca successfully hit a target in the Black Sea after being fired from land in a test that marked the first time the anti-ship missile was tested with a mobile guided missile system, a video shared by the Defense Ministry showed.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkeys-anti-ship-missile-tested-from-mobile-launcher-for-1st-time>

### **Lithuania gets Turkish drone after crowdfunding campaign for Ukraine**

The Daily Sabah, July 4, 2022

Lithuania has received delivery of a Bayraktar combat drone from Turkey after hundreds of Lithuanians clubbed together to buy it for Ukraine, the Defense Ministry said Monday. The Turkish drone magnate Baykar said in June it would donate the unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV) for free, with Lithuania's government committing to spend 1.5 million euros (\$1.56 million) of the crowdfunded money to arm it...

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/lithuania-gets-turkish-drone-after-crowdfunding-campaign-for-ukraine>

### **Türkiye offered Armenia to host 1st round of normalization talks: FM**

Yenisafak, July 4, 2022

Türkiye had offered Armenia to host the first round of normalization talks between the two countries in the Armenian capital Yerevan, the Turkish foreign minister said on Monday. Cavusoglu said that the Armenian diaspora was divided over the Turkish-Armenian normalization process, adding that there were some protests by extremist groups on Armenian streets.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/turkiye-offered-armenia-to-host-1st-round-of-normalization-talks-fm-3648155>

### **Türkiye to monitor implementation of deal signed with Finland, Sweden: Communications director**

Yenisafak, July 6, 2022

Türkiye's communications director said on Wednesday that it would not be correct to present the trilateral memorandum signed with Sweden and Finland as a NATO membership agreement as Ankara will continue to monitor whether the two Nordic countries comply with the deal. Türkiye has already shared the necessary information with the authorities in Sweden and Finland on the extradition of terrorists, he recalled, noting that this will also be for their security.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/turkiye-to-monitor-implementation-of-deal-signed-with-finland-sweden-communications-director-3648310>

### **Türkiye, Italy to deepen cooperation in defense industry, says Erdogan**

Yenisafak, July 6, 2022

Türkiye and Italy are committed to deepening cooperation in the defense

industry, the Turkish president said Tuesday. Boosting bilateral defense cooperation serves mutual interests and both countries are on the same page about it, Recep Tayyip Erdogan said at a news conference in the capital Ankara alongside Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/turkiye-italy-to-deepen-cooperation-in-defense-industry-says-erdogan-3648245>

### **Int'l community has to be in total solidarity against terrorism: Turkish communications director**

Yenisafak, July 8, 2022

The international community has to be one against terrorism because one country cannot protect itself from terrorism all by its own, Turkish communications director said in an interview with a Swedish journal. In an written interview with the Swedish journal Expressen, Fahrettin Altun evaluated the trilateral memorandum signed by Türkiye, Sweden and Finland during NATO's Madrid Summit.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/intl-community-has-to-be-in-total-solidarity-against-terrorism-turkish-communications-director-3648386>

### **Türkiye determined to further deepen ties with Malaysia, says Erdogan**

Yenisafak, July 8, 2022

Türkiye is determined to further deepen its bilateral relations with Malaysia, the Turkish president said on Thursday. In the meeting, Erdogan said, "we comprehensively discussed our relations in various fields such as economy, investments, and trade, as well as the defense industry, technology, health, education, and communication.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/turkiye-determined-to-further-deepen-ties-with-malaysia-says-erdogan-3648374>

### **Turkey's air-to-air missile Gökdoğan test-fired with radar-seeker**

The Daily Sabah, July 10, 2022

Turkey has successfully test-fired its domestically developed beyond visual range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM), Gökdoğan, the head of the Presidency of Defense Industries (SSB), Ismail Demir, said Sunday. Turkey has become one of the few countries to own air-to-air missile technology with Gökdoğan and within visual range air-to-air missiles (WVRAAM) with Bozdoğan.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkeys-air-to-air-missile-gokdogan-test-fired-with-radar-seeker>

### **Erdogan discusses normalization process with Armenian premier**

Yenisafak, July 11, 2022

The Turkish president and Armenian prime minister on Monday spoke over the phone and discussed the normalization process between their countries. "Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Nikol Pashinyan emphasized the importance they attach to the bilateral normalization process between Türkiye and Armenia, which will also contribute to the strengthening of peace and stability in the region,"

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/erdogan-discusses-normalization-process-with-armenian-premier-3648553>

### **Erdogan vows to support Bosnia on 27th anniversary of Srebrenica genocide**

Yenisafak, July 11, 2022

The Turkish president emphasized strong support for Bosnia and Herzegovina on Monday, the 27th anniversary of the Srebrenica genocide. Erdogan said Türkiye provides all the necessary support for the

security, well-being, and brighter future of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/world/erdogan-vows-to-support-bosnia-on-27th-anniversary-of-srebrenica-genocide-3648546>

### **Turkey well prepared for war-triggered global defense demand: Report**

The Daily Sabah, July 12, 2022

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has triggered a major increase in defense spending around the world, and Turkey is among the few countries best prepared for this change, according to a report by an international consulting firm. The war in Ukraine has forced a rapid rethink of defense strategies and led a string of countries to promise large increases in military budgets. As a result, military spending has surged despite the subduing effects of the pandemic on economic growth.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkey-well-prepared-for-war-triggered-global-defense-demand-report>

### **Erdogan discusses bilateral relations, regional issues with Saudi crown prince**

Yenisafak, July 12, 2022

On June 22, the Saudi crown prince visited Türkiye and had a one-on-one meeting with Erdogan. The two emphasized the countries' determination to start a new era of comprehensive cooperation in many areas, according to a joint statement.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/world/erdogan-discusses-bilateral-relations-regional-issues-with-saudi-crown-prince-3648570>

### **Türkiye's 'biggest desire' is establishment of peace in Ukraine, Erdogan tells Zelenskyy**

Yenisafak, July 12, 2022

The Turkish president and his Ukrainian counterpart on Monday spoke over the phone and discussed the latest developments in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, the Turkish Communications Directorate said on Monday. "Pointing out that negotiation table should be kept open since the solution between Ukraine and Russia will be achieved only through diplomacy, President (Recep Tayyip) Erdogan stated that Türkiye stands ready to lend every support including facilitation and mediation in the Istanbul Process," the directorate said in a statement.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/turkiyes-biggest-desire-is-establishment-of-peace-in-ukraine-erdogan-tells-zelenskyy-3648559>

### **'2016 defeated coup showed a landmark resistance in Turkish history'**

Yenisafak, July 15, 2022

The defeated July 15, 2016 coup attempt marked an unprecedented resistance in Turkish history, said the country's president on Friday, marking the sixth anniversary of the defeated putsch. Erdogan stressed that the main significance of July 15 for Türkiye is that it symbolizes a landmark glorious resistance of the Turkish people following decades of recurrent coups.

<https://www.yenisafak.com/en/news/2016-defeated-coup-showed-a-landmark-resistance-in-turkish-history-3648728>

## UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

### Turkey, UAE continue to mend ties with space agreement

Al-Monitor, July 12, 2022

Turkey and the United Arab Emirates plan to work together on space. The two countries will sign a memorandum of understanding tomorrow to share expertise on space research and technology. They will also carry out joint studies on suborbital flights, launches, rockets and satellite systems, Turkey's official Anadolu Agency reported today. The signing will take place at an investment workshop in Istanbul sponsored by Turkey's Industry and Technology Ministry. Officials and companies from both countries will also be in attendance, according to Anadolu. Both countries have strong space exploration programs. The UAE launched the Hope Probe to Mars in 2020. The Emirates is the first country in the Arab world to conduct a Mars mission. Turkey has launched several satellites into space and most recently worked with SpaceX on a telecommunications satellite.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/07/turkey-uae-continue-mend-ties-space-agreement#ixzz7ZWUWCyxR>

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