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AFGHANISTAN

THE TALIBAN TELL THE WEST TO LOOK PAST HARSH EDICTS ON AFGHAN WOMEN AND GIRLS AND BUILD TIES

The Taliban asked Western nations to overlook their restrictions on Afghan women and girls to boost diplomatic ties. Their chief spokesman, Zabihullah Mujahid, mentioned improved relations with other countries like Kazakhstan and Russia at a UN-led meeting in Qatar. Exclusion of Afghan women from the meeting drew criticism, but UN officials in Afghanistan promised to address women's rights.

<https://apnews.com/article/taliban-qatar-meeting-afghanistan-women-6300a2cb7b1275dc335aebfa558153bf>

UN TALKS IN DOHA END

The third round of U.N.-led talks in Doha, Qatar, with the Taliban ended without the Taliban making any reform pledges or winning concessions from the international community. The talks focused on the private business sector, anti-narcotics efforts, and the need for an inclusive government in Afghanistan. Women's rights were not formally on the agenda, but were raised by participants. The global community has withheld recognition of the Taliban government due to concerns about inclusivity and women's rights. The U.S. has frozen \$9.5 billion in Afghan central bank funds.

<https://www.voanews.com/a/un-talks-in-doha-end-recognition-remains-distant-dream-for-taliban-/7681320.html>

RECOGNITION REMAINS DISTANT DREAM FOR TALIBAN

We had a good meeting with the special representative of Pakistan, Asif Durrani, and the ambassador and consuls of the country in Qatar, Mujahid, Taliban spokesperson wrote on X on Tuesday.

Pakistani diplomats and Taliban-led Afghan interim government representatives met in Qatar to discuss regional and bilateral issues, aiming to ease tensions. The Afghan Taliban delegation joined a UN-sponsored meeting, hosted by the Pakistani mission, to discuss Doha-III, regional peace, security, and action against terrorist groups. Both sides expressed hope for improved relations amid strained tensions and increased terrorism incidents since the Taliban takeover in 2021.

https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/pakistan-holds-good-meeting-with-afghan-taliban-amid-strained-ties-124070200870_1.html

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BANGLADESH

PM HASINA: BANGLADESH-INDIA RELATIONSHIP IS MODEL FOR OTHER

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina commended the strong relationship between Bangladesh and India, highlighting the successful resolution of various issues through dialogue. The premier made this remark while visiting Chief of the Naval Staff of India Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi paid a courtesy call on her at her National Parliament Office. Admiral Tripathi praised the cooperation between the two countries' navies and admired the training of Bangladeshi naval officers. Both nations aim to maintain peace in the Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean through their partnership.

<https://www.dhakatribune.com/bangladesh/foreign-affairs/350908/pm-hasina-bangladesh-india-relationship-is-model>

WORLD BANK APPROVES \$650 MILLION TO HELP BANGLADESH DEVELOP BAY TERMINAL

The World Bank has approved \$650 million for Bangladesh to build a breakwater at the Chattogram port, as part of a major expansion project. The aim is to boost global trade competitiveness, reduce import/export costs, and improve port efficiency. The project will include a climate-resilient breakwater and dredging of the port basin, enabling larger vessels to dock and potentially saving the economy \$1 million daily. Private sector investment for container terminal development is also expected.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/world-bank-approves-650-million-help-bangladesh-develop-bay-terminal-3644656>

MOVE TO GET GI STATUS FOR SUNDARBANS' HONEY FINALLY GATHERS STEAM

The Department of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (DPDT) has started the process to register Sundarbans' honey as a geographical indication product after a seven-year delay. If no objections are received within two months, the product will be registered, certifying its specific qualities based on geographical origin. The move follows India's GI tag for honey from its mangrove forest, prompting joint protection efforts and a legal framework. Delays were due to lack of urgency from applicants, but with necessary information finally submitted in 2023, the process was completed despite challenges posed by the pandemic.

<https://www.thedailystar.net/business/news/move-get-gi-status-sundarbans-honey-finally-gathers-steam-3645826>

TOUGH ANTI-GRAFT DRIVE UNDERWAY; DU TO BE TOP RESEARCH-ORIENTED UNIVERSITY BY 2035: VC

A recent high-level dialogue in Bangladesh highlighted the need for an action-oriented LDC Graduation strategy for a smooth and sustainable transition. Chaired by Prime Minister M. Tofazzel Hossain Miah, the dialogue involved government representatives and business chambers. Bangladesh has fulfilled all criteria for graduation from LDC status and is expected to graduate in November 2026. The country has begun implementing a national Smooth Transition Strategy with UN DESA to address key areas like structural transformation and domestic resource mobilization.

<https://www.bssnews.net/news/196955>

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INDIA

BJP SECURES INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY SPEAKER ROLE

The governing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) secured the position of the speaker of India's lower house, with Om Birla from the BJP being re-elected in a voice vote. This marked a notable success for Prime Minister Narendra Modi after contentious elections. Modi and opposition leader Rahul Gandhi showed rare harmony in congratulating Birla, emphasizing the importance of the opposition's voice. Modi's victory in securing the speaker position strengthened his position after tough negotiations to form a government. The opposition attempted to secure the position of deputy speaker but was unsuccessful.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/6/26/bjp-secures-indian-parliamentary-speaker-role>

US DEEPENING ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA IN SEVERAL AREAS: OFFICIAL

The United States is strengthening its relationship with India, focusing on key areas such as economic ties and security cooperation. The State Department Deputy Spokesperson mentioned interactions between President Biden and Prime Minister Modi, as well as ongoing efforts to deepen cooperation in various areas. Patel also addressed the issue of relations between India and Pakistan, emphasizing the importance of positive neighborly relations.

<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/us-deepening-its-relationship-with-india-in-several-areas-official-6014411>

INDIA'S GRSE INKS DEAL WITH BANGLADESH NAVY UNDER \$500-MN LINE OF CREDIT

The Bangladesh Navy has signed a deal with India's GRSE for an 800-tonne ocean-going tug, the first major contract under a \$500 million line of credit from India for defence purchases. The agreement was made during a visit by the Indian Navy chief to Dhaka. This deal will allow Indian shipyards to establish a presence in Bangladesh. The two countries have also discussed potential cooperation in maintaining Russian-origin equipment in Bangladesh, such as helicopters and transport aircraft. The deal will benefit GRSE, a Kolkata-based shipbuilder aiming to secure export orders and strengthen defense ties between the two nations.

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/indias-grse-inks-deal-with-bangladesh-navy-under-500-mn-line-of-credit-101719835860896.html>

JAISHANKAR TO LEAD INDIAN DELEGATION TO SCO SUMMIT; CENTRE RECONSTITUTES KEY NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SECRETARIAT

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will lead the Indian delegation to the SCO Summit in Kazakhstan on July 4. The meeting will focus on regional issues and multilateral cooperation. India's priorities in the nine-member group are based on PM Narendra Modi's vision of a "SECURE SCO", encompassing security, economic cooperation, connectivity, unity, sovereignty, territorial integrity, and environmental protection. India may address the summit via video due to PM Modi's commitments.

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MALDIVES

MALDIVES BRACES FOR AUSTERITY TO AVERT DEBT CRISIS; MALDIVES URGES QUICK ACCESS TO CLIMATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE NATIONS;

The Maldives is grappling with a debt crisis, prompting the government to implement austerity measures such as spending cuts and tax hikes. The cabinet has approved healthcare reforms, privatization of state-owned enterprises, and phasing out indirect subsidies. The country's public debt has reached \$8 billion, and the World Bank and IMF warn of high risk of debt distress due to unsustainable borrowing.

<https://thediplomat.com/2024/07/maldives-braces-for-austerity-to-avert-debt-crisis/>

'NO HIDDEN AGENDAS': MALDIVES US ENVOY SAYS INDIA, US AND CHINA ARE HELPFUL AND IMPORTANT; MALDIVES: WHY MUIZZU HAS TO WALK THE TALK FOR PROMISED 'SUCCESS' IN INDIA RELATIONS

Change, Environment and Energy, Thoriq Ibrahim, has called for faster access to loss and damage funds to combat climate change. Despite emitting a small percentage of global greenhouse gases, the Maldives faces severe challenges like rising sea levels, coastal erosion, and extreme weather events. Ibrahim emphasized the importance of global finance in combating climate change and ensuring a sustainable future for the Maldives. He also highlighted the upcoming Cop29 in Azerbaijan as a platform to address the financial needs of small island nations.

<https://www.thenationalnews.com/news/uae/2024/07/02/maldives-urges-quick-access-to-climate-funds-to-support-vulnerable-nations/>

MYANMAR

ANTI-COUP FORCES ALLEGE MYANMAR MILITARY USING BANNED, RESTRICTED WEAPONS

Kachin resistance fighters in northern Kachin State were targeted by drone attacks by the Myanmar military in late April, resulting in injuries and unusual symptoms such as rapid onset necrosis. There are allegations that the military used banned weapons, including chemical and incendiary weapons, in violation of international law. Various resistance groups in Myanmar have reported encounters with harmful weapons, prompting calls for an independent investigation. The United Nations agency and the National Unity Government are both investigating these claims. The banned weapons are causing illness and injury among both resistance fighters and civilians, leading to a plea for urgent international assistance and action.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/features/2024/7/2/anti-coup-forces-allege-myanmar-military-using-banned->

ROHINGYA FLEE MYANMAR'S MAUNGDAW AMID ESCALATING CONFLICT; MYANMAR: JUNTA EVADING INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS

Conflict has intensified in Myanmar's Maungdaw town between the Arakan Army rebels and military junta forces, leading to armed drones, explosions, and a siege by the Arakan Army. Rohingya civilians are caught in the crossfire, with many fleeing to Bangladesh. International agencies have also come under attack, with the looting and burning of a UN World Food Programme warehouse and Médecins Sans Frontières suspending essential services in parts of Rakhine state. This crisis compounds the long-standing persecution of the Rohingya in Myanmar, dating back to a military crackdown in 2017, leaving the Rohingya population uncertain about their future.

<https://stratnewsglobal.com/world-news/rohingya-flee-myanmars-maungdaw-amid-escalating-conflict/>

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NEPAL

NEPALI CONGRESS & CPN-UML STRIKE DEAL TO OUST PRACHANDA, FORM NEW ALLIANCE

Trilateral dialogue highlights need for coordinated efforts to ensure the prevention of illegal activities at sea

The India-France-Australia Trilateral Focal Points Meeting on June 19, 2024, reinforced the strong trilateral cooperation among the three nations, emphasizing their commitment to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific region. Discussions at the meeting centered around areas such as maritime safety and security, marine and environmental cooperation, and multilateral engagement. New proposals were identified to further enhance trilateral cooperation, highlighting a collective effort to promote regional peace and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific.

<https://www.indianewsnetwork.com/en/20240620/at-3rd-focal-points-meeting-india-france-australia-reaffirm-commitment-to-free-open-inclusive-indo-pacific>

NEPAL WORKING TO SECURE UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE STATUS FOR TILAKOT, WHERE BUDDHA SPENT HIS EARLY YEARS

The Prime Minister of Sri Lanka visited Lumbini, birthplace of Gautam Buddha in 1988 and expressed a desire to visit Tilaurakot, an ancient city associated with Siddhartha Gautam. The visit, made possible by two army helicopters, brought great joy to the Prime Minister. A mission from ICOMOS will assess Tilaurakot for inclusion as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, supported by archaeological findings and scientific evidence. Ongoing excavations have revealed evidence of an ancient civilization dating back at least 2,800 years.

PAKISTAN

PAKISTAN'S JF-17 GETS NUCLEAR CAPABILITY? US REPORT SAYS PAF ARMS 'THUNDER' WITH RAAD NUKE MISSILE

India recently inducted French-built Rafale fighters capable of carrying nuclear-armed missiles, while Pakistan is upgrading its JF-17 'Thunder' for nuclear missions. The JF-17, jointly developed by China and Pakistan, has tactical nuclear missiles. India has 172 nuclear warheads compared to Pakistan's 170. Pakistan's RAAD I ALCM is integrated with the JF-17. Both countries are modernizing their nuclear capabilities in response to each other.

<https://www.eurasiantimes.com/pakistans-jf-17-gets-nuclear-capability-us-report-says-paf-arms-thunder-with-raad-nuke-missile/>

EX-PAKISTAN PM IMRAN KHAN ARBITRARILY DETAINED, SAYS UN WORKING GROUP

The UN working group on arbitrary detention has deemed the former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's imprisonment as unlawful and politically motivated, recommending his immediate release and compensation. After Khan's removal as prime minister, he has been faced with over 200 legal cases and remains imprisoned, with analysts believing the military is behind the numerous cases against him. Khan's party also faced repression during the 2024 elections. The US congressional resolution calling for an investigation into election rigging was denounced by Pakistan's parliament but praised by Khan's party.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2024/7/1/ex-pakistan-pm-imran-khan-arbitrarily-detained-says-un-working-group>

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