

DAILY TRACKER

NUCLEAR ISSUES

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Source: <https://www.timesnownews.com/international/article/unga-president-volkan-bozkir-calls-for-halt-to-nuclear-tests/810064> *09 September 2021*

2. This year marks a major historical anniversary related to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. The world community celebrated the 30th anniversary of the closure of the Semipalatinsk Test Site on Aug. 29. The Central Asian Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (CANWFZ) will celebrate its 15th anniversary Sept. 8. Kairat Sarzhanov, the director of the department of international security of the Kazakh Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan spoke about the creation of the CANWFZ in the region and its significance in an interview with Kazakhstanskaya Pravda.

Source: <https://astanatimes.com/2021/09/disarmament-nuclear-weapons-and-security-are-irreconcilable/> *09 September 2021*

NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

1. At the heart of international efforts to contain—or, as some may more ambitiously wish, to roll back—Iran’s nuclear ambitions, there are profound shortcomings in the world’s understanding of Tehran’s motivations and strategy. Many experts have written about the Iranian nuclear challenge, and countless practitioners have for two decades aimed to shape its course. Yet only modest systematic efforts have been made so far to reconstruct the core tenets of Tehran’s outlook so as to develop a viable nonproliferation and counterproliferation strategy to moderate its nuclear aims.

Source: <https://carnegieendowment.org/2021/09/10/deciphering-iran-s-nuclear-strategy-pub-85313> *09 September 2021*

2. The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and Japan have agreed on an initial mission schedule and other arrangements for the implementation of the Agency’s multi-year review and monitoring of



the safety of the planned treated water release at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station. Japan is expected to start discharging the treated water in 2023. In line with the commitment of Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi to provide IAEA support before, during and after the water discharge, the first of a series of IAEA preparatory technical on-site review missions will take place later this year. The IAEA's special Task Force for the water disposal will meet in the coming weeks to prepare the reviews.

Source: <https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/pressreleases/iaea-japan-agree-on-timeline-for-safety-review-of-water-release-at-fukushima-daiichi> 09 September 2021

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Source: <https://www.devdiscourse.com/article/international/1724546-unga-president-calls-for-halt-to-nuclear-tests> 09 September 2021

MISSILES/BIO WEAPONS

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1. India is all ready to launch its first nuclear-missile tracking ship — IND Dhruv — on Friday. This will be India's first naval vessel that is capable of tracking nuclear missiles at a long range. With the induction of INS Dhruv, India joins a select group of countries like the US, the UK, Russia, China and France to have such specialized vessels.

Sources: <https://www.firstpost.com/india/india-gets-its-first-nuclear-missile-tracking-ship-all-you-need-to-know-about-ins-dhruv-9952151.html> 09 September 2021

2. In a significant boost to India's air defence capabilities, the Indian Air Force (IAF) was handed over its first Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) system on Thursday, in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, at Jaisalmer.



Source: https://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/air-defence-boost-indian-air-force-gets-first-indo-israeli-missile-121091000050_1.html 09 September 2021

3. The Indian Air Force received its first Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) system on Thursday. The missile system can destroy aircraft from a distance of 110 kilometres and is capable of launching 24 missiles on 16 targets simultaneously. The system has been jointly developed by India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) with Israel Aerospace Industries in line with the 'Make in India' mantra, aimed at self-reliance in defence production.

Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/defence/story/boost-to-iaf-s-air-defence-with-new-missile-system-for-aerial-threats-1851092-2021-09-09> 09 September 2021

4. Saudi Arabia wants the U.S. to show that Washington is committed to the kingdom, and that means leaving American defense equipment in Saudi Arabia, Prince Turki Al-Faisal told CNBC. He was responding to a question on what the Middle East needs from the U.S. in the wake of the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan.

Source: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/09/09/saudi-prince-us-should-not-pull-patriot-missiles-from-saudi-arabia.html> 09 September 2021

UN REFORMS

1. Afghan staff of the United Nations are being increasingly subjected to harassment and intimidation since the Taliban came to power last month, the UN special envoy on Afghanistan Deborah Lyons said on Thursday. Lyons told the Security Council that UN premises had largely been respected, although there were some exceptions. "We are ... increasingly worried by the growing number of incidents of harassment and intimidation against our national staff. We will continue to do everything possible to support our staff and keep them from harm's way," Lyons said.

Source: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/south-asia/un-says-afghan-staff-increasingly-harassed-intimidated-since-taliban-takeover/articleshow/86086183.cms> 09 September 2021

2. Hackers breached the United Nations' computer networks earlier this year and made off with a trove of data that could be used to target agencies within the intergovernmental organization. The hackers' method for gaining access to the UN network appears to be unsophisticated: They likely got in using the stolen username and password of a UN employee purchased off the dark web.



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Source: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2021-09-09/united-nations-computers-breached-by-hackers-earlier-this-year> *09 September 2021*