



## **DAILY TRACKER**

### **NUCLEAR ISSUES**

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1. Ukraine says that the external power supply to Chernobyl has been restored five days after it was lost after power lines to the area were damaged during fighting.

Source: <https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Power-supply-restored-to-Chernobyl>

2. The head of Ukraine's Energoatom told the International Atomic Energy Agency on Sunday that power could be restored to Chernobyl after workers fixed the damaged power line - but on Monday Ukraine's energy company reported it was damaged again "before the power supply was fully restored".

Source: <https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Efforts-continue-to-restore-power-to-Chernobyl>

3. Ensuring a steady demand for high-assay low-enriched uranium (HALEU) is one of the two main challenges to achieving sustainable production of the material, Orano has said in response to a US Department of Energy (DOE) request for information (RFI).

Source: <https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Certainty-of-demand-key-to-HALEU-supply-Orano>

4. Power has been restored to the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, the IAEA said early Tuesday morning, after the power line was damaged.

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-701313>

### **MISSILES/ BIO WEAPONS**

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1. Arms sales to Europe in the last five years jumped compared with the previous five-year period, the Stockholm Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) writes in a new report.

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-701327>



2. Missile attacks in Iran, IRGC members killed in Syria, reports of cyber incidents and "sabotage" prevented, are all part of the Iranian game plan amid the Ukraine crisis.  
Source: <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-701283>
  
3. North Korea has begun testing its largest intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) system yet, U.S. and South Korean officials say, and may soon conduct a full ICBM launch for the first time since 2017.  
Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/north-korea-may-be-testing-its-monster-new-icbm-2022-03-14/>
  
4. Iran has more than 3,000 ballistic missiles, many of which can reach the State of Israel, commander of the United States Central Command Gen. Kenneth McKenzie said on Tuesday.  
Source: <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-701383>
  
5. The USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier led military exercises in the Yellow Sea, and air defence artillery at Osan air base intensified drills, U.S. forces in Asia said on Tuesday amid signs of an imminent North Korean long-range missile test.  
Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/us-troops-skorea-step-up-missile-defence-drills-amid-signs-nkorea-test-2022-03-15/>
  
6. A new report by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) has shown that Europe is emerging as 'hotspot' for arms imports. "Europe is the new hotspot", said Siemon Wezeman, co-author of the annual report for over three decades.  
Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/new-report-reveals-europe-emerging-as-hotspot-for-arms-imports-462207>
  
7. Taiwan held live-fire drills Wednesday on two of its islands not far from mainland China, part of a series of exercises to be held to boost combat readiness.  
Source: <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/china/taiwan-drills-03162022124247.html>
  
8. In a sign of deepening military cooperation between Japan and the United States, amphibious Japanese troops and U.S. Marines on Tuesday practised airborne landing assaults together for the first time.  
Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/japanese-us-marines-practise-airborne-assaults-sign-deepening-cooperation-2022-03-15/>



## NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

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1. Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian will head to Moscow on Tuesday, the ministry said, days after negotiations on an Iran nuclear deal stalled amid new Russian demands.

Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/irans-foreign-minister-to-hold-talks-on-nuclear-deal-in-moscow-462212>

2. "The interruption of talks can pave the way for the resolution of issues and the return of all parties to their nuclear deal commitments," Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian said. He added that he had invited Lavrov to visit Iran soon.

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-701342>

3. Khatibzadeh Saeed said "we are currently having a breather from the nuclear talks." "We are not at a point of announcing an agreement now since there are some important open issues that need to be decided upon by Washington."

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-701215>



## UN REFORMS

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1. A national-level Uyghur volleyball coach is serving an eight-year prison sentence for “befriending bearded men,” under a deepening crackdown on Islamic practices and culture, a Uyghur living in exile and a local police officer told RFA.

Source: <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/alimjan-mehmut-03162022143730.html>

2. UK-based watchdog Hong Kong Watch says that Hong Kong’s Security Bureau has threatened its founder with prison and fines for allegedly breaching the city’s national security law. Local authorities have accused the group of interference and said the law applies worldwide.

Source: <https://hongkongfp.com/2022/03/14/security-bureau-threatens-uk-based-hong-kong-watch-founder-with-life-imprisonment-ngo-says-it-wont-disband/>

3. “I sleep better here,” he says. “It almost feels like I’ve come to the edge of the world.” ‘We’ll kill you’: Uyghur exile who fled to Arctic Circle still fears reach of Chinese regime.

Source: [https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2022/mar/15/uyghur-refugee-arctic-circle-norway-harassed-by-china?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2022/mar/15/uyghur-refugee-arctic-circle-norway-harassed-by-china?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

4. Chinese traffickers were caught trying to smuggle two babies out of Ukraine. There are more vulnerable kids in Ukraine who could fall prey to Chinese traffickers.

Source: <https://twitter.com/WIONews/status/1504151031348797441>

5. Terror capitalism refers to the way the category of the “terrorist” has been produced by Chinese counterterrorism laws, as well as by state worker and private contractor law enforcement, to render large portions of the Uyghur population “untrustworthy” and place them under largely privatized regimes of surveillance, reeducation, and coerced labor.

Source: <https://thediplomat.com/2022/03/terror-capitalism-in-xinjiang/>

6. As UN experts and governments reiterate concerns at widespread human rights violations across China, UN High Commissioner announces in principle agreement to visit the country, while failing to release long-awaited report on serious violations, some amounting to crimes against humanity, in Xinjiang, the Uyghur region.

Source: <https://ishr.ch/latest-updates/accountability-can-wait-no-longer-with-delayed-report-and-promised-visit-high-commissioner-at-the-crossroads-on-china/>

7. Abdureshid Obul, a Uyghur farmer jailed for moving his pregnant wife from their hometown in Xinjiang to prevent authorities from forcing her to have an abortion died in 2020 while serving an eight-year prison sentence, a Uyghur with knowledge of the situation and local police officials confirmed to RFA this month.  
Source: <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/abdureshid-obul-03142022182818.html>
8. Moving to be at Westminster Abbey for the wreath laying to mark the 63rd anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising. Service led by Bishop Anthony Ball. Address by Tim Loughton MP  
Source: <https://www.davidalton.net/2022/03/16/moving-to-be-at-westminster-abbey-for-the-wreath-laying-to-mark-the-63rd-anniversary-of-the-tibetan-national-uprising-service-led-by-bishop-anthony-ball-address-by-tim-loughton-mp/>
9. Kyiv and Moscow resumed talks on the war in Ukraine on Tuesday after a pause on Monday, Ukrainian negotiator Mykhailo Podolyak said. "Consultations on the main negotiation platform renewed. General regulation matters, ceasefire, withdrawal of troops from the territory of the country," he wrote on Twitter.  
Source: <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-701319>
10. More than a year after a coup, Myanmar is "caught in a downward spiral of violence," the U.N. Human Rights Office said in a report Tuesday, calling for urgent action to protect the freedom and livelihoods of those living under military rule in the Southeast Asian nation.  
Source: <https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/report-03152022201841.html>
11. Ramiz Al-Kabroff, UN Humanitarian Coordinator for Afghanistan, says the number of hungry people in Afghanistan has risen from 14 million in January 2021 to 23 million in March 2022.  
Source: <https://www.etilaatroz.com/138443/united-nations-the-number-of-hungry-people-in-afghanistan-has-reached-23-million/>
12. The head of the Red Cross mission in Afghanistan, Ilwa Filon, has said that the country's economic crisis is deepening and will have a devastating effect on millions.  
Source: <https://www.etilaatroz.com/138431/the-red-cross-has-warned-of-a-deepening-economic-crisis-in-afghanistan/>
13. Mary Allen McGrotty, director of the United Nations World Food Program (WFP) in Afghanistan, said the world should not forget the Afghan people.  
Source: <https://twitter.com/Etilaatroz/status/1503344552308101120>

14. Li Yu, a human rights activist, was taken away by Zaozhuang police for investigating the Xuzhou chained woman case. Li called on the government to hold a formal investigation, but she forcibly disappeared over 10 days ago.

Source: <https://www.davidalton.net/2022/03/16/what-has-happened-to-li-yu-human-rights-activist-who-has-disappeared-inside-the-ccps-cruel-and-lawless-system-of-incarceration-indoctrination-torture-disappearance-and-death/>

15. Hong Kong Watch has received a formal warning from the Hong Kong Police Force's National Security Department regarding its website possibly breaching the National Security Law. This makes Hong Kong Watch one of the first foreign organisations to be targeted under the draconian law.

Source: <https://www.hongkongwatch.org/all-posts/2022/3/14/hong-kong-watch-co-founder-and-ceo-benedict-rogers-threatened-under-national-security-law>

16. Since the Taliban took over Afghanistan, reports of poverty in the nation have been emerging. There have been reports of many Afghans selling possessions to buy food because of the Taliban's inability to pay wages to civil servants. Also, the urban communities are facing food insecurity similar to rural areas.

Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/amid-extreme-poverty-kabul-residents-complain-of-high-price-of-food-materials-462156>