

## **DAILY TRACKER**

### **NUCLEAR ISSUES**

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1. International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has said that six nuclear reactors at Zaporizhzhia power plant remains unaffected. No radiation rise was detected.  
Source: <https://www.indiatoday.in/world/russia-ukraine-war/story/zaporizhzhia-power-plant-fire-russian-shelling-reactor-core-radiation-safety-nuclear-sites-united-nations-1920722-2022-03-04>
2. Iran and the U.N. nuclear watchdog on Saturday agreed a three-month plan that in the best case will resolve the long-stalled issue of uranium particles found at old but undeclared sites in the country, removing an obstacle to reviving the Iran nuclear deal.  
Source: <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/iaea-chief-says-nuclear-deal-not-possible-until-iran-resolves-its-issues-with-2022-03-05/>
3. Russian President Vladimir Putin revealed that his nuclear deterrent forces had been placed on "special alert."  
Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/russia-ukraine-crisis-is-a-nuclear-war-likely-what-is-a-nuclear-winter-459545>

### **MISSILES/ BIO WEAPONS**

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1. North Korea said it conducted "another important" test for reconnaissance satellite systems, state news agency KCNA reported on Sunday, a day after regional military authorities reported the launch of a ballistic missile from the country for the second time in a week.  
Source: <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-700435>
2. Taiwan had announced that it was set to more than double its missile development capacity to about 500, amid increasing military threats from China. In a fresh development, the US Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) awarded defense giant Boeing, a contract to produce Harpoon Coastal Defense Systems (HCDSs) for Taiwan, the Pentagon stated on March 2.  
Source: <https://eurasianimes.com/us-oks-more-game-changer-missiles-to-taiwan-to-flatten-beijing/>
3. Iran has used advanced air-defense batteries against Israeli planes carrying out war-between-war operations in Syria in an attempt to challenge IAF pilots. Tehran first deployed the batteries to Syria last year as Israeli strikes against Iranian weapons and military infrastructure intensified.  
Source: <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-700471>
4. Earlier in the day, media reported that the United States was looking into a deal under which Poland could supply Ukraine with Soviet-made MiG-29 fighter jets in return for US-made F-16s.



Source: <https://eurasianimes.com/us-ready-to-support-polands-decision-to-provide-ukraine-with-fighter/>

5. Finland has decided to purchase anti-aircraft equipment from one of two Israeli companies, either Israel Aerospace Industries (ISRAI.UL) or Rafael Advanced Systems, Finland's defence ministry said on Saturday.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defense/finland-pick-between-two-israeli-companies-anti-aircraft-systems-2022-03-05/>

6. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken confirmed on Sunday that the US is looking into ways that Poland could provide Ukraine with aircraft and the US could provide Poland with aircraft in return.

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-700442>

## NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

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1. In an effort to remove an obstacle for reviving the nuclear deal, Iran and IAEA, the UN nuclear watchdog, on Saturday agreed for a three-month plan to resolve the issue of uranium particles, which were found at old but undeclared sites in the country.

Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/to-remove-obstacle-for-reviving-nuke-deal-iran-iaea-agree-on-3-month-timeline-459480>

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3. Russian media cited an unnamed source on Sunday as saying that Ukraine was close to building a plutonium-based "dirty bomb" nuclear weapon, although the source cited no evidence.

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-700463>

4. The International Atomic Energy Agency and Iran agreed on Saturday to a roadmap to resolve outstanding issues in the agency's probe of Tehran's nuclear program, in a development that could pave the road to a broader deal with the world powers.

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/breaking-news/article-700390>

5. Iran got a much better result in the nuclear talks than expected, the head of Russia's delegation Ambassador Mikhail Ulyanov told Iranian media over the weekend.

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/article-700498>

6. The Saturday deal between the IAEA and Iran was likely a turning point which will reshape the nuclear issue for years to come. On its face, it was a mere technical agreement for the Islamic Republic to provide some additional technical answers about three illicit nuclear sites and illicit



nuclear material between now and June.

Source: <https://www.jpost.com/middle-east/iran-news/article-700504>

7. A deal to limit Iran's nuclear programme would lead to sanctions on its oil sector being lifted but it could take several months for any more Iranian crude to flow, and even then it may only offer short-term respite to tight oil markets, analysts said.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/iranian-oil-could-take-months-flow-after-nuclear-deal-2022-03-04/>

8. The outlook for nuclear talks underway in Vienna "remains unclear", Iran's top security official said on Monday, accusing the United States of delaying them.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/irans-top-security-official-says-outlook-vienna-talks-unclear-2022-03-07/>

## UN REFORMS

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1. A new code of conduct for members of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) in Tibet explicitly forbids party members from all forms of religiosity in both public and private life. The six-point code of conduct is the first party regulation that clearly and comprehensively details the specific types of religiosities forbidden for party members in Tibet, The Hong Kong Post reported.  
Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/china-using-draconian-methods-to-destroy-identity-of-tibetans-459490>
2. Gunmen in Yemen have kidnapped two foreign employees of Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) in eastern Hadramout governorate, a security source and two other local sources said.  
Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/doctors-without-borders-workers-kidnapped-in-yemen-report-459484>
3. Indians and Africans, attempting to cross over to Poland have claimed that they are facing racial abuse by the Ukrainian security forces at the border. Several videos have emerged on social media purportedly showing people of African and Indian origin being blocked from boarding trains or being left stranded at Ukrainian stations.  
Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/indian-african-students-allege-racism-at-ukrainian-border-459437>
4. Hundreds of women gathered and marched through London, demanding an end to male violence, misogyny and racism. The women were seen chanting and carrying signs which read "Women's rights are human rights" and "Girls just wanna have equal rights."  
Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/london-hundreds-of-women-march-in-a-bid-to-end-violence-and-misogyny-459556>
5. Chinese Premier Li Keqiang on March 5 presented proposals for a 1.45 trillion yuan (\$230 billion) defense budget for the fiscal year 2022, up 7.1% from \$209 billion last year.  
Source: <https://eurasianimes.com/cleared-chinas-230b-defense-budget-to-boost-j-20-production/>
6. A website to guide foreign fighters to enlist with the International Defense Legion of Ukraine was launched on Saturday night by the Ukrainian Defense Ministry.  
Source: <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-700468>
7. Visa and Mastercard announced that they were suspending work in Russia on Saturday night due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, fulfilling a request made earlier by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.  
Source: <https://www.jpost.com/international/article-700439>
8. Linda Thomas-Greenfield, US Ambassador to the United Nations said on Sunday (March 6) that US troops will not be 'on the ground or in the air' in Ukraine. She said doing this will "escalate this war and make this an American war against the Russians.". She was speaking during ABC's This Week with George Stephanopoulos.  
Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/no-us-troops-will-be-on-the-ground-or-in-the-air-in-ukraine->

9. As Russia's military has intensified offensive against Ukraine, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on Sunday said it is "absolutely essential" to pause the fighting in Ukraine. It will allow safe passage to civilians, who are caught in the conflict in areas like Kharkiv and Sumy.  
Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/to-allow-safe-passage-to-civilians-un-chief-asks-to-halt-fighting-in-ukraine-459700>
10. Chinese President Xi Jinping told the military to step up the use of law in military engagement with foreign countries, state television CCTV reported on Monday.  
Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/china/xi-says-china-will-improve-use-law-military-engagement-with-foreign-countries-2022-03-07/>
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Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/doctors-without-borders-workers-kidnapped-yemen-sources-2022-03-06/>
12. Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett met Russian President Vladimir Putin in the Kremlin on Saturday to discuss the war in Ukraine and later spoke by phone with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, Bennett's spokesperson said.  
Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/israeli-pm-bennett-meets-putin-moscow-discuss-ukraine-crisis-2022-03-05/>
13. Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Sunday his campaign in Ukraine was going according to plan and would not end until Kyiv stopped fighting, as efforts to evacuate the heavily bombarded city of Mariupol failed for the second day in a row.  
Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/putin-says-his-campaign-in-ukraine-will-not-end-until-kyiv-stops-fighting-459655>