



DAILY TRACKER

NUCLEAR ISSUES

1. Boris Johnson hopes his dream of “a new nuclear plant every year” will be aided and abetted by the recent publication of the government’s Energy Security Strategy. But with little interest from the investment market, and the fact that utility-scale solar and onshore wind cost less than a quarter of new nuclear, perhaps the Treasury’s concerns should be taken more seriously.

Source: <https://www.newstatesman.com/spotlight/energy/2022/05/debate-nuclear-already-well-past-sell-by-date>

MISSILES/ BIO WEAPONS

1. South Korea on Wednesday said that North Korean missile launches were a "grave provocation". The presidential office said that it "strongly condemned" North Korea's missile launches. A National Security Council (NSC) meeting over the missile launches.

Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/south-korea-terms-norths-missile-launches-grave-provocation-481957>

NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

1. Many in the Biden administration see completing a nuclear agreement with Iran as a legacy item from their time in the Obama administration, and they are willing to hurl the US into a deal with Iran that is even worse than the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). There are also indications that the Biden administration is willing to do so without the assent of Congress.

Source: <https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/3481801-biden-willing-to-enter-a-nuclear-deal-with-iran-thats-even-worse-than-original-2015-pact/>

UN REFORMS

1. The European Union, Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International reacted and called for the cancellation of the order. “We are alarmed by the worrying reports that the Taliban are not complying with the international human rights obligation to which Afghanistan committed over the past decades,” said Nabila Massrali, Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy of the EU.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-178175>

2. The Islamic Emirate has dissolved five governmental organizations, including the Human Rights Commission.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-178169>

3. The United Nations Security Council on Tuesday called on the Islamic Emirate to "swiftly reverse" policies and practices that are "restricting the human rights and freedoms of Afghan women and girls in Afghanistan."

Source: <https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-178170>

4. Former members of the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) say that, except for the former head of the organization, the rest of the staff will continue their activities outside of Afghanistan.

Source: <https://tolonews.com/index.php/afghanistan-178169>

5. Hacked-off thorn branches encircle two mounds of earth heaped over the tiny bodies of Halima Hassan Abdullahi's twin granddaughters. Babies Ebla and Abdia lived only a day.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/hunger-spreads-somalia-babies-start-die-2022-05-25/>

6. Senegal's President Macky Sall said on Wednesday that 11 newborn babies died in a fire at the neonatal section of a regional hospital in the town of Tivaouane, around 120 km (74.56 miles) east of the capital Dakar.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/senegal-president-says-11-newborn-babies-die-fire-regional-hospital-2022-05-26/>



7. Deadly clashes have broken out between gold miners in north Chad, the interim government said on Wednesday, as a local rebel group's unconfirmed report of at least 200 fatalities in the area circulated on social media.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/several-dead-fighting-between-miners-north-chad-govt-says-2022-05-25/>

8. Somalia's prime minister suspended the foreign minister on Tuesday, citing the authorisation of a ship exporting charcoal to Oman in violation of international sanctions.

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/africa/somali-minister-suspended-over-charcoal-export-oman-breaking-un-sanctions-2022-05-24/>

9. Climate change is real. Our Earth is dying a slow death. Whether one likes it or not, we are responsible for it in one way or the other. Unless we make right amends, nothing is going to change. It is not just about holding marches, discussions or coming up with innovative slogans or getting popular in the world by raising the voice.

Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/climate-change-are-we-doing-our-bit-for-environment-482195>

10. Carol Parker, a local resident, discovered 22 blue penguins dead on Tokerau Beach in Doubtless Bay, Kaitaia, on May 8. The Department of Conservation had received reports of another group of more than 20 dead penguins in the same place at the northern tip of New Zealand a few days earlier, on May 2, according to the NZHerald.

Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/baby-penguins-have-been-found-starved-to-death-in-new-zealand-482099>

11. US President Joe Biden on Wednesday asked Americans to stand up to gun lobby. His words have come just a few hours after a mass shootout in a school in Texas which saw at least 18 children dead. An 18-year-old gunman opened fire in the school. He was shot down by cops but not before causing death of students.

Source: <https://www.wionews.com/world/us-gun-terror-biden-urges-americans-to-stand-up-against-gun-lobby-482016>