

## **DAILY TRACKER**

### **NUCLEAR ISSUES**

1. America's electric grid is being mismanaged and consumers will pay a heavy price for that mismanagement. More evidence of that came with the recent closure of the Palisades Power Plant in Michigan. The 811-megawatt nuclear plant was shut down on the same day that the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) issued a report saying the U.S. electric grid doesn't have enough generation capacity and that blackouts are almost certain to occur across the country this summer. <a href="https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/3503142-another-nuclear-plant-closes-get-ready-for-electricity-shortages/">https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/3503142-another-nuclear-plant-closes-get-ready-for-electricity-shortages/</a>

# MISSILES/ BIO WEAPONS

Russian frigate Admiral Gorshkov successfully test-fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise
missile from the Barents Sea, the Defence Ministry said. The missile on Saturday hit a
naval target about 1,000 km away in the White Sea and the flight of the projectile
corresponded to the designed parameters, Xinhua news agency quoted the Ministry as
saying. The Tsirkon missile has been test-fired several times from the Admiral
Gorshkov frigate and a nuclear-powered submarine.
<a href="https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/world/russia-vladimir-putin-conducts-another-test-launch-of-tsirkon-hypersonic-missile-2022-05-29-780280">https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/world/russia-vladimir-putin-conducts-another-test-launch-of-tsirkon-hypersonic-missile-2022-05-29-780280</a>

### **NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION**

 Robert Malley, US President Joe Biden's special envoy for Iran, has defended Washington's efforts to return to the 2015 nuclear deal with Tehran, but he acknowledged that prospects of restoring the agreement are "tenuous at best". <a href="https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/5/25/us-official-defends-iran-deal-but-says-return-tenuous-at-best">https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/5/25/us-official-defends-iran-deal-but-says-return-tenuous-at-best</a>

#### **UN REFORMS**

1. Ahead of the visit, rights groups demanded assurances that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would have unfettered access to the region and the



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ability to speak freely with Uyghurs without fear of reprisal. Otherwise, they warned, her trip risked lending legitimacy to Beijing's justification for a "counter-terrorism" campaign that has seen as many as 1.8 million members of the ethnic minority held in a network of internment camps since 2017.

https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/wasted-05282022135402.html

2. A Uyghur educator and high school principal in Ghulja in northwestern China's Xinjiang region who went missing nearly a year ago is being detained in the city, municipal education officials told RFA.

https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/dilmurat-abdurehim-04272022173323.html

3. During a news briefing at the end of her six-day trip to China on Saturday, Bachelet said she was not in China for an official investigation of the situation in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR), although she claimed to have had "unsupervised" access to sources that the U.N. had arranged to meet in the region.

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4. China has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Solomon Islands on civil air transport, laying a foundation for airlines of both countries to open air routes, China's aviation regulator said on Friday.

https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/china-signs-mou-civil-air-transport-with-solomon-islands-2022-05-27/

5. With an advance team for the United Nations human right's chief's visit to China next month in the country to prepare for her long-awaited tour, Uyghur activists and other rights groups are pressing for a meaningful investigation of atrocities in Xinjiang and the release of a delayed U.N. report on the region.

https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/ohchr-china-04262022181825.html