



DAILY TRACKER

NUCLEAR ISSUES

1. Bernard Doroszczuk, President of France's Autorité de Sûreté Nucléaire (ASN), told a parliamentary hearing that the "discovery of unexpected stress corrosion" had led to checks of 35 welds so far, a third of the total to be examined by the end of June.
<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/French-regulator-gives-update-on-corrosion-issue>
2. Japan's Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) has endorsed Tokyo Electric Power Company's (Tepco's) plan to discharge treated water from the damaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant into the sea. It will give its official approval of the plan following a 30-day public comment period.
<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Regulator-backs-Fukushima-water-discharge-plan>
3. South Korea's SK Group has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TerraPower of the USA to jointly develop "next-generational technologies" needed for small modular reactors (SMRs).
<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/Korean-conglomerate-to-cooperate-with-TerraPower>
4. Slovenské Elektrárne has released a series of photos of work on a cooling tower at unit 1 of the nuclear power plant which has extended its life to 2060 and enabled an increase in power output.
<https://www.world-nuclear-news.org/Articles/In-pictures-Refurb-of-125-metre-cooling-tower-at-M>

NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION

1. North Korea said it tested a new "tactical-guided weapon" on Saturday designed to bolster its nuclear capabilities, although experts questioned how big of a military advance the launch represents when Pyongyang has no miniature warheads.
<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/korea/weapons-04182022174600.html>

UN REFORMS

1. U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield sparked a social media spat with her Chinese counterpart on Wednesday after she called on the head of the U.N. Human Rights Council to release an overdue report on rights abuses in China's Xinjiang region.

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/twitter-diplomats-04212022190541.html>

2. China's abuses targeting Uyghurs, Hongkongers and Tibetans are among some of the worst human rights violations around the world, the U.S. Department of State said Tuesday.

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/uyghur/human-rights-report-04122022180231.html>

3. A reward program offered by Myanmar's shadow National Unity Government (NUG) to junta soldiers who defect with jets, helicopters and other vehicles is likely to test the loyalty of the military's lower ranks, according to former servicemen.

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/rewards-04192022213003.html>

4. Junta chief Snr. Gen. Min Aung Hlaing marked the end of Thingyan on Sunday by declaring the Myanmar New Year a "year of peace," even as the military continued an offensive in nine of the country's 14 regions and armed resistance groups vowed to fight harder than ever.

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/peace-04182022181225.html>

5. Nearly 100 religious buildings have been destroyed in two regions and two states in Myanmar more than a year after the military seized control from the elected government and plunged the Southeast Asian country into chaos and violence, according to data compiled by RFA.

<https://www.rfa.org/english/news/myanmar/monasteries-churches-04152022130351.html>