

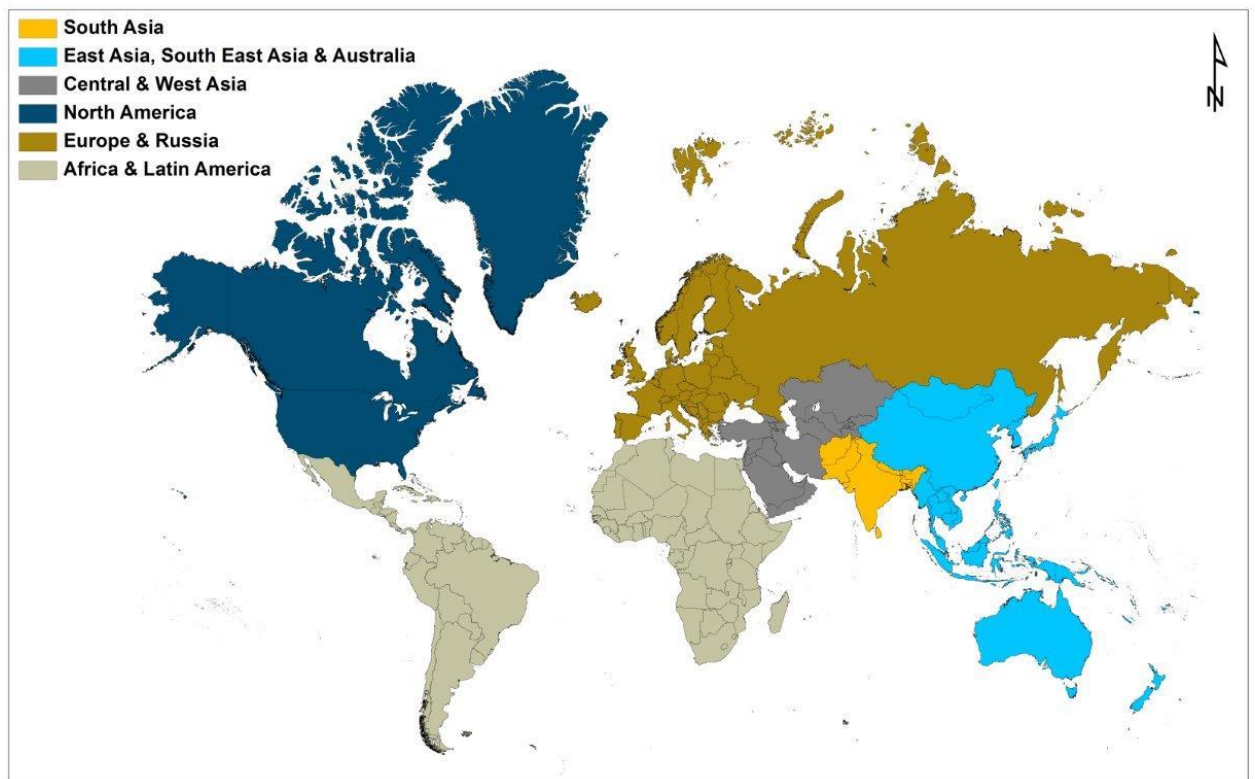


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South Asia

India

[Lt Gen Anil Chauhan is new CDS: Here's what we know about him](#)

September 29, 2022, The Economic Times

The government has appointed former Eastern Army Commander Lt Gen Anil Chauhan (retd) as the next Chief of Defence Staff. This top military post had been lying vacant since the untimely demise of Gen Bipin Rawat in a helicopter crash last December.

[Patrolling points do not define the Indian claim in East Ladakh LAC](#)

Hindustan Times, September 26, 2022

ublished on Sep 26, 2022 09:48 AM ISTThe Narendra Modi government has made it clear to the Indian Army that the 65 patrolling points on Ladakh LAC do not represent the Indian claim line but only define the limits of patrolling as approved by Indira Gandhi CCS in 1976.

['Not reached that stage': India's pushback on Chinese envoy's comment on LAC](#)

October 7, 2022, Hindustan Times

The external affairs ministry, asked about the Chinese ambassador's recent remarks that the two countries have moved to "normalised management and control, said some steps were necessary for full normalcy and "we have certainly not reached that stage".

[Army to move first LCH squadron to Missamari near LAC by October end](#)

October 5, The Hindu

The Indian Army's aerial fire power along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China will get an indigenous boost as its first Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Squadron moves to Missamari in the Eastern sector by October end, according to defence sources. The LCH, India's first indigenously designed and developed attack helicopter, is also the first dedicated attack helicopter operated by the Army.

[Patrolling points do not define the Indian claim in East Ladakh LAC](#)

September 26, 2022, India News

The Narendra Modi government has made it clear to the Indian Army that the 65 patrolling points on Ladakh LAC do not represent the Indian claim line but only define the limits of patrolling as approved by Indira Gandhi CCS in 1976.

Pakistan

[PLL fails to attract LNG bids for six-year term contracts](#)

October 4, 2022, The News

In a huge dent to future LNG supply, Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) received no response from the LNG suppliers against the revised two-part tender seeking 72 cargoes under 6-year term agreements as LNG is no more available even for term contracts in the international market.

[Bedsheets, towels factories shutting down in Pakistan](#)

October 4, 2022, The News

Pakistan's small textile mills, which make products ranging from bedsheets to towels mainly for consumers in the US and Europe, are starting to shut after devastating floods wiped out its cotton crop. As many as 100 smaller mills have suspended operations due to a shortage of good quality cotton, high fuel costs, and poor recovery of payments from buyers in flood-hit areas, said Khurram Mukhtar, patron-in-chief of the Pakistan Textile Exporters Association.

[COAS, US officials discuss cooperation, regional security](#)

October 5, 2022, The News

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Javed Bajwa met with US Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin at the Pentagon. Both held talks on bilateral and regional issues. The army chief was also accorded an honor cordon by Secretary Austin. The army chief, who's on a weeklong visit here, also separately called on US National Security Advisor (NSA) Jake Sullivan and Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman.

[Floods devastation: World Bank cuts Pakistan's growth projection to 2pc](#)

October 7, 2022, The News

While committing \$2 billion in loans for flood-affected areas, the World Bank (WB) revised downward Pakistan's macroeconomic projections in the aftermath of severe floods, by lowering GDP growth and hiking inflation as well as worsening fiscal and external deficits.

[Seven terrorists killed in KP operations: ISPR](#)

October 5, 2022, Dawn

Over half a dozen terrorists were gunned down in a single day in two districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Four terrorists were killed in Tank district and three others on the outskirts of capital Peshawar, where two soldiers embraced martyrdom during operations.

[ADB promises \\$2.5bn for flood relief operations](#)

October 6, 2022, Dawn

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) promised \$2.5 billion to Pakistan to help support flood relief activities. The "ADB will provide flood relief support to Pakistan to the tune of \$2.3bn to \$2.5bn including \$1.5bn for the BRACE (Building Resilience with Active Countercyclical Expenditure) programme which will be placed before the ADB Board for approval during this month," the Ministry of Finance quoted the Manila-based lending agency's country director Mr Yong Ye.

[Grand operation against illegal weapons on the cards](#)

October 7, 2022, The Express Tribune

Authorities have decided to conduct a grand operation against illegal weapons across the district. As per the plan, dealers and holders of armed licences will have to undergo biometric verification, while strict legal action will be taken against those who possess unlicensed weapons.

[Chinese citizen killed, two injured in gun attack in Karachi's Saddar area: police](#)

September 28, 2022, Dawn

A Chinese national was shot dead and two others were injured after an unidentified assailant opened fire inside a dental clinic in Karachi's Saddar area, a police official said. "Reportedly, Dr Richard H is running a private clinic in this area of Karachi for more than 40 years and the three victims held dual nationality of China and Pakistan," the official added.

[No 'debt swap' talks with Beijing yet, says Bilawal](#)

September 30, 2022, Dawn

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari said that Islamabad had so far not requested a restructuring, deferment or swap of debt owed to China in the wake of the catastrophic floods that hit the country.

[ADB to approve \\$1.5bn next month](#)

September 28, 2022, Dawn

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will approve a \$1.5 billion countercyclical loan for Pakistan next month as it announced plans to provide \$14bn to the Asia and the Pacific nations to ease a worsening food crisis posed by the impacts of climate change.

[World Bank to allow \\$2bn diversion for flood relief](#)

September 25, 2022, Dawn

Pakistan is expected to spend \$2 billion of the World Bank funds – meant for multi-sectoral projects in the country – on food, shelter and other urgent needs in the wake of devastating floods. WB's new vice president for the South Asia region announced that the lender was envisaging financing of about \$2bn to help Pakistan strengthen resilience to climate-related risks.

[Qatar investments await implementation of cabinet decisions](#)

September 26, 2022, Dawn

Qatar is awaiting progress on 'reforms' Pakistan assured last month to facilitate about \$3 billion investment in the country as part of foreign financing arrangements required during the current fiscal year under the International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme.

[Heads of agencies brief NSC on probe into audio leaks](#)

September 29, 2022, The News

The National Security Committee (NSC) met at the Prime Minister's House to discuss 'audio leaks'. The intelligence chiefs briefed the NSC on the probe being conducted into the audio leaks and highlighted the vulnerabilities.

[Pakistan-China agree on early launch of ML-1 project](#)

September 30, 2022, The News

Pakistan and China agreed on early launch of much awaited Mainline-1 (ML1) project, aimed at revamping and modernising the country's age-old railway infrastructure. The agreement was reached between the two countries during a dinner hosted by the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong for Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafiq here. Railways chairman, additional secretary, secretary aviation and chief executive officer Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) accompanied the minister.

[Two Majors among six troops martyred in copter crash](#)

September 27, 2022, The News

Six personnel of Pakistani Army including two officers were martyred in a helicopter crash near Khost, Harnai district of Balochistan. According to ISPR, a helicopter of Pakistan Army crashed during flying mission near Khost, Harnai Balochistan. All the six personnel on board including two pilots embraced martyrdom.

[Textile council urges govt to import Indian cotton](#)

September 27, 2022, The News

Pakistan should import cotton from neighbouring India to avoid another balance of payment crisis, said Pakistan Textile Council (PTC). The country's textiles industry, which earned more than \$19 billion in exports last year, was facing a shortage of raw material as flash floods have damaged about half of the nation's cotton produce since June, PTC said in a statement.

[Railways faces fuel crisis as trains grind to halt](#)

September 30, 2022, The Express Tribune

A chronic fuel crisis has started rearing its head in the Pakistan Railways (PR) owing to multiple reasons, including lack of revenue, as the state entity continues to take another beating in terms of finances in the wake of floods. Several stations have fallen short of the required quantity of fuel for the engines to run.

[Gas supply freezes ahead of winter](#)

September 29, 2022, The Express Tribune

A difficult winter is ahead for gas consumers as the energy crisis may worsen due to unavailability of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG). The previous governments had been diverting LNG during the winter season to avert a gas crisis. However, the present government has not been able to make any arrangement for the supply of LNG to consumers in the coming winter season.

[Shehbaz's UNGA speech sparks row with Kabul](#)

September 25, 2022, The Express Tribune

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's speech at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session has sparked a fresh diplomatic row between Pakistan and the Afghan interim government, which denied the presence of any armed groups on Afghan soil. On one hand, the prime minister urged the international community to remain engaged with the Afghan Taliban but on the other, he shared global concerns over the presence of terrorist groups on Afghan soil.

Afghanistan

[Afghan Protests Continue Against School Attack as UN Raises Death Toll to 53](#)

October 3, 2022, VOA

Female students in Afghanistan took to the streets to seek justice for victims of last week's suicide bombing of an education center in Kabul, as the death toll continues to rise. The U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) said powerful blast in the capital, Kabul, had killed at least 53 people, including 46 girls and women, and wounded more than 110 others.

[Why China hesitates to invest in Afghanistan or recognise the Taliban](#)

October 7, 2022, SCMP

More than a year has passed since the Taliban took over Kabul. No country has formally recognised the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan as the government, including China. And Afghanistan's relationship with its neighbours, such as Tajikistan and Pakistan, remains problematic. Despite domestic enthusiasm and foreign speculation a year ago about Afghanistan's strategic utility and commercial value for China, Beijing has remained extremely cautious in its engagement.

[Suicide bomber strikes at a center of Taliban power, kills 4](#)

October 5, 2022, ABC News

A suicide bomber struck at a center of Taliban power, setting off a blast at a government ministry in the Afghan capital of Kabul and killing at least four people. The explosion went off in the afternoon as workers and visitors were praying inside a mosque of Afghanistan's Interior Ministry, which is responsible for security and law enforcement in the country. At least 25 worshippers were injured, a Taliban official said.

[Despite humanitarian aid, life in Afghanistan is reaching a new low](#)

October 5, 2022, The Washington Post

By virtually every measure, life inside Afghanistan has deteriorated to new lows in the nearly 14 months since U.S. troops withdrew and the Taliban took over, according to a report by U.N. experts who have helped coordinate hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of international aid to feed and provide health care for Afghans.

[Ten years of Afghan economic growth, reversed in just 12 months: UNDP](#)

October 5, 2022, UN News

A year on from the Taliban takeover in Kabul, Afghanistan is gripped by "cascading crises", including a crippled economy that humanitarian aid alone

cannot address, according to a new report from the UN Development Programme (UNDP). It says that the already-declining regular economy, as opposed to the black market, lost nearly \$5 billion after August 2021 and is reversing "in 12 months what had taken 10 years to accumulate."

[Taliban-Russia Deal A Drop In The Bucket That Could Fuel Future Trade](#)

October 5, 2022, RFERL

The Taliban, struggling to navigate Afghanistan through an economic and humanitarian crisis as its rule over the country remains unrecognized by the world, has found willing partners in two countries whose trade is severely restricted by international sanctions -- Russia and Iran. Moscow joined Tehran on the short list of capitals willing to deal with the Taliban under a preliminary agreement signed last week. Afghanistan will get 1 million tons of gasoline, 1 million tons of diesel fuel, 500,000 tons of liquefied petroleum gas, and 2 million tons of wheat a year, Taliban Commerce and Industry Minister Nooruddin Azizi announced last week.

[US Voices Terrorism Concerns in Afghanistan, Opts for Taliban Engagement](#)

September 28, 2022, VOA

Al-Qaida's former leader, Ayman al-Zawahiri, had freedom in the Taliban-controlled Afghan capital before he was assassinated in a U.S. drone strike, a senior U.S. official said. "He was unquestionably a threat to the United States and he had greater freedom to operate in Kabul than from wherever he came from," Thomas West, U.S. special representative for Afghanistan, said at an event at the Center for International and Strategic Studies.

[Putin inks deal with Taliban; Russia to supply oil, gas and wheat to Afghanistan](#)

September 28, 2022, Hindustan Times

The Taliban have signed a provisional deal with Russia to supply gasoline, diesel, gas and wheat to sanctions-hit Afghanistan. The Taliban said they want to diversify their trading partners. Taliban officials also said that under the deal, Russia has offered a discount from the average global commodity prices. This is the first big international economic deal that the Taliban has signed since they took power of Kabul more than a year ago. The deal with Russia could help ease Taliban's isolation that has effectively cut Afghanistan off from the global banking system.

['Not if but When' Afghan War Reignites: US Envoy](#)

September 29, 2022, The Defence Post

The US pointman on Afghanistan predicted that conflict would reignite in the war-battered nation, saying the Taliban have failed to build bridges since

returning to power last year. "I really do fear — and I think this is a consensus — that what we see now is a pause in 44 years of conflict and that we could see a return to civil war in time," said Thomas West, the US special representative on Afghanistan.

[First shipment on China-Afghanistan corridor has promising transit time](#)

September 28, 2022, RailFright.com

The first shipment along the China-Kyrgyzstan-Uzbekistan-Afghanistan corridor was successful. The first train carrying just two containers in the context of a testing period reached Hairatan in Afghanistan on 23 September. It departed from the Chinese city of Kashgar on 13 September, making the service's total transit time ten days.

[UN Questions Taliban Claims of Good Security, Governance in Afghanistan](#)

September 27, 2022, VOA

The United Nations warned that de facto Taliban authorities are failing in their claims of security and good governance in Afghanistan as terrorist groups like Islamic State are increasingly conducting attacks across the country. "Some of the Taliban's claimed and acknowledged achievements are eroding," Potzel Markus, deputy head of the U.N. Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, or UNAMA, told the Security Council.

Bangladesh

[Bangladesh-India hydro politics: Sweet deals and contentious issues](#)

September 23, 2022, ORF

Although Bangladesh and India have excelled in cooperation on several fronts, water sharing remains a bone of contention.

Nepal

[Nepal proposes selling an additional 222 MW of electricity to India](#)

October 6, 2022, Himalaya Diary

Nepal has proposed selling an additional 222 MW of electricity to India as it is facing losses of up to 800 MW daily due to increasing electricity generation within the Himalayan nation and decreasing domestic demand.

[Energising India-Nepal ties, the hydropower way](#)

September 28, 2022, The Hindu

Nepal's move to involve India in completing the West Seti and Seti River (SR6) joint storage project has the potential to enhance much-needed cross-border power exchanges

[Nepal-India discuss crucial bilateral issues at foreign secretary-level talks held in New Delhi](#)

September 21, 2022, Kathmandu Post

The meeting encompassed issues related to boundary matters, energy cooperation and trade and transit and the construction of LPG pipeline.

Sri Lanka

[Sri Lanka Begins Crucial Debt Restructuring Talks with China](#)

October 7, 2022, The Diplomat

Sri Lanka is nearly bankrupt and has suspended repaying its \$51 billion foreign debt, of which it must repay \$28 billion by 2027.

[China's 'spy ship' visit to Sri Lanka symbolises looming Sino-Indian maritime competition](#)

September 28, 2022, ASPI

In September 2014, Sri Lanka stirred the embers of conflict in the Indian Ocean region by allowing Chinese naval vessels to dock at one of its ports.

[China remains the most sincere and reliable friend of Sri Lanka – Ambassador](#)

October 1, 2022, News 1

China is a most sincere and reliable friend of Sri Lanka, notes the Ambassador Qi Zhenhong in a statement released by the Embassy in commemoration of the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

[Sri Lanka, China agree to advance BRI](#)

September 26, 2022, News 1

COLOMBO (News 1st) – State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Sri Lankan Foreign Minister Ali Sabry on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York recently.

East & South East Asia

China

[iPhone 14: Can India replace China as the world's factory?](#)

October 4, 2022, Reuters

Apple announced plans to make its latest phone model - iPhone 14 - in India, a significant milestone in the company's strategy to diversify manufacturing outside of China.

[Exclusive: US' NSA infiltrates China's data infrastructure in cyberattack on leading university](#)

September 22, 2022, Global Times

During the cyberattack against the email system of Northwestern Polytechnical University in China's Shaanxi Province - well-known for its aviation, aerospace and navigation studies - the US' National Security Agency (NSA) was found to have constructed a "legal" channel for remote access to the core data network of some infrastructure operators so that the US intelligence agency could infiltrate and control the country's infrastructure, the Global Times learned from a source.

[China's voice at UNGA 'brings confidence to world in turbulence'](#)

September 26, 2022, Global Times

Despite the world being in a phase of "turbulence and transformation," we have reasons for hope amid broadening cooperation and deepening economic globalization, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi said at the general debate of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

[China's State Council holds National Day reception](#)

September 30, 2022, Xinhua

China's State Council on Friday held a reception at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing to celebrate the 73rd anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. China's National Day falls on Oct. 1.

[Mainland spokesperson urges U.S. to stop using Taiwan to contain China](#)

September 30, 2022, Xinhua

A Chinese mainland spokesperson on Friday urged the United States to handle affairs related to Taiwan cautiously and stop supporting Taiwan in a bid to contain China.

Japan

[U.S., Australia, Japan defense chiefs slam China's 'aggressive and bullying behavior'](#)

October 2, 2022, The Japan Times

Defense Minister Yasukazu Hamada attends a trilateral meeting with U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and Australian Defense Minister Richard Marles at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command headquarters in Honolulu.

[Kishida condemns Russian annexation of parts of Ukraine](#)

October 1, 2022, Japan Today

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, in telephone call Friday with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, condemned Russia's new annexation of parts of Ukraine as illegal and a violation of the country's sovereignty.

[Japan says Britain may join trans-Pacific free trade pact this year](#)

October 9, 2022, Japan Today

Members of a trans-Pacific free trade pact could agree in principle to allow Britain to join as a new member this year, using the European country's case as a model for future aspirants, Japan's economic minister Daishiro Yamagiwa said

[U.N. expert says Japan should do more for Fukushima evacuees](#)

October 8, 2022, Japan Today

A United Nations human rights expert urged Japan's government on Friday to provide evacuees from the Fukushima nuclear plant disaster with more support, including housing, jobs and other needs, regardless of whether they fled forcibly or not.

[Japan says Britain may join trans-Pacific free trade pact this year](#)

October 9, 2022, Japan Today

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[Kishida-Yoon talks should start effort to resolve bilateral issues](#)

September 23, 2022, Asahi Shimbun

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's talks with South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol offered a fresh reminder of the importance of dialogue between the leaders of the countries with deeply strained ties fraught with sticky issues.

Korea

[North Korea fires off two more missiles for seventh launch in two weeks](#)

October 9, 2022, The Japan Times

North Korea fired two ballistic missiles into the Sea of Japan early Sunday morning, Japanese and South Korean authorities said, conducting its seventh launch in two weeks as the isolated, nuclear-armed country maintained a rapid clip of weapons tests not seen in years.

Southeast Asia

[Philippines' Marcos Eyes China Compromise on South China Sea](#)

September 24, 2022, Bloomberg

Marcos offered to renew talks with China on gas exploration. Any deal wouldn't compromise territory, president says.

[US, Philippines Reinforce Alliance With Joint Military Drills](#)

October 7, 2022, Defense Post

US and Philippine marines stormed a beach near a disputed rocky outcrop in the South China Sea on Friday as part of joint military drills involving more than 3,500 troops.

[US military surveillance in South China Sea scaled back after spike in tensions across Taiwan Strait](#)

October 5, 2022, SCMP

Beijing-based think tank says US military conducted just over half as many surveillance missions in September compared with August.

[As UN mulls Myanmar action, Malaysia pushes ASEAN to review peace plan](#)

Southeast Asian nations must decide if they are going to push ahead with a so-far failed five-point peace plan for Myanmar or "decide what's next" before their leaders meet in November, Malaysia's Foreign Minister Saifuddin Abdullah said on Monday (Sep 19).

[The Problems With Vietnam's 'Bamboo Diplomacy'](#)

September 12, 2022, The Diplomat

Is the phrase, increasingly prominent in government communications, anything more than an update to a discredited policy of neutrality?

Central & West Asia

Central Asia

[Russia Is Losing Its Clout in Central Asia as Ukraine War Spirals](#)

October 6, 2022, Foreign Policy

Central Asian powers are learning that Putin is not the tough neighborhood sheriff he claimed to be.

[USAID's 12th Central Asia Trade Forum Seeks to Advance Connectivity and Trade in Region](#)

October 7, 2022, Astana Times

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) will host the 12th Central Asia Trade Forum dedicated to the digitalization of customs services on Oct. 12-13 in Astana.

[Putin's Central Asian allies embrace Russians fleeing draft](#)

September 28, 2022, Al Jazeera

Moscow's traditional allies in Central Asia are quietly making moves that are likely to upset the Russian leader.

[Are Turkish drones complicating disputes in Central Asia?](#)

September 26, 2022, Al Monitor

Kyrgyzstan's use of Turkish drones in a border dispute with Tajikistan leaves Turkey in a tight spot on how to balance its ties in Central Asia, a region where it has long sought to expand its influence.

[Russia's Putin pushes ties with Central Asia at regional summit](#)

September 15, 2022, Andolou Agency

Russian meets presidents of Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, holds trilateral talks with leaders of China, Mongolia

[Xi vows to back Kazakh 'sovereignty' in Central Asia power play](#)

September 14, 2022, Nikkei Asia

Chinese leader's first post-COVID trip abroad seen as move to cement top-dog status

[Kyrgyzstan Says Tajikistan Resumes Shelling After Ceasefire Deal](#)

September 16, 2022, VOA

Kyrgyzstan accused Tajikistan of fresh shelling late on Friday despite a ceasefire deal reached by the two countries' presidents, as a deadly border conflict forced thousands of people to evacuate.

[Xi meets Putin at Central Asia summit as US urges pressure over Ukraine](#)

September 15, 2022, RFA

Beijing's refusal to criticize the Russian invasion of Ukraine wins praise from president Vladimir Putin.

West Asia

[Milestone MOU Signed for Acceptance of RuPay Card and UPI-Based Mobile Payments in Oman](#)

October 4, 2022, Times of Oman

This MoU will enable the acceptance of Indian RuPay cards issued by banks in India at all OmanNet network ATMs, POS & E-commerce sites; as well as reciprocal acceptance of Oman cards/MPCSS in the networks of NPCI in India.

[OPEC+ Unleashes Shockwaves with Big Cut to Oil Production](#)

October 6, 2022, Financial Times

Deep oil production cuts approved by Opec+ have sent shockwaves across energy markets, put the cartel on a collision course with Washington and pointed to a strengthening bond between Saudi Arabia and Russia.

[U.S. Takes Aim at OPEC for Oil Production Cuts](#)

October 6, 2022, The Wall Street Journal

OPEC's decision to slash oil production has the U.S. considering responses that could include measures aimed at breaking the cartel's hold on markets or limiting U.S. oil exports should shortages emerge.

[Ayatollah Khamenei: Violent Riots in Iran Planned by the US and Zionist Regime'](#)

October 3, 2022, Press TV (Iran)

Leader of the Islamic Revolution in Iran 'Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei' has severely censured the unrest that erupted in some parts of Iran following the death of a young woman, stating that the deadly riots were orchestrated in advance by the United States and the Israeli regime.

[Europe Faces 'Unprecedented Risk' of Gas Shortage, IEA Says](#)

October 3, 2022, The Peninsula Qatar

Europe faces "unprecedented risks" to its natural gas supplies this winter after Russia cut off most pipeline shipments and could wind up competing with Asia for already scarce and expensive liquid gas that comes by ship, the International Energy Agency said.

[Yemen's Warring Sides Fail to Agree Extension to UN-backed Truce](#)

October 3, 2022, AL Jazeera

Yemen's warring sides have failed to reach an agreement to extend a nationwide ceasefire, the United Nations has said.

[Crude Oil Prices Fall Below \\$80 a Barrel](#)

September 23, 2022, The Wall Street Journal

Oil prices (WTI USD 78.91/barrel, Brent 85.21/barrel) fell to the lowest levels since January 2022 as fears about a global recession accelerated and the dollar strengthened further.

[Iran Offers Indian Firms 30 Percent Stake in Gas Field](#)

September 25, 2022, The Economic Times

Iran has offered ONGC Videsh Ltd and its partners a 30 per cent interest in the development of the Farzad-B gas field in the Persian Gulf that was discovered by the Indian consortium.

[Iran Protests Western Stance on Mass Protests Over Woman's Death](#)

September 25, 2022, Reuters

Iran summoned the British and Norwegian ambassadors over what it called interference and hostile media coverage of the nationwide unrest triggered by the death of a woman detained by the morality police.

[Israel May Share Nuclear Tech with Abraham Accords States - Israeli Atomic Chief](#)

September 28, 2022, The Jerusalem Post

Israel may share aspects of its nuclear technology and knowledge with countries that are part of the Abraham Accords, Israel Atomic Energy Commission Director-General Moshe Edri said.

[US, Israel to Launch Strategic Dialogue Aimed at Boosting Tech Cooperation](#)

September 28, 2022, The Times of Israel

Israel and the US will launch a strategic dialogue aimed at boosting technological cooperation at the White House. The initiative was first

announced in the "Jerusalem Declaration" that US President Joe Biden and Prime Minister Yair Lapid signed during Biden's visit to Israel in July.

[Secretary Blinken: US Will Not Be Able to Stop Israel if Hezbollah Attacks Over Gas](#)

September 24, 2022, The Jerusalem Post

The United States will not be able to stop Israel from retaliating against Lebanon if Hezbollah decides to attack it over the Karish gas field, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken reportedly told the Lebanese prime minister in a recent meeting.

[Russia, Iran and China to Hold Joint Naval Exercises in the Indian Ocean](#)

September 23, 2022, Middle East Monitor

Iran, Russia and China will hold joint naval exercises in the northern Indian Ocean "this autumn", Iranian semi-official Mehr news agency reported.

United States

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[China has no clear road map for Taiwan unification: U.S. experts](#)

October 4, 2022, Nikkei Asia

Leading U.S. experts broadly believe China does not have a coherent internal strategy and road map to achieve peaceful unification with Taiwan, according to a new survey by the Center for Strategic and International Studies. The Washington-based think tank conducted a poll of 64 leading analysts to gauge their views on China's game plan shortly after U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan that triggered unprecedented Chinese military exercises around the island.

[Wang Yi Meets with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken](#)

On September 23, 2022 local time, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the compound of the Permanent Mission of China to the United Nations.

[US sending 'dangerous signals' on Taiwan, China tells Blinken](#)

September 24, 2022, AL Jazeera

Tensions over Taiwan have soared since US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited the island in August.

[F-16 assistance to Pakistan not designed as a message to India: U.S. official](#)

September 22, 2022, The Hindu

Ely Ratner says they have engaged India on the issue both before and during the decision

[U.S., Ukraine, UK, others vote against UN resolution to take action against racism](#)

October 9, 2022, People's Gazette

The UN resolution seeks for reparations for those affected by slave trade and colonialism

[Ukraine war: Biden says US will not be intimidated by reckless Putin](#)

October 1, 2022, BBC

President Joe Biden has warned Russia that the United States will not be intimidated by reckless threats after Vladimir Putin declared the annexation of four occupied regions of Ukraine.

Europe & Russia

Europe

[EU seeks to ease Ukraine export woes](#)

September 20, 2022, EU Observer

The EU is grappling with bottlenecks to increase the capacity of shipments of Ukraine grain and other products to member states.

[European navies must stay on Suez trade routes, EU diplomats warn](#)

October 4, 2022, EU Observer

EU diplomats want European navies to stay in the volatile Gulf of Aden region for hard geopolitical reasons as well as to improve local security.

[Russia's €200m nuclear exports untouched by EU sanctions](#)

October 7, 2022, EU Observer

"Russian nuclear terror requires a stronger response from the international community [including] sanctions on the Russian nuclear industry and nuclear fuel." Those were the words Ukraine's president Volodymyr Zelensky tweeted in August, after the shelling of a nuclear power plant in the country.

[Nord Stream: Sweden finds new leak in Russian gas pipeline](#)

September 29, 2022, BBC

Sweden has found a new leak in a major undersea pipeline carrying Russian natural gas to the EU - making it the fourth discovered this week.

[What Modi and Putin's 'unbreakable friendship' means for the EU](#)

October 3, 2022, EU Observer

As the Indian economy has just overtaken the UK's as the fifth-largest in the world and is set to re-emerge as the fastest-growing big economy in 2022 (7.4 percent forecast), there is rising European business interest in this last huge untapped market. At the same time, with EU-China ties increasingly strained, India has gained importance as the EU's geopolitical partner in the Indo-Pacific and Asia.

[India likely to receive EU's Euro 300 billion fund under Global Gateway scheme](#)

October 9, 2022, Mint

The massive global investment plan for connectivity projects -- announced in December 2021 -- is seen as a counter to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative.

Russia

[Attempts to present Russia as isolated within UN failed – Foreign Ministry](#)

September 24, 2022, TASS

Maria Zakharova said that the number of meetings with the Russian delegation on the sidelines of the session of the UN General Assembly eliminates all hints of Moscow's isolation.

[Russia shares IAEA chief's belief in need to prevent nuclear disaster, envoy says](#)

September 26, 2022, TASS

So far, Rafael Grossi has defined only a broad conceptual framework, with a message of the need to take effective measures to prevent a nuclear disaster, Mikhail Ulyanov said.

[Russia's MFA slams suspension of Geneva Discussions as part of anti-Russian policy](#)

October 5, 2022, TASS

it is reported that despite a months-long break in discussions and attempts by non-regional players to stoke tensions, the situation in the border areas of Georgia, Abkhazia and South Ossetia remains "relatively calm"

[Free and Open Indo-Pacific Region concept endangers stability in Asia-Pacific – Medvedev](#)

October 6, TASS

Dmitry Medvedev warned that such interference would also affect environmental issues.

[Norway to restrict passage of Russian fishing vessels to its ports – Foreign Ministry](#)

October 6, 2022, TASS

It is noted that Russian fishing vessels will be checked by Norway's customs officers upon arrival in their ports.

Africa & Latin America

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[Turkey's Bayraktar TB2 drones join offensive against al-Shabab](#)

October 1, 2022, Middle East Eye

Ankara's move to increase its foothold in the Horn of Africa seen as 'significant' in Mogadishu's fight against insurgent group.

[U.S. military says it killed al-Shabaab leader in Somali air strike](#)

October 2, 2022, Reuters

The U.S. military said it killed a leader of the Islamist militant al-Shabaab group with an air strike in Somalia over the weekend, while the insurgents claimed responsibility for a new attack.

[Postponement of Tigray peace talks latest blow in Ethiopia's hidden war](#)

October 8, 2022, The Guardian

Airstrikes, malnutrition and disease have claimed thousands of lives in one of the most deadly but least reported conflicts in the world

[U.N. ship to deliver Ukrainian wheat to Somalia, infrastructure ministry says](#)

October 2, 2022, Reuters

A fifth vessel chartered by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), NEW ISLAND, has arrived at Ukraine's Black Sea port of Chornomorsk and will deliver Ukrainian wheat to Somalia, Ukraine's infrastructure ministry said.

[Somalia Warns Media Not to Publish Al-Shabab Propaganda](#)

October 8, 2022, VOA

Somalia's government announced Saturday a crackdown on media outlets that publish what it deems propaganda for the Islamist militant group al-Shabab and warned that offenders would be punished.

[Somalia drought: The fight for survival as famine looms](#)

October 4, 2022, BBC

Young children are dying in growing numbers in Somalia amid the worst drought to hit the country in 40 years. Government officials say that an even greater catastrophe could sweep the country within days or weeks unless more help arrives.

Latin America

[What To Know Before Brazil's Crucial Presidential Election](#)

September 29, 2022, TIME

Brazil heads to the polls on Oct. 2 for crucial general elections in Latin America's largest economy and most populous country that will determine the next President, Vice President, and National Congress. The key question on everyone's minds is whether the far-right President Jair Bolsonaro will get another term, or whether the left-wing former President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva will return to office as part of a resurgent pink tide in the region that has recently seen leftists take power in Colombia, Argentina, Mexico, and elsewhere.

[Is the Amazon rainforest at a tipping point?](#)

Al Jazeera, October 7, 2022

'If we lose the Amazon, if you take the Amazon out of the equation ... global temperature could rise by 0.25 degrees.'

[Colombia and ELN rebels agree to restart peace talks](#)

October 4, 2022, AL Jazeera

Officials say Norway, Venezuela and Cuba would be "guarantor states" and civil society groups would be "essential".

[International warnings grow over threat to democracy in Brazil](#)

September 29, 2022, Al Jazeera

President Jair Bolsonaro's unfounded claims of electoral fraud raise concerns he may reject October 2 vote results.

[Venezuela-Colombia border reopens to trade as tensions ease](#)

September 22, 2022, Al Jazeera

People along the shared border hope the reopening of border crossings to cargo will boost the economy after a years-long closure.

[Biden announces return of seven American detainees from Venezuela](#)

October 2, 2022, CNN

President Joe Biden on Saturday announced the return of seven Americans he said were wrongfully detained in Venezuela for "years."

[Venezuela floods kill 22 after heavy rains](#)

October 9, 2022, Reuters

At least 22 people died and 52 were missing after five small rivers in central Venezuela flooded due to heavy rains, Venezuela Vice President Delcy Rodriguez said.

[Orinoco Belt: Venezuela waiting on oil investment in biodiverse region](#)

October 7, 2022, Dialogo China

Maduro government calls for foreign investment in one of the world's largest oil reserves. But little is arriving, amid ongoing sanctions and environmental challenges.

[Maduro says Venezuelan elections might be earlier than expected](#)

October 8, 2022, Merco Press

Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro Friday hinted he might bring forward the 2024 presidential elections because he is ready to win "whenever, wherever, and however."

[UN calls for humanitarian corridor in Haiti's crisis-hit capital](#)

October 6, 2022, Al Jazeera

United Nations urges humanitarian corridor to allow fuel out of key, gang-blockaded terminal in Port-au-Prince.



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