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South Asia

India

[WHO's Covaxin Approval Will Facilitate Travel For Indians: S Jaishankar](#)

November 4, 2021, NDTV

The WHO on Wednesday granted emergency use approval for Bharat Biotech's COVID-19 vaccine Covaxin, in a move that the pharma major said is a "significant" step towards ensuring wider global access to the indigenously developed jab.

[Jaishankar discusses "important regional concerns" with U.S. Secretary of State](#)

October 31, 2021, The Hindu

The meeting took place on the sidelines of the G20 Summit amidst growing international concern over China's aggressive moves in the Indo-Pacific region.

[Boris Johnson, Modi agreed on need to rein in fringe anti-India extremist groups: Shringla](#)

November 2, 2021, The Hindu

Counter-terrorism and the need to rein in extremist activities by certain fringe separatist outfits were among the issues covered during the "short" bilateral exchange between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his British counterpart, Boris Johnson, on the margins of the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow.

[Navy Commander Among 6 Charged By CBI For Leaking Submarine Info](#)

November 2, 2021, NDTV

The Central Bureau of Investigation has filed chargesheets against six people including a serving commander and two retired Indian Navy officers for allegedly passing on confidential information about India's Kilo Class submarines to "unauthorised persons", sources have said.

[One Earth, One Health: What PM Narendra Modi said at G20 Summit](#)

October 31, 2021, India Today

At the G20 Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi put forward the vision of 'One Earth, One Health' to the world, and said that India is preparing to produce more than five billion Covid-19 vaccine doses for the world next year.

[PM Modi Meets US President Joe Biden, Other World Leaders At G20 Summit](#)

October 30, 2021, NDTV

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met US President Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron, UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Pakistan

[Pakistani consortium, Qatar Petroleum to build LNG terminal](#)

October 30, 2021, The News

A trio of Pakistan-based firms has struck an agreement with Qatar Petroleum (QP) to establish a "merchant model" imported LNG (liquefied natural gas) terminal in the country.

[Afghan 'diplomats' take charge in Pakistan](#)

October 30, 2021, Dawn

The Taliban-appointed 'diplomats' have taken charge of the Afghan embassy and consulates in Pakistan. Sardar Muhammad Shokaib has started working as the first secretary in the Afghan embassy in Islamabad. Hafiz Mohibullah, Mullah Ghulam Rasool and Mullah Muhammad Abbas have been assigned to the Peshawar, Quetta, and Karachi consulates of Afghanistan. Shokaib would effectively be the Afghan charge d'affaires in Islamabad.

[Govt plans to borrow Rs6.75trln in Nov-Jan](#)

October 31, 2021, The News

The government planned to borrow Rs5.750 trillion from banks in three months (November-January) to bridge gap in revenue and expenditures. The planned borrowings are higher than the October-December target of Rs5.875 trillion.

[Government, TLP ink deal to end impasse](#)

November 1, 2021, Dawn

Members of the negotiating team from the government side claimed that they had reached an 'agreement' with the proscribed Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) in order to end the nearly two-week-long impasse, but refused to divulge its details.

[Hazy Lahore declared most polluted city in the world](#)

November 2, 2021, Dawn

The provincial capital Lahore was declared the most polluted city in the world, leaving New Delhi far behind: the official air quality index (AQI) of Lahore was reported at 289 (as per the average between 9am and 5pm) and international monitoring bodies put the score at 397. New Delhi stood at less than half of Lahore's pollution level, with 187.

[NSA says he won't attend conference in India](#)

November 3, 2021, The News

Pakistan National Security Adviser (NSA) Dr Moeed Yusuf announced he would not attend a conference in India on Afghanistan.

[Four trucks loaded with yarn arrive from Uzbekistan](#)

November 4, 2021, Dawn

The first-ever consignment of trucks from Uzbekistan under a Convention on the International Transport of Goods for traffic-in-transit of goods across the border has reached Pakistan via the Torkham border.

[Govt reaches understanding with TTP for temporary truce](#)

November 5, 2021, Dawn

Pakistani officials have reached a tentative understanding with the banned Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) to seek a broader peace agreement to end nearly two decades of militancy in the country.

['Abide by HR regimes to qualify for GSP plus'](#)

November 5, 2021, The Express Tribune

A delegation of the European Parliament members has raised concern over the issues related to human rights, as Pakistan urged them not to suspend its Generalized Schemes of Preference (GSP) Plus status, saying otherwise extremist forces would be proactive in the country.

[Spain busts ring bringing Pakistani migrants into EU](#)

November 5, 2021, Dawn

Spanish police have dismantled a smuggling ring suspected of bringing hundreds of Pakistani migrants into the European Union overland in "life-threatening conditions".

Afghanistan

[State Dept, Pentagon concealing Afghanistan data: US watchdog](#)

October 31, 2021, Dawn

A US government watchdog accused the State Department and Pentagon of suppressing information that lawmakers and the public need, to understand the collapse of Afghanistan's former government and military and the chaotic US troop pull-out.

[Taliban shoot down two wedding guests for listening to music](#)

October 31, 2021, The News

Taliban fighters shot dead two wedding guests who were listening to music. A relative of the victims said Taliban fighters had opened fire while music was being played at a wedding in Sorkhrud, in Nangarhar province, killing two and wounding as many.

[Taliban supreme leader makes first public appearance](#)

November 1, 2021, Dawn

Taliban supreme leader Haibatullah Akhundzada addressed supporters in the southern city of Kandahar, his first public appearance since taking control of the group in 2016. Akhundzada has been the spiritual chief of the movement since 2016 but has remained a reclusive figure, even after the Taliban seized power in Afghanistan.

[TAPI Pipeline Project to resume in Afghanistan](#)

November 1, 2021, The News

Acting Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi at a press conference with Turkmenistan Foreign Minister Rashid Meredov has said the Turkmen delegation and Islamic Emirate held good talks on economic and political issues. Muttaqi said the Turkmenistan delegation included officials from various ministries who held talks with the Islamic Emirate officials. Muttaqi said during the two-day visit, both sides discussed issues around strengthening political relations and economic ties.

[25 killed as blasts, gunfire hit Kabul hospital](#)

November 3, 2021, Dawn

At least 25 people were killed and more than 50 wounded when gunmen attacked Afghanistan's biggest military hospital after two heavy explosions at the site in central Kabul. The explosions hit the entrance of the 400-bed Sardar Mohammad Daud Khan hospital and were followed with an assault by gunmen

of the militant Islamic State (IS) group, all of whom were killed within 15 minutes, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said.

[Taliban ban use of foreign currencies](#)

November 3, 2021, Dawn

The Taliban government announced a ban on the use of foreign currencies, threatening further disruption to an already ailing economy. Since the group took over Kabul in August, Afghanistan's currency has depreciated and the country's reserves are frozen abroad.

[Former Afghan security personnel, soldiers joining IS, says report](#)

November 3, 2021, Dawn

Former members of Afghanistan's US-trained intelligence service and elite military units are now joining the militant Islamic State group, The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported. "These new recruits bring to Islamic State critical expertise in intelligence-gathering and warfare techniques, potentially strengthening the extremist organisation's ability to contest Taliban supremacy," the report warned.

[UNICEF to directly fund Afghan teachers](#)

November 4, 2021, Dawn

The United Nations children's agency said it was planning to set up a system to directly fund Afghan teachers, after the international community placed a freeze on funding to the Taliban-led administration.

[Tajikistan, China Deny Military Base Construction](#)

October 31, 2021, Tolo News

Days after reports about the construction of a military base in Tajikistan near the Afghan-Tajik border by China, both Tajikistan and China have rejected the reports and the construction of such a military base.

[Saleh: Ghani Should Release Secret Tapes of Peace Talks](#)

November 2, 2021, Tolo News

Following remarks by the former US envoy for Afghan peace Zalmay Khalilzad over the failure of the Afghan peace process, former vice president Amrullah Saleh has asked former president Ashraf Ghani to release the tapes secretly recorded during peace talks with Khalilzad and other foreign officials.

Bangladesh

[Communal Violence in Bangladesh Echoes in India's Tripura](#)

November 3, 2021, The Diplomat

Violence targeting Muslims is a recent occurrence in this northeast Indian state.

[Despite violence, India keeping Bangladesh ties on track](#)

November 4, 2021, Deccan Herald

Though the Sangh Parivar outfits of late targeted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government in Dhaka for failing to stop vandalism at Durga Puja pandals in Bangladesh, New Delhi is keeping the relations with the neighbouring country on track.

[Chinese arms to Dhaka fail quality and longevity tests, one after the other](#)

November 4, 2021, The Economic Times

China is trying to emerge as a key defence exporter to certain South Asian and Southeast Asian countries in India's neighbourhood, but its supplies to the Bangladesh armed forces have raised concerns over the quality and longevity of the products.

Nepal

[Nepal's New PM Deuba Seeks Better Ties With India](#)

November 5, 2021, The Diplomat

Since Deuba came to power in July, there have been several rounds of interactions between the two sides, but no top-level visits to date.

[Cyberattacks from groups in India targeted China, Pak & Nepal, claims Chinese media](#)

November 5, 2021, The Economic Times

"Cyberattacks from India disclosed" is the new propaganda by Chinese mouthpiece media as it claims that groups from India with possible intelligence background and state support constantly attacked defence and military units as well as state-owned enterprises in China, Nepal and Pakistan over the past few years, Global Times reported.

[Nepal to sell surplus power to India](#)

November 4, 2021, Tribune

India has given permission to Nepal to sell surplus power in its market, the Nepalese Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation said in a statement.

Sri Lanka

[India airlifts nano nitrogen to help Sri Lanka's fertiliser crisis](#)

November 4, 2021, The Economic Times

Amidst mounting island-wide protests by farmers demanding fertiliser following the government's sudden decision to go fully organic and ban chemical fertiliser usage, two Indian Air Force planes have airlifted a consignment of nano nitrogen fertiliser to help Sri Lanka.

[Sri Lanka President urges all nations to work together in solidarity for the survival of the planet](#)

November 1, 2021, Colombo Page

Sri Lanka is proud to be a co-lead of the "Global Energy Compact for No New Coal Power", President Gotabaya Rajapaksa told the world leaders Monday addressing the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland.

[Explained: Sri Lanka's 'One Country, One Law' Task-force](#)

October 29, 2021, India.com

Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa recently appointed a hardline Buddhist monk, known for his anti-Muslim stance, as the head of a 13-member task force for the establishment of the 'One Country, One Law' concept. It is to mention that the 'One Country, One Law' was an election slogan of Rajapaksa in 2019 when he was elected president with overwhelming support from the nation's Buddhist electorate.

East & South East Asia

China

[US absolutely able to 'defend Taiwan,' but that's just empty words: Global Times editorial](#)

November 4, 2021, Global Times

US Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Mark Milley said on Wednesday that it is unlikely for the Chinese mainland to make a move on Taiwan in the next six, 12, or 24 months. But he also claimed that the Chinese mainland is "clearly and unambiguously building a capability to provide those options." When asked if the US has the ability to "defend Taiwan," Milley said that "there's no question" the US has the ability to do that.

[US' report on China's nuclear warheads is only speculative: Global Times editorial](#)

November 4, 2021, Global Times

The US Department of Defense released its annual report on military and security developments involving China on Wednesday. One of the claims in the report has attracted great attention. It notes that the accelerating pace of the China's nuclear expansion may enable the country to have up to 700 deliverable nuclear warheads by 2027 and China likely intends to have at least 1,000 warheads by 2030, 2.5 times more than estimated a year ago.

[China strengthens border management to prevent imported cases amid recent flare-ups](#)

November 4, 2021, Global Times

China's National Immigration Administration has taken a series of actions to strengthen prevention work on border ports amid the latest flare-ups in China, including no-contact methods to take over imported goods and intensifying border patrol to crack down on illegal border crossing.

[PLA sent nearly 200 aircraft near Taiwan in record month](#)

November 1, 2021, Global Times

The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) reportedly sent nearly 200 aircraft to the aerial area near the island of Taiwan for exercises in October, in a move that experts said on Monday has deterred Taiwan secessionist provocations and foreign interference attempts.

[US report on Chinese military 'full of prejudice'](#)

November 5, 2021, China Daily

Beijing hit back on Thursday at a United States report on Chinese military development, saying that it disregards facts and is fraught with bias.

[Xi says green transition must be accelerated](#)

November 2, 2021, China Daily

President Xi Jinping emphasized on Monday the importance of upholding multilateral consensus, focusing on concrete actions and accelerating the green transition in order to tackle climate change and revive the world economy.

[China open to talks on subsidies behind US tensions, Xi says](#)

November 5, 2021, Al Jazeera

President Xi Jinping said China is open to negotiations on subsidies to its industrial firms as well as state-owned companies, key points of trade tensions with the U.S.

[Xi, Biden Likely To Agree To Reopen Consulates, Report Says](#)

November 5, 2021, NDTV

The possible agreement between China's leader Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden comes as ties between the two countries improve even as they spar over Taiwan and alarm grows in Washington over Beijing's nuclear arsenal.

[Yahoo Pulls Out of China, Ending Tumultuous Two-Decade Relationship](#)

November 2, 2021, The Wall Street Journal

Yahoo Inc. said it was pulling out of China, citing an increasingly challenging business and legal environment, the latest foreign company to be caught up in Beijing's toughening rules for businesses. Yahoo said it had ceased to offer its services from Nov. 1, becoming the second well-known U.S. technology firm to downsize China operations in less than a month following the closure of Microsoft Corp.'s LinkedIn social-networking site.

[China Binges on U.S. Gas to Manage Energy Shortage, Carbon Footprint](#)

November 02, 2021, The Wall Street Journal

At the height of the trade war in 2019, China all but cut off imports of U.S. liquefied natural gas. Today, China is buying more gas from the U.S. than ever. The turnabout is one consequence of the global energy shortage that has sent prices soaring. And it is a result of China's effort to cut carbon emissions by reducing how much coal it burns.

[Shutting Down Historical Debate, China Makes It a Crime to Mock Heroes](#)

November 02, 2021, New York Times

The young woman in Beijing began her post complaining about mobs gathering online, where recluses vent misogynistic insecurities from the safety of desk chairs. As provocative as it was, it might have passed unnoticed except that she added another beat. She mocked the toxic masculinity of users imagining themselves as Dong Cunrui, a textbook war hero who, according to Chinese Communist Party lore, died valiantly during the civil war that brought the party to power in 1949.

[China urges families to stock up on food for winter months.](#)

November 02, 2021, The New York Times

China has called on families and local governments to stock up on daily necessities as the country enforces stringent restrictions intended to curb a number of Covid outbreaks. The Chinese Ministry of Commerce issued the guidance in a statement on Monday. The Economic Daily, a Communist Party-backed newspaper, said that the directives were an effort by the government to prepare the public for Covid lockdowns in the prelude to winter.

Japan

[India and US breathe a sigh of relief as Fumio Kishida secures control over Japan](#)

November 3, 2021, Firstpost

With this newfound public legitimacy, the Japanese Prime Minister can begin implementing crucial segments of his foreign policy agenda.

[As oil nears \\$100, India and Japan join U.S. in pressuring OPEC to act](#)

October 31, 2021, World Oil

For the past year, oil consuming countries have become increasingly anxious at crude's resurgence: first to \$50 a barrel, then \$75 and now to more than \$85. And when Vladimir Putin, one of the leaders of the OPEC+ cartel, warned that \$100 a barrel was a distinct possibility, the alarm bells really started ringing.

[Japan asks U.S. to abolish extra steel and aluminium tariffs](#)

November 4, 2021, Reuters

Japan's trade minister Koichi Hagiuda has asked the United States to abolish extra tariffs on steel and aluminium imports from Japan in a meeting with Washington's trade representative, the ministry said.

[Japan says Kishida could visit U.S. before end of year](#)

November 5, 2021, The Japan Times

The government said Friday that Prime Minister Fumio Kishida could possibly visit the United States for a meeting with President Joe Biden before the end of the year.

[Japan, Germany expand military ties as German warship visits](#)

November 5, 2021, The Economic Times

Defense Minister Nobuo Kishi on Friday said Japan will step up military cooperation with Germany in the Indo-Pacific region as he welcomed a port call by the first German warship to visit Japan in about 20 years.

[Japan's Prime Minister Kishida to double as foreign minister until Cabinet relaunch](#)

November 4, 2021, The Japan Times

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Thursday he will double as foreign minister until he relaunches the Cabinet after Japan's parliament convenes a special session next week.

Korea

[S.Korea, U.S. quietly hold joint air exercises amid calls for talks with N.Korea](#)

November 1, 2021, Reuters

South Korea and the United States kicked off joint aerial drills on Monday, a military official in Seoul said, amid tensions over North Korea's recent missile tests and calls for a restart of denuclearisation talks.

[South Korea, US at odds over deal to end Korean War](#)

November 3, 2021, Deutsche Welle

Nearly 70 years after the conflict ended in stalemate, Seoul is pushing hard for a declaration that will formally end the Korean War. But Washington is reluctant to reward the regime in Pyongyang.

[Sustainability and Survival: North Korea's Struggle With Climate Change](#)

November 1, 2021, The Diplomat

North Korea is increasingly impacted by climate-induced natural disasters, yet its weak economy will hamper growing calls for environmental action.

[China, Russia revive push to lift UN sanctions on North Korea](#)

November 2, 2021, Al Jazeera

Resolution seeks to remove a ban on Pyongyang's exports of statues, seafood and textiles and expand it to include lifting a refined petroleum imports cap.

[Reports of famine in North Korea as food insecurity mounts](#)

November 5, 2021, WION

Because North Korea's economy is quickly deteriorating, the country's most vulnerable citizens are at greater risk of hunger. For the past few months, Kim Jong-un's country has been experiencing a food crisis.

[North Korea Claims to Test Hypersonic Missile](#)

November 2021, Arms Control Association

North Korea claims to have conducted its first test of a new hypersonic missile, an achievement of "great strategic significance," according to state media. The Hwasong-8 missile is presumed to be capable of carrying a nuclear or conventional warhead.

[North Korea casts itself as victim of US vilification over nuclear capabilities](#)

November 5, 2021, NK News

North Korea told a U.N. committee on Thursday that it is subject to arbitrary vilification over its nuclear and weapons programs, questioning why U.S. and South Korean missile tests don't face the same international scrutiny.

Southeast Asia

[Huawei and ASEAN Foundation sign agreement to enhance India's digital landscape](#)

November 4, 2021, The Telegraph

ASEAN Foundation and the Chinese telecom gear company Huawei held the Asia-Pacific Innovation Day- Digital Talent Summit 2021 on November 3 where the two organisations signed an agreement intending to bridge the digital talent gap in the Asia Pacific scenario.

[In the wake of China-US rivalry, India needs to reboot its ASEAN strategy](#)

November 1, 2021, The Indian Express

India needs a comprehensive effort to promote a better Asian understanding of its policies and the new opportunities they present for deeper economic and political cooperation.

[China applies to join digital trade pact with Singapore and NZ](#)

November 1, 2021, Nikkei Asia

China's unexpected move on Monday to apply to join a fledging global digital trade pact even as the country tightens up cross-border data flows has raised questions about its intentions.

[More than 500 rights groups urge UN to stop Myanmar army offensives](#)

November 5, 2021, Al Jazeera

Human rights groups call on the UN Security Council to address escalating attacks by military in the restive Chin state.

[About 37,000 people displaced in Myanmar's northwest, many have fled into India: UN spokesperson](#)

November 3, 2021, The Hindu

About 37,000 people, including women and children, are now displaced in Myanmar's restive northwest and many have fled their homes in anticipation of the current fighting, including into India, a spokesperson for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said.

Central & West Asia

Central Asia

[Speech by President von der Leyen at the EU-Central Asia Economic Forum](#)

November 5, 2021, Europa

The Speech by President von der Leyen at the EU-Central Asia Economic Forum emphasised a simple message that Central Asia matters to Europe just as Europe matters to Central Asia.

[New Regionalism in Central Asia](#)

November 1, 2021, Valdai

The primary condition for a successful foreign and domestic policy is a constructive understanding of one's place in the world and in the region, which allows for the pragmatic formulation and implementation of national development goals. In recent years, a new foreign policy strategy has been initiated in Uzbekistan, the key task of which is to create an atmosphere of trust, good-neighbourliness and cooperation in Central Asia.

[How Taliban Victory Will Reshape Regional Dynamics In Central Asia – Analysis](#)

November 4, 2021 Eurasia Review

The Taliban's victory in Afghanistan is transforming the regional landscape and unnerving neighbouring countries. Central Asian countries face migration flows, humanitarian challenges and political uncertainty. The post-American Afghanistan also provides Moscow and Beijing, as well several other regional powers like Tehran and Islamabad, with opportunities to enhance regional engagement as the world moves towards multipolarity.

[Destabilization of Russia's allies in Central Asia due to Kabul is unacceptable – Lavrov](#)

November 1, 2021, TASS

The main task for Moscow is to prevent destabilization of Central Asian allies after the Taliban (outlawed in Russia) seized power in Afghanistan, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in an interview on the Rossiya-24 television channel.

[Rise In Islamization In Uzbekistan Has Progressives, Ethnic Russians Concerned](#)

November 4, 2021, Rferl.com

Coupled with the real or presumed threat of a resurgent Taliban in neighboring Afghanistan, the Islamization has alarmed many and sown panic among Uzbekistan's ethnic Russian and Russian-speaking community.

[Russia delivers combat aircraft, missile systems to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan this year](#)

November 2, 2021, TASS

Russia delivered military equipment to Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan this year, including combat aircraft and missile systems, Director of Russia's Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation Dmitry Shugayev said

West Asia

[Israel, India To Build 10-Year Defense Cooperation Plan](#)

October 31, 2021, The Jerusalem Post

Israel and India have agreed to form a task force that will build a 10-year cooperation plan to identify new areas in defense cooperation between the two countries. The plan will include defense procurement, production as well as research and development.

[Quad Came Together Due to Instability Caused by Iran in the Region: Israeli Envoy to India](#)

October 29, 2021, India Today

Israel's Ambassador to India, Naor Gilon, has said that while the new Quad (Israel, US, UAE, India) was not against any one country, one of the major factors for the countries to come together was due to the instability caused by Iran in the region. Naor Gilon's remarks drew a sharp response from the Iranian embassy in New Delhi.

[UAE To Participate in India International Trade Fair](#)

October 29, 2021, Khaleej Times

The UAE will be an important participant in the India International Trade Fair (IITF), India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced. The fair, described as "one of the most awaited business events in South Asia region", will be held in New Delhi from November 14 to 27.

[MoS MEA V. Muraleedharan Highlights Issues Related to Migration of Labour at Abu Dhabi Dialogue](#)

October 27, 2021, UNI

V. Muraleedharan spoke about issues of migration at Abu Dhabi Dialogue and said that it is important that migrants are re-integrated into the workforce system as the pandemic has affected them the most.

[Oman Adds India's Covaxin To Approved List of Covid Vaccines](#)

October 27, 2021, The Indian Express

In a relief for Indians travelling to Oman, the country has now included Bharat Biotech's Covaxin in its list of approved Covid-19 vaccinations.

[US Slaps Sanctions on Iran's Drone Commander Behind Attack on Israeli-Linked Ship Mercer Street](#)

October 29, 2021, The Times of Israel

Brig. Gen. Saeed Aghajani and two companies helping the IRGC build unmanned vehicles have been put on the US Treasury blacklist; Aghajani had been named by Israeli Defence Minister Gantz in August as person planning and carrying out attacks.

[Arab League 'Concerned' by 'Deteriorating' Lebanon-Gulf Ties](#)

October 30, 2021, AL Jazeera

The Arab League said it was concerned about a rapid deterioration of Lebanese-Gulf relations after critical comments from a Lebanese minister about the Saudi-led military intervention in Yemen were followed by the kingdom banning all imports from Lebanon and giving the Lebanese ambassador 48 hours to leave.

['Demonstrate Tolerance': China To Taliban Amid Meet in Qatar](#)

October 26, 2021, The Week

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met with Taliban representatives during a trip to Qatar. FM Wang stressed that the Taliban should "demonstrate openness and tolerance", unite all ethnic groups and protect the rights of women and children". He also expressed hope that they would crackdown on East Turkestan Islamic Movement and other terrorist organisations that pose risks to China's national security.

[Pentagon Favours U.S. Sale of More Than \\$500 Million Worth of Armed Drones To Qatar, But State Department is Wary](#)

October 27, 2021, NBC News

Qatar first asked the U.S. for armed MQ-9 Reaper drones last year, but the request has languished. Now Qatar is again pushing for the sale, leveraging the help it provided during the U.S. evacuation of Afghanistan and planning a full-court press when the country's emir visits Washington next month.

[Saudi Aramco Posts 160 Percent Rise in Third Quarter Profit, Chairman Calls for 'Stable' Energy Transition](#)

October 31, 2021, CNBC

Saudi Arabia's oil giant Aramco has posted a major increase in third quarter net income to \$30.4 billion, as the world's largest oil companies continue to benefit from the reopening of the global economy and soaring oil and gas prices.

[Brent Crude Oil Price May Hit \\$110 Next Year: Goldman Sachs](#)

October 27, 2021, The Times of India

Goldman Sachs expects Brent crude oil prices to hit USD 110/barrel, a 30 percent jump from the current levels of \$85/bbl.

[As Oil Races Toward \\$100, India, US and Japan Tell OPEC+ Enough is Enough](#)

October 30, 2021, Business Standard

Behind closed doors, an intense campaign is being waged by the US, India, Japan and other oil consuming countries to persuade OPEC+ to speed up its output increases, according to multiple diplomats and industry insiders involved in the contacts. The cartel, which meets virtually on Nov. 4 to review policy, is currently boosting output at a rate of 400,000 barrels a day each month.

United States

United States

[U.S. navy ship tracked by Russia on entry to Black Sea](#)

November 4, 2021, Reuters

A U.S. naval command ship entered the Black Sea on Thursday as part of NATO manoeuvres that drew a warm welcome from Ukraine but close scrutiny from the Russian navy.

[China to have at least 1,000 nuclear warheads by 2030: US defence report](#)

November 5, 2021, Hindustan Times

China is acquiring nuclear arsenal at a pace much faster than anticipated and it is likely to have at least 1,000 warheads by 2030, the US defence department said in a report.

[US-Saudi Arabia sign defence deal worth \\$650 million, first under Biden administration](#)

November 5, 2021, WION

The Pentagon has announced that the United States and Saudi Arabia have signed a major arms deal worth \$650 million. The deal, approved by the US State Department, will help Saudi Arabia to protect itself from drone attacks by Yemen.

[Ashraf Ghani said he was 'ready to fight to death' but fled 'very next day': US secretary of state Blinken](#)

November 1, 2021, Hindustan Times

"I was on the phone with President Ghani on a Saturday night pressing him to make sure he was ready to agree with the plan we were trying to put into effect to do a transfer of power to a new government that would've been led by the Taliban but been inclusive and included all aspects of Afghan society," Blinken said.

[Antony Blinken meets China's Wang Yi on G20 sideline, raises concerns on Taiwan and human rights](#)

October 31, 2021, Firstpost

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Sunday in Rome and raised concerns over human rights, in only their second face-to-face session as tensions between the two powers run high.

[Disappointed that Russia, China "Didn't Show Up" At G20 Summit: Joe Biden](#)

November 1, 2021, NDTV

US President Joe Biden on Sunday expressed his disappointment that Russia and China "basically didn't show up in terms of any commitments to deal with climate change" at the G20 summit.

[The U.S. and EU Shake Up Global Trade](#)

November 1, 2021, The Wall Street Journal

The Group of 20 summit in Rome last weekend was highly unusual. Unlike most global gabfests, it actually mattered—not because the sterile G-20 format and the anodyne communiqués it predictably generated meant or accomplished anything of significance. It mattered because the U.S. and the European Union, sidestepping the G-20 process, unveiled a tentative trade agreement that significantly sharpens the competition with China, and because five G-20 heads of government (China, Japan, Mexico, Russia and South Africa) were absent, highlighting the declining importance of these ritualized displays of international comity.

Europe & Russia

Europe

[You are not alone': EU Parliament delegation tells Taiwan](#)

November 4, 2021, The Times of India

The European Parliament's first official delegation to Taiwan said the diplomatically isolated island is not alone and called for bolder actions to strengthen EU- Taiwan ties as Taipei faces rising pressure from Beijing.

[Tigray Conflict: EU Calls for 'Immediate', 'Meaningful' Ceasefire in Ethiopia](#)

African and Western nations have called for an urgent halt to fighting in Ethiopia as the conflict in Tigray marks one year. The US has sent a special envoy to the capital to push for cease-fire talks.

[COP26: European Commission announces €1 billion pledge to protect world forests](#)

November 2, 2021, Europa

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced today €1 billion at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow as the European Union contribution to the Global Forests Finance Pledge. This 5-year support package from the EU budget will help partner countries to protect, restore and sustainably manage forests worldwide and deliver on the Paris Agreement.

[US, European officials pursue increased defence cooperation](#)

November 4, 2021, Defense News

As the United States and the European Union size each other up for defense cooperation, a number of technical and philosophical obstacles continue to hamper substantial progress.

[Europe looms large in India's diplomacy; India gains salience in EU's worldview](#)

November 2, 2021, Hindustan Times

While India's outreach to Europe has not always been a linear or perfect process, the foreign policy establishment in New Delhi is beginning to realise that Europe can be an important partner in building India's domestic capacities and resilience and meeting its foreign policy goals.

[Bitterness Over Brexit Lies Behind Fraying France-U.K. Relations](#)

A recent dispute over fishing rights illuminates a broader and more fundamental disagreement over Britain's decision to leave the European Union

Russia

[Gas crisis in Moldova exposes problems in relations with Russia - Moldovan President](#)

November 5, 2021, TASS

The gas crisis in Moldova has exposed problems in relations between Moscow and Chisinau, President of the republic, Maya Sandu said.

[Russia's initiative to lift diplomatic restrictions turned down by US – Russian ambassador](#)

November 4, 2021, TASS

It will be impossible to resume normal relations between the two countries without settling these problems, Anatoly Antonov stressed.

[Russia Not Among COP26 Methane Pledge Signatories](#)

November 2, 2021, The Moscow Times

Russia is not one of over 90 countries that promised at the COP26 summit Tuesday to slash their methane emissions.

[India, Russia likely to hold 2+2 dialogue this month; defence, trade pacts on cards](#)

November 2, 2021, Hindustan Times

India and Russia are expected to hold their first 2+2 dialogue of defence and foreign ministers in Moscow by mid-November, and this could be followed by the annual summit in December

[Russia backs India's Afghanistan conference, talks on for NSA visit](#)

November 3, 2021, The Times of India

Russia has backed India's efforts to host a regional conference on Afghanistan next week with the 2 sides currently in close touch to facilitate participation by Russian NSA Nikolay Patrushev.

[Russia has 90,000 troops near Ukraine border, Kyiv says](#)

November 3, 2021, NDTV

Ukrainian defence ministry says Moscow has left military units along the frontier after recent training exercises.

Africa & Latin America

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[Peru's largest copper mine halts operations due to peasants' strike](#)

November 2, 2021, MercoPress

Peru's Antamina copper mine had to halt operations Sunday due to a strike by a rural community that decided to block one of the roads through which output is carried. "We believe that there are no guarantees to carry out our productive work or to continue working on projects and works for development in our area of operational influence," the multinational company announced on Twitter.

[Australian firm pledges US \\$ 8 bn to green hydrogen development in Argentina](#)

November 2, 2021, MercoPress

The Argentine Government has reached an understanding with a leading Australian firm to move forward with local production of clean energy. President Alberto Fernández made the announcement from Glasgow, where he is attending the UN COP26 Climate Summit.

[Bolsonaro says Brazil part of the solution, not the problem regarding climate change](#)

November 2, 2021, MercoPress

Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro insisted his country was a part of the solution and not of the problem of climate change. Bolsonaro's remarks came after the participation of Environment Minister Joaquim Leite in a side event at the UN COP 26 Climate Change Summit in Glasgow, which the Brazilian head of state chose not to attend and stayed in Italy instead.

[Peru's President open to more European, Chinese cooperation](#)

November 3, 2021, MercoPress

Peru's President Pedro Castillo Terrones told a European Union envoy that his administration was offering the right conditions for responsible investments in the country. Castillo thus sent a welcome message through Twitter to the European Union's envoy Josep Borrell, with whom he met today in Lima.

[Paraguay-Turkey chamber of commerce not far off](#)

November 3, 2021, MercoPress

Paraguayan and Turkish authorities met Tuesday in Asunción to discuss the creation of a binational Chamber of Commerce, in light of the increasing volumes of trade between the two countries over the past few years, it was reported. Delegates from Paraguay's Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MIC)

and Turkey's Embassy in Asunción were joined for talks by industrialists and businessmen from both countries.

[Third month of Chinese ban on Brazilian beef; speculations as to commercial or technological motives](#)

November 5, 2021, MercoPress

Brazil's beef exports plummeted during October as a consequence of the ban on purchases from its main client, China. Last October sales dropped to 82,180 tons compared to 162.880 a year ago, according to Secex, Brazil's foreign trade secretariat.

Africa

[Kenyatta makes Africa's case at COP26 World Leaders Summit](#)

November 1, 2021, Africa Times

President Uhuru Kenyatta of Kenya vowed to make Africa's voice on climate finance heard at the COP26 United Nations Climate Conference in Glasgow, Scotland on Monday. "Two times in a row, developing countries have been promised US\$100 billion per year but it has not yet been delivered," said Kenyatta, speaking at the World Leaders Summit. "Finally, we expect that detailed rules and procedures for implementing the Paris Agreement will be finalized, and a clear way forward for a climate resilient pathway set."

[Ethiopia, Eritrea respond on Tigray as US diplomat arrives for talks](#)

November 4, 2021, Africa Times

Ethiopia's government says a United Nations report on the year-old conflict centered in the Tigray region supports the consistent denial from Addis Ababa that it is engaged in genocide or intentionally withholding humanitarian aid as a weapon of war.

[COP26: 'We cannot just ask African countries to stop exploiting their coal, oil and gas'](#)

November 1, 2021, The African Report

Tanguy Gahouma-Bekale is the chair of the African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change and is leading talks on behalf of the continent at the COP26 climate talks in Glasgow. On the eve of the summit, he sat down with The Africa Report to outline Africa's demands going into the negotiations.

[Ethiopia: UN human rights report sets stage for possible criminal charges against all sides in Tigray](#)

November 3, 2021, The African Report

The United Nations on Wednesday released its long-awaited investigation into atrocities in northern Ethiopia, paving the way for possible international criminal charges. The 156-page joint report by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the state-appointed Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) detailed a pattern of deliberate and indiscriminate attacks on civilians, extrajudicial killings, torture and gang rapes by all sides.

[Egypt: New amendments will give military & president more power despite ending state of emergency](#)

November 3, 2021, The African Report

When Egypt announced the lifting of a four-year-long state of emergency on 25 October, the news was widely welcomed. However, just a few days later, the approval of legal amendments, which gave the military and executive authorities broader powers, raised suspicions as to why the state of emergency was lifted in the first place.

[Biden prepares to suspend duty-free access to US markets for Ethiopia, Mali and Guinea](#)

November 2, 2021, The African Report

The Joe Biden administration on Tuesday announced its intention to suspend Ethiopia, Mali and Guinea from the US government's signature Africa trade program over alleged human rights violations and political repression.



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