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ΕΙΣΑΓΩΓΙΚΑ – ΣΧΟΛΙΑ

- Η συνάντηση του Τ/ΠτΔ κ. Ερντογάν και του Ε/ΠΘ κ. Μητσοτάκη κυριαρχεί στις ειδήσεις. Συνεχίζεται το καλό κλίμα, η «ηρεμία» στο Αιγαίο και η προώθηση των θεμάτων «θετικής ατζέντα». Παρατηρείται, όμως, ότι η τουρκική στάση δεν έχει αλλάξει επί της ουσίας και διατηρούνται οι τουρκικές διεκδικήσεις, ενώ η Μονή της Χώρας μετετράπη σε τζαμί και η τουρκική στάση στο Κυπριακό απομακρύνεται από τις Αποφάσεις του ΟΗΕ και τις συμφωνίες και εμμένει στη «λύση των δύο κρατών».
- Ο Αλβανός ΠΘ κ. Ράμα μίλησε την περασμένη Κυριακή σε πολυπληθή συγκέντρωση ομοεθνών του που ζουν και εργάζονται στην Ελλάδα. Ενώ ως αντικειμενικός σκοπός της ομιλίας παρουσιάστηκε η προσεχής εκλογική αναμέτρηση στην Αλβανία, ο κ. Ράμα δεν παρέλειψε προκλητικές δηλώσεις έναντι της Ελλάδος.
- Η απόκλιση της πολιτικής ηγεσίας της Βόρειας Μακεδονίας από τη Συμφωνία των Πρεσπών (χρήση του όρου «Μακεδονία» χωρίς γεωγραφικό προσδιορισμό, χρήση του ίδιου όρου εκ μέρους της νέας ΠτΔ κατά την ορκωμοσία της προκάλεσαν κριτική εκμέρους ελληνικών και ευρωπαϊκών πολιτικών ηγετών).
- Ακύρωση της επίσημης επίσκεψης του Τ/ΠτΔ στην Ουάσιγκτων.
Επιδείνωση σχέσεων Τουρκίας-Ισραήλ. Κατηγορίες ότι Τουρκία υποθάλλει τη ΧΑΜΑΣ.
Αναβίωση ευρωπαϊκών βλέψεων Τουρκίας.
Τουρκική πολεμική βιομηχανία και ανάπτυξη α/φ ΚΑΑΝ.
Αποστολή Σύρων ενόπλων στο Νίγηρα προς προστασία τουρκικών συμφερόντων.
- Επιδείνωση οικονομικών σχέσεων ΗΠΑ-Κίνας
- Δολοφονική απόπειρα κατά ΠΘ Σλοβακίας κ. Φίτσο.
- Νέα κυβέρνηση στη Ρωσία. Αλλαγή ΠΘ και Υπουργού Άμυνας.
- Ρωσική οικονομία δεν επηρεάζεται από κυρώσεις.
- Ανάπτυξη ρωσικής οικονομίας και πρόοδοι στην ανάπτυξη τεχνολογίας. Συνεργασία με Κίνα, οποία εξελίσσεται δε μεγαλύτερη αγορά για Ρωσία. (Θα έχουμε στο μέλλον σύγκρουση ΗΠΑ με κοινό μέτωπο Ρωσίας-Κίνας στον Ειρηνικό;)

¹ Η εβδομαδιαία Ενημέρωση Ελληνικών και Διεθνών Εξελίξεων (ΕΕΔΕ) συντάσσεται με την ευθύνη της Ομάδας Σύνταξης και δεν εκφράζει τις απόψεις του ΕΛΙΣΜΕ.

Προέλαση ρωσικών δυνάμεων στο Χάρκοβο. Ανησυχίες στο Κίεβο, αύξηση δυτικής βοήθειας

Επιθέσεις Ουκρανών με drones κατά ρωσικής ενεργειακής υποδομής και ρωσικών λιμένων

Επίσημη επίσκεψη Ρ/ΠτΔ κ. Πούτιν στην Κίνα. Ως πλέον σημαντικά αποτελέσματα αναφέρονται υπογραφή διμερού διακήρυξης και επιβεβαίωση συνεργασίας δύο χωρών με στόχο ισότητα και δικαιοσύνη στους διεθνείς σχέσεις και εξισορρόπηση δυτικής και αμερικανικής ηγεμονίας.

- Συνεχίζονται αντικυβερνητικές εκδηλώσεις στο Ερεβάν.
- Γεωργιανή ΠτΔ έθεσε βέτο κατά νέας νομοθεσίας για «ξένους πράκτορες» που επιχειρεί να ελέγξει μη κυβερνητικές οργανώσεις που χρηματοδοτούνται από εξωτερικό. Αναμένεται ανατροπή βέτο από Κοινοβούλιο.
- Επίσκεψη τεσσάρων Ευρωπαίων υπουργών στην Τιφλίδα και συμμετοχή τους σε αντικυβερνητική διαδήλωση. Εκφράζονται υποθέσεις για «νέο Μαϊντάν».
- Εκτιμάται ότι ΗΠΑ επιδιώκουν να διευρύνουν μέτωπο Ουκρανίας με Γεωργία και Μολδαβία, καθώς ουκρανικές ΕΔ πιέζονται από ρωσική προέλαση.
- Πτώση ε/π με Ορανό ΠτΔ – αγνοείται τύχη του.
- Νέα μορφή λαμβάνουν περιφερειακές σχέσεις στη ΜΑ μετά τρομοκρατική επίθεση 7^{ης} Νοεμβρίου 2023.
- ΗΠΑ προωθούν συνεργασία Ισραήλ-Σαουδικής Αραβίας και προώθηση λύσης δύο κρατών.
- Συνεχίζονται διαπραγματεύσεις μεταξύ Ισραήλ και Χαμάς για επίτευξη εκεχειρίας παρά προώθηση ισραηλινών ΕΔ στη Ράφα.
- Κίνα προωθεί συμφέροντά της στη Θάλασσα Νότιας Κίνας. Αντίδραση κρατών περιοχής, κυρίως Φιλιππίνων, Μαλαισίας, Βιετνάμ και Ινδονησίας – οποία συμμαχούν με ΗΠΑ
- Συνεργασία Κίνας-Αιγύπτου για «παγκόσμιο Νότο»

(Αλέξανδρος Κ. Κατράνης)

1. ΘΕΜΑΤΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΥ ΕΝΔΙΑΦΕΡΟΝΤΟΣ

Γενικά περί Ελλάδος

“Ορκισμένος εχθρός της ελληνικής ναυτιλίας η ΕΕ”

(19/05/2024)

<https://slpress.gr/oikonomia/orkismenos-exthros-tis-ellinikis-naftilias-i-ee/>

Ελληνική εξωτερική και αμυντική πολιτική

Πολλαπλά τα μέτωπα στον ελληνικό ορίζοντα: Ο Ταγίπ Ερντογάν κάνει επίδειξη δύναμης, ο Έντι Ράμα “εισβάλλει” στην Αθήνα και οι Σκοπιανοί το ξαναείδαν ...”Μακεδόνες”!!!

(12/05/2024)

<https://hellasjournal.com/2024/05/pollapla-ta-metopa-ston-elliniko-orizonta-o-tagip-erntogan-kani-epidixi-dinamis-o-enti-rama-isvalli-stin-athina-ke-i-skopiani-to-xanaidan-makedones/>

Από “θρίαμβο” σε “θρίαμβο” στα Βαλκάνια!

(12/05/2024)

<https://slpress.gr/ethnika/apo-thriamvo-se-thriamvo-sta-valkania/>

Greek Navy Extends NAVTEX to Block Oil Russian Transfers Between Ships

(09/05/24)

ATHENS – Trying to block ship-to-ship transfers of Russian oil in international waters, the Greek Navy extended a NAVTEX navigational advisory warning vessels away from an area off the coast of the southeastern Peloponnese.

[Greek Navy Extends NAVTEX to Block Russian Oil Transfers Between Ships - The National Herald](#)

Ελληνοτουρκικά

Νέα κανονικότητα στις διμερείς επαφές – Παναγιώτης Ιωακειμίδης

(14/05/2024)

<https://www.eliamep.gr/media/%ce%bd%ce%ad%ce%b1-%ce%ba%ce%b1%ce%bd%ce%bf%ce%bd%ce%b9%ce%ba%cf%8c%cf%84%ce%b7%cf%84%ce%b1-%cf%83%cf%84%ce%b9%cf%82-%ce%b4%ce%b9%ce%bc%ce%b5%cf%81%ce%b5%ce%af%cf%82-%ce%b5%cf%80%ce%b1%cf%86%ce%ad/>

2. ΚΥΠΡΟΣ

3. ΤΟΥΡΚΙΑ

Γενικά περί Τουρκίας

Ο...«αιώνας της Τουρκίας» και η εξωτερική πολιτική της Άγκυρας

(17/05/2024)

https://www.pentapostagma.gr/ethnika-themata/ellinotourkika/7241690_oiionas-tis-toyrkias-kai-i-exoteriki-politiki-tis-agkyras

Τουρκική εξωτερική και αμυντική πολιτική

Why President Erdogan's DC Visit was Cancelled

(13/05/24)

After a series of mixed messages, a scheduled meeting between President Joe Biden and his Turkish counterpart, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, on May 9 was finally [canceled](#). The White House may have dodged a bullet during a crucial election year, as there was no guarantee that Erdogan would refrain from using his White House visit as a venue to publicly embarrass the United States for its support of Israel—an opportunity which Erdogan capitalized upon when he met with German Chancellor [Olaf Scholz](#) in November 2023. Although it is unclear which side actually canceled the meeting, Erdogan gave plenty of reasons for the White House to pass on the encounter.

[Why President Erdogan's DC Visit Was Canceled | The National Interest](#)

Turkish–Israeli Relations at a Dangerous Turning Point

(19/05/2024)

https://www.inss.org.il/publication/turkey-israel-low/?utm_source=activetrail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=INSS%20Insight%20|%20Turkish%20e2%80%93Israeli%20Relations%20at%20a%20Dangerous%20Turning%20Point

The State Department Will Fail Until It Gives Enemies a Taste of Their Own Medicine (16/05/24)

Turkey provides a case in point about how coercion can trump consultation. Backbone matters.

There is no doubt Turkey is problematic. After two decades of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's strongman rule, Turkey has become a money-laundering hub, the world's worst prison for journalists, a human rights black hole, and a terrorism sponsor in all but name. Erdoğan's brownshirts assaulted peaceful protestors not only in Ankara but [also in Washington, D.C.](#) Erdoğan [extorted NATO](#) and put the alliance at risk for ego and greed. Ukraine may be the front line of the defense of the free world, but rather than stand firm for Kyiv, [Turkey plays both sides](#).

Turkey's terrorism sponsorship is problematic. Erdoğan may complain about U.S. partnership with Syrian Kurds, but that alliance came about only because Turkey provided aid and sustenance to the Islamic State. More recently, Erdoğan has scrambled to become Iran's coequal in [sponsorship of Hamas](#).

[The State Department Will Fail Until It Gives Enemies a Taste of Their Own Medicine | American Enterprise Institute - AEI](#)

Turkey should be 'firmly re-anchored' in EU, finance minister says

(15/05/2024)

https://www.euractiv.com/section/enlargement-neighbourhood/news/turkey-should-be-firmly-re-anchored-in-eu-finance-minister-says/?utm_source=Euractiv&utm_campaign=e02bfd8bfa-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_03_15_11_14_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c120410112-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D

Turkey Accused of Accepting Chinese Hush Money to Remain Silent on the Plight of Uighurs (16/05/24)

The Turkish opposition accused President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's government of accepting hush money from China in exchange for downplaying the extensive human rights violations against the Uyghur population in Xinjiang, China's northwestern province.

[Turkey Accused of Accepting Chinese Hush Money to Remain Silent on the Plight of Uighurs :: Middle East Forum \(meforum.org\)](#)

Growing Achievement? KAAN and the Turkish Defense Industrial Achievements

(13/05/24)

In February 2024, Turkey successfully completed the maiden test flight of its prototype Kaan fighter. The plane's name is taken from an ancient Central Asian royal title, and Turkish media declared that its performance made "[the legacy of our ancestors proud](#)." This then naturally raises the question: is the Kaan really a king of kings or just a pretender to the throne?

[Crowning Achievement? Kaan and the Turkish Defense Industry - War on the Rocks](#)

Turkey Is Expanding Its Diaspora Engagement to Promote Political Goals Abroad

(15/05/24)

The Turkish government plans to enhance its support for diaspora groups abroad, both financially and through other means, with the aim of fostering stronger allegiance to Turkey, navigating legal and administrative challenges in host countries, encouraging active political engagement and forging connections with non-Turkish religious communities.

In its official report titled "Strategic Plan for 2024-2028," the Turkish government's diaspora agency, the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (Yurtdışı Türkler ve Akraba Topluluklar

Başkanlığı, YTB), outlined its strategy to mobilize approximately 7 million members of the diaspora community to advance Turkish government policies.

[Turkey Is Expanding Its Diaspora Engagement to Promote Political Goals Abroad :: Middle East Forum \(meforum.org\)](https://www.meforum.org)

Could Turkey Really Become an Aircraft Carrier Powerhouse?

Aircraft carriers represent the pinnacle of naval power, with the U.S. leading with 11 active carriers. China is enhancing its fleet with the Type 003 Fujian, while other nations, including Turkey, are expanding their carrier capabilities. Turkey's TCG Anadolu, modeled after Spain's Juan Carlos I, entered service as the world's first 'carrier' or assault ship for drones and heavy helicopters.

[Could Turkey Really Become an Aircraft Carrier Powerhouse? | The National Interest](https://www.thenationalinterest.com)

Turkey sends Syrian mercenaries to Niger to secure strategic interests

(17/05/2024)

https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/turkey/2024/turkey-240517-voa02.htm?_m=3n%2e002a%2e3910%2eku0ao447mk%2e3mxc

4. ΒΑΛΚΑΝΙΑ

Διπλωματικό επεισόδιο μεταξύ Αλβανίας-Σερβίας με αφορμή την ομιλία Ράμα στην Αθήνα- Κάθε επεισόδιο “μυρίζει” βαλκανική σύρραξη

(17/05/2024)

https://www.pentapostagma.gr/kosmos/balkania/7241761_diplomatiko-epeisodio-metaxy-albanias-serbias-me-aformi-tin-omilia-rama

Σε κίνδυνο η Ορθοδοξία στο Κόσοβο - Μουσουλμάνοι βεβήλωσαν εκκλησία στο Πετς: “Δεν θέλουμε εκκλησίες, θέλουμε τζαμιά” (Εικόνες)

(16/05/2024)

https://www.pentapostagma.gr/ekklisia/7241519_se-kindyno-i-orthodoxia-sto-kosobo-moysoylmanoi-bebilosan-ekklisia-sto-pets-den#google_vignette

5. ΔΥΣΗ

ΗΠΑ

Who's to blame for losing Ukraine? China, of course

Biden administration's claim China is providing support to Russia's war machine aims to distract from its own policy failures

(14/05/2024)

https://asiatimes.com/2024/05/whos-to-blame-for-losing-ukraine-china-of-course/?mc_cid=3b4eed1b5d&mc_eid=71f2ca0c09

Why the US Can't Win the Trade War With China – and Shouldn't Try

(13/05/2024)

https://www.project-syndicate.org/commentary/china-surgings-exports-result-of-significantly-devalued-renminbi-by-qiyuan-xu-2024-05?utm_source=Project+Syndicate+Newsletter&utm_campaign=cb67e72e21-sunday_newsletter_05_19_2024&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_73bad5b7d8-cb67e72e21-107569030&mc_cid=cb67e72e21&mc_eid=9c54c6aaeb

Ευρώπη

Europe's Orthodox world is in moral turmoil

(13/05/24)

As Patriarch Kirill of Moscow grows increasingly radical, Orthodox priests and their congregations in Moldova and Estonia have starting severing ties with their Russian leadership.

[Europe's Orthodox world is in moral turmoil – POLITICO](#)

US Special Forces Chief Gives New Details on British Ground Forces' Frontline Ops in Ukraine

(14/05/24)

Head of the U.S. Special Operations Command General Bryan Fenton has revealed new details on the operations of British ground units in Ukraine, stating that the Pentagon has been learning about the ongoing war “mostly through the eyes of our UK special operations partners,” who he stated had been testing new approaches to modern warfare in the theatre. Providing an example, he noted that British special operations units were observing and advising on the use of drones and “the way a ship in the Black Sea navigates.” The commander’s statements are the latest of many indications provided by Western, Ukrainian and [Russian sources](#) of an extensive role played by British ground forces in the war zone.

[U.S. Special Forces Chief Gives New Details on British Ground Forces' Frontline Ops. in Ukraine \(militarywatchmagazine.com\)](#)

Διέφυγε τον κίνδυνο ο Φίτσο-Που αποδίδει την ευθύνη η κυβέρνηση

(15/05/24)

Θύμα επίθεσης έπεσε ο πρωθυπουργός της Σλοβακίας, Ρόμπερτ Φίτσο, ο οποίος πυροβολήθηκε μπροστά από κτίριο στο οποίο είχε πραγματοποιηθεί προηγούμενος κυβερνητική συνεδρίαση, την ώρα που χαιρετούσε υποστηρικτές του. Σύμφωνα με το ειδησεογραφικό δίκτυο ΤΑ3, έπεσαν τέσσερις πυροβολισμοί και μία σφαίρα πέτυχε τον Φίτσο στην κοιλιά.

[Διέφυγε τον κίνδυνο ο Φίτσο – Πού αποδίδει την επίθεση η κυβέρνηση - slpress.gr](#)

Nickel, guns and foreign powers: How France's New Caledonia reached the brink of 'civil war'

Violent protests have erupted in France's South Pacific archipelago as decades-old tensions come to a head.

(16/05/2024)

<https://www.politico.eu/article/new-caledonia-france-brink-civil-war-nickel-gun-macron/>

6. ΕΥΡΩΠΑΪΚΗ ΕΝΩΣΗ

7. ΠΡΩΗΝ ΣΟΒΙΕΤΙΚΟΣ ΧΩΡΟΣ

Ρωσία

Six reasons for Vladimir Putin to go to China

(14/05/24)

In mid-May Russia's President Vladimir Putin will fly to China on an official state visit. The trip is likely to be quite special and important. Let us outline some of the most important motivations behind the planned trip.

[RIAC :: Six Reasons for Vladimir Putin to Go to China \(russiancouncil.ru\)](#)

Xi, Putin hold talks, sign joint statement on deepening ties

(16/05/2024)

https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/china/2024/05/china-240516-globaltimes04.htm?_m=3n%2e002a%2e3909%2eku0ao447mk%2e3m%2e3mvu

Two and a half years into its war against the West in Ukraine, Russia certainly finds itself on a course toward a new sense of itself.

This trend actually predated the military operation but has been powerfully intensified as a result. Since February 2022, Russians have lived in a wholly new reality. For the first time since 1945, the country is really at war, with bitter fighting ongoing along a 2,000-kilometer front line, and not too far from Moscow. Belgorod, a provincial center near the Ukrainian border, is continuously subjected to deadly missile and drone attacks from Kiev's forces.

[RIAC :: A massive transformation is taking place in Russia, and the West is blind to it \(russiancouncil.ru\)](https://russiancouncil.ru)

Putin backs China's Ukraine peace plan, says Beijing understands the conflict (15/05/2024)

<https://www.reuters.com/world/putin-backs-chinas-ukraine-peace-plan-says-beijing-understands-conflict-2024-05-15/>

Ποιος είναι ο Μπελούσοφ και τι σημαίνει ο ανασχηματισμός στη Ρωσία (13/05/24)

Ανεξήγητα για κάποιους, ο Βλαντιμίρ Πούτιν αντικατέστησε τον Σεργκέι Σοϊγκού με τον Αντρέι Μπελούσοφ στη θέση του υπουργού Άμυνας, ορίζοντας τον πρώτο ως γραμματέα του Συμβουλίου Ασφαλείας στη θέση του Νικολάι Πατρούσεφ. Αυτός ο ανασχηματισμός υψηλού επιπέδου μετά τις προεδρικές εκλογές υποδηλώνει ότι ο Πούτιν επιδιώκει την κινητοποίηση της ρωσικής οικονομίας και της αμυντικής βιομηχανικής βάσης για να υποστηρίξει τον πόλεμο στην Ουκρανία και πιθανώς να προετοιμαστεί για μια μελλοντική αντιπαράθεση με το ΝΑΤΟ.

[Ποιος είναι ο Μπελούσοφ και τι σημαίνει ο ανασχηματισμός στη Ρωσία - slpress.gr](https://slpress.gr)

Russia's Sole Fifth Generation Fighter Squadron Intensifies Strikes on Ukraine (15/05/24)

The Russian Air Force's sole regiment operating Su-57 fifth generation fighters has intensified operations in the Ukrainian theatre, and from April 15 to May 15 was reported by Ukrainian sources to have conducted more than six cruise missile strikes. This followed a [report in late February](#) that one of the aircraft conducted a strike against Ukrainian targets in the disputed Luhansk region. The Kh-59MK2 radar evading cruise missile has reportedly been used in the majority of these operations

[Russia's Sole Fifth Generation Fighter Squadron Intensifies Strikes on Ukraine \(militarywatchmagazine.com\)](https://militarywatchmagazine.com)

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine: Council bans broadcasting activities in the European Union of four more Russia-associated media outlets (17/05/2024)

https://www.globalsecurity.org/intell/library/news/2024/intell-240517-ec01.htm?_m=3n%2e002a%2e3910%2eku0ao447mk%2e3m%2e3mwm

Ενδιαφέρουσα εξέλιξη... Ο Πούτιν “κλάδεψε” τον Σεργκέι Σοϊγκού, μένει ο Λαβρόφ: Πρότεινε τον Αντρέι Μπελούσοφ για υπουργό Άμυνας, κατά τον σχηματισμό της νέας κυβέρνησης (12/05/2024)

<https://hellasjournal.com/2024/05/o-poutin-kladevi-ton-sergkei-soigkoui-protine-ton-antrei-belousof-gia-ipourgo-aminas-ston-schimatismo-tis-neas-kivernisis/>

Ουκρανία

Με drones το Κίεβο προσπαθεί να μεταφέρει τον πόλεμο εντός της Ρωσίας
(19/05/2024)

<https://slpress.gr/diethni/me-drones-to-kievo-prospathe-i-na-metaferi-ton-polemo-entos-tis-rosias/>

In Surprise Kyiv Visit, Blinken Pledges 'Tangible Steps' For Ukraine At July NATO Summit
(14/05/2024)

https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/ukraine/2024/05/ukraine-240514-rferl02.htm?_m=3n%2e002a%2e3907%2eku0ao447mk%2e3mst

Λευκορωσία

Καύκασος

Δεύτερο και τρίτο μέτωπο κατά Ρωσίας στήνει η Δύση
(19/05/2024)

<https://slpress.gr/diethni/deftero-kai-trito-metopo-kata-rosias-stinei-i-disi/>

'Foreign agent' bill fundamentally alters relationship with West, Georgia's president warns
(17/05/2024)

https://www.euractiv.com/section/europe-s-east/interview/foreign-agent-bill-fundamentally-alters-relationship-with-west-georgias-president-warns/?utm_source=Euractiv&utm_campaign=9f6b221997-

EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2024_03_15_11_14_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c120410112-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D

How the Georgian Government, Once a US Ally, Became an Adversary, Against the Wishes of Its Protesting Citizens

(14/05/2024)

<https://www.justsecurity.org/95658/georgia-protests-us-ally/>

Clashes Erupt Inside, Outside Georgia's Parliament Over 'Foreign Agent' Law's Approval
(14/04/2024)

https://www.rferl.org/a/foreign-agent-law-tbilisi-protest-students/32946429.html?ltflags=mailer&utm_content=pg_nl&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Headlines&utm_campaign=EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_14.05.2024

Will the Turkey-Israel Split Doom Azerbaijan-Israel Relations?

(13/05/24)

[Will the Turkey-Israel Split Doom Azerbaijan-Israel Relations? :: Middle East Forum \(meforum.org\)](Will the Turkey-Israel Split Doom Azerbaijan-Israel Relations? :: Middle East Forum (meforum.org))

Κεντρική Ασία

8. ΜΕΣΗ ΑΝΑΤΟΛΗ

Συναγερμός στο Ιράν: Αναζητείται το ελικόπτερο που μετέφερε τον πρόεδρο Εμπραχίμ Ραϊσί, άγνωστη η τύχη του* Αναφορές για ατύχημα, για «αναγκαστική προσγείωση» μιλά η Τεχεράνη
[video]

(19/05/2024)

<https://hellasjournal.com/2024/05/agnoite-to-elikoptero-pou-epevene-o-proedros-tou-iran-emprachim-raisi-anazitite-apo-diasostes/>

The Shifting Sands of Middle East and Gulf

(16/05/24)

The power struggles in the Middle East and Northern Africa (MENA) and the Gulf region, have transpired into political quagmires, over the years. The contemporary world is witnessing a shift at the geo-political chessboard of Middle East, where fading hegemony of a single party, is being replaced with a scores of new contenders. Ultimately, landscape of a world of competing players is being re-colored, where in different stake holders not only have to face the daunting challenges but new sources of power are also emerging. In this piece, number of factors are being outlined for re-arranging the balance within MENA and Gulf, besides stipulating the role of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) in re-arranging the power matrix in this tumultuous region.

[The Shifting Sands of Middle East & Gulf - Modern Diplomacy](#)

The Mega Deal

(17/05/24)

The mega deal is going to alter the course of the Middle East, which relates to the United States' potential deal with Saudi Arabia. The deal covers three pacts: the Saudi-US security pact, Saudi-Israeli normalization, and the pathway to a Palestinian state. However, the three aspects of the deal combined are difficult to pursue since Israel considers Palestine a security threat, but at the same time, normalization with Saudi Arabia is deemed significant. Besides, the US-Saudi security accord is almost unrealizable without the content of Israel in it. The mega deal holds utmost importance for all the stakeholders.

[The Mega Deal - Modern Diplomacy](#)

The Greater Middle East is a Ticking Time Bomb-Part I

(16/05/24)

The region's most apparent powder keg – the risk of a regional conflagration between Israel and Iran that could draw the United States and regional countries like Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Yemen, and Gulf states into the conflict – is foremost on policy and opinion makers' minds. So is the war in Gaza with its devastating humanitarian fallout.

[The Greater Middle East is a ticking time bomb -Part 1 - Modern Diplomacy](#)

What Israel's Political Landscape Says About The Course of War to Gaza

(15/05/24)

Amid the many uncertainties surrounding Israel's endgame in Gaza, views among the public and leading officials indicate that Israel is preparing for a protracted war despite growing calls to accept a cease-fire.

[What Israel's Political Landscape Says About the Course of the War in Gaza | Council on Foreign Relations \(cfr.org\)](#)

Jordan foils arms plot as kingdom caught in Iran-Israel shadow war

(15/04/2024)

<https://www.reuters.com/world/middle-east/jordan-foils-arms-plot-kingdom-caught-iran-israel-shadow-war-2024-05-15/>

Crossroads in Idlib : HTS navigating internal divisions amid popular discontent

(13/05/24)

As the world focuses on Israel's war in Gaza, northwest Syria is undergoing a significant political upheaval that could lead to major instability. For the last three months, Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham

(HTS), an armed Sunni Islamist group that governs more 4.5 million people in the Idlib region, has been facing widespread protests.

[Crossroads in Idlib: HTS navigating internal divisions amid popular discontent | Middle East Institute \(mei.edu\)](#)

Σκληρό διπλωματικό πόκερ γύρω από τη Ράφα - Στο τραπέζι ο κίνδυνος λιμού
(14/05/24)

Συμφωνία για να μετριαστεί το πρόβλημα της πείνας, που επιτείνεται και εντείνεται κάθε μέρα στη Λωρίδα της Γάζας, αναζητούν οι βασικοί παίκτες, όμως όπως φαίνεται και σε αυτό το θέμα υπάρχουν μεγάλες διαφωνίες και η διαπραγμάτευση συνεχίζεται. Την ίδια ώρα από τις οργανώσεις ανθρωπιστικής βοήθειας και από τον ΟΗΕ, οι δραματικές εκκλήσεις παραπέμπουν σε λιμό.

[Σκληρό διπλωματικό πόκερ γύρω από τη Ράφα - Στο τραπέζι ο κίνδυνος λιμού - slpress.gr](#)

Riyadh and Tehran use OIC to mend ties ,but its sway limited
(16/05/24)

A year after the [restoration](#) of diplomatic relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran, the two countries are working to ease regional tensions in the Middle East in exchange for promises of improved bilateral cooperation. But strains persist in the relationship between Riyadh and Tehran, and the two capitals are using the Saudi-based Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), which includes members from 57 Muslim countries, to try to bridge their differences.

[Riyadh and Tehran use OIC to mend ties, but its sway is limited | Middle East Institute \(mei.edu\)](#)

A Gaza ceasefire rests on preventing a full-scale Israeli offensive in Rafah
(16/05/24)

Negotiations between Israel and Hamas over a ceasefire and the release of hostages have exposed two facts about the current state of the seven-month war in Gaza.

The first is that neither side is convinced that what is on offer is satisfactory enough to bring this horrific war to an end, even temporarily. The other – which has been a lesson for the mediators – is that they are unable to pursue an agreement that goes further than the combatants are willing to go. Instead, Israeli forces have advanced into Rafah, despite international criticism and condemnation, including from Israel’s staunchest ally, the United States.

[A Gaza ceasefire rests on preventing a full-scale Israeli offensive in Rafah | Chatham House – International Affairs Think Tank](#)

Iran and Israel : everything short of war
(17/05/24)

Both sides have powerful militaries, but differences in their respective structures and strategic objectives impose limits on escalation.

[Iran and Israel: everything short of war \(iiss.org\)](#)

Israel-Iran Escalation: Reactions from the Region and Beyond

Med This Week | Experts from the MED network react to the Israel-Iran escalation
(17/05/2024)

<https://www.ispionline.it/en/publication/israel-iran-escalation-reactions-from-the-region-and-beyond-170441>

Gaza pier ready to receive humanitarian aid shipments, U.S. military says
(16/05/2024)

<https://www.axios.com/2024/05/16/gaza-pier-aid-palestinians-israel>

9. ΑΦΡΙΚΗ

10. ΜΕΣΟΓΕΙΟΣ

11. ΜΑΥΡΗ ΘΑΛΑΣΣΑ

12. ΚΙΝΑ

Στο Πεκίνο ο Πούτιν για συνομιλίες με τον Σι-Πόλεμος δασμών από τις ΗΠΑ στην Κίνα (15/05/24)

Ο Κινέζος ηγέτης Σι Τζινπίνγκ θα καλωσορίσει αύριο τον Βλαντιμίρ Πούτιν, στη δεύτερη επίσκεψη του Ρώσου προέδρου στην Κίνα σε λιγότερο από ένα χρόνο. Ο Πούτιν θα μεταβεί στο Πεκίνο μόλις μία εβδομάδα μετά την έναρξη της νέας θητείας του, με ορίζοντα μέχρι το 2023. Η επίσκεψη, σύμφωνα με τα κινεζικά κρατικά μέσα ενημέρωσης, είναι σε ανταπόδοση της επίσημης επίσκεψης του Σι στη Μόσχα πριν από ένα χρόνο, αμέσως μετά την έναρξη της δικής του νέας θητείας του ως πρόεδρος της Κίνας.

[Στο Πεκίνο ο Πούτιν για συνομιλίες με τον Σι - Πόλεμος δασμών από τις ΗΠΑ στην Κίνα - slpress.gr](https://slpress.gr)

PLA remains focused on the Asia-Pacific and building resilience (16/05/24)

The People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) recently demonstrated its power-projection aspirations when it completed an eight-day, inaugural test cruise with its third and most capable aircraft carrier, the *Fujian*. Skirmishes between Chinese vessels and Philippine boats in the Spratly archipelago have demonstrated Beijing's increasing assertiveness in the region. The PLAN has also taken maritime activity near Taiwan to new levels, and recent activity by the Chinese Coast Guard around Taiwan's Kinmen Island and high-altitude balloon overflights of Taiwan have fuelled questions about Beijing's intent.

[PLA remains focused on the Asia-Pacific and building resilience \(iiss.org\)](https://iiss.org)

Hungary is helping Europe kiss decoupling goodbye

Hungary reaching to China to realize its connectivity vision, a plan that puts openness above protectionism and one the EU would be wise to embrace (14/05/2024)

https://asiatimes.com/2024/05/hungary-is-helping-europe-kiss-decoupling-goodbye/?mc_cid=3b4eed1b5d&mc_eid=71f2ca0c09

The great diplomatic game

When confrontation with the US looks inevitable and relations with Russia are robust, China's focus turns to Europe (13/05/2024)

https://www.ips-journal.eu/topics/foreign-and-security-policy/the-great-diplomatic-game-7500/?utm_campaign=en_1208_20240513&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

China is burning all its bridges with Israel (16/05/24)

Desire to be seen as champion of Global South drives policy tilt

[China is burning all its bridges with Israel - Nikkei Asia](#)

China's Alignment with Putin is uneasy. But its rivalry with the US makes him too useful to abandon (17/05/24)

Russia makes a growing contribution to China's economy. And the war in Ukraine helps Beijing undermine US diplomacy.

[China's alignment with Putin is uneasy. But its rivalry with the US makes him too useful to abandon | Chatham House – International Affairs Think Tank](#)

13. ΑΣΙΑ – ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑ - ΕΙΡΗΝΙΚΟΣ

S Jaishankar: India backs port deal with Iran after US caution
(15/05/2024)

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-india-69013435>

US., Russia, and South Asia Elections : A diplomatic Chessboard
(16/05/24)

The recent accusations by Russia of US meddling in Indian elections have stirred a diplomatic storm, highlighting the complex web of geopolitics in South Asia. The Russian foreign ministry's spokesperson, Maria Zakharova, directly accused the US of interference, alleging a colonial mentality behind such actions. These claims, if true, could have far-reaching implications not just for India but for the entire region's political stability and dynamics.

[U.S., Russia, & South Asian Elections: A Diplomatic Chessboard - Modern Diplomacy](#)

Squad ditches Quad to keep US heat on China

Emerging new US-led Squad security partnership switches out Quad's India for a more pliant and eager Philippines

(17/05/2024)

https://asiatimes.com/2024/05/squad-ditches-quad-to-keep-us-heat-on-china/?mc_cid=d30a492bcd&mc_eid=71f2ca0c09

China doesn't need to invade to achieve Taiwanese unification
(13/05/24)

The U.S. faces the most challenging international security environment since the end of World War II.

The war in Ukraine rages even as war continues and threatens to expand in the Middle East. Meanwhile, the People's Republic of China continues to harass and intimidate its neighbors, and Washington is more acutely aware of the threat of a [Chinese attack against Taiwan](#).

[China doesn't need to invade to achieve Taiwanese unification | The Hill](#)

Kashmiris Demand Basic Rights as Mass Protests Break Out

(14/05/24)

Pakistan's oppression of occupied Kashmir is only worsening. As the world's attention is largely fixated on the war between Israel and Hamas in the Middle East, unrest has erupted in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK) in Southeast Asia. The Pakistani government is carrying out a massive crackdown against residents in PoJK.

[Kashmiris Demand Basic Rights as Mass Protests Break Out - Modern Diplomacy](#)

"Gwadar is the Future' : China and Pakistan's troubled strategic port on the Arabian Sea

(14/05/24)

During a landmark visit to Islamabad in April 2015, Chinese President Xi Jinping and then-Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif launched the [China-Pakistan Economic Corridor \(CPEC\)](#), a flagship project under the umbrella of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Initially valued at \$46 billion, the [investment pledges soon swelled to \\$62 billion](#), equivalent to one-fifth

of Pakistan's GDP, encompassing numerous high-profile energy and infrastructure projects connected to CPEC.

[“Gwadar is the future”: China and Pakistan's troubled strategic port on the Arabian Sea | Middle East Institute \(mei.edu\)](#)

Conflict Escalation in the South China Sea: Measuring the Direction of Indonesia's Maritime Policy

(15/05/24)

The South China Sea is a strategic water area that stretches between the People's Republic of China (PRC) and several Southeast Asian countries such as Brunei, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam. The region contains an abundance of natural resources from marine biota, as well as oil and natural gas reserves. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates that there are around 11 billion barrels of oil reserves and 190 trillion cubic feet of 4,444 natural gas reserves in the South China Sea (Ogi Nanda Raka Ade Candra Nugraha 2021).

[Conflict Escalation in the South China Sea: Measuring the Direction of Indonesia's Maritime Policy - Modern Diplomacy](#)

14. ΛΑΤΙΝΙΚΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗ

The Essequibo Pressure Cooker : Runaway Nationalism and Maduro's Compellence Strategy (14/05/24)

As domestic challenges to Nicolás Maduro's regime in Venezuela have mounted, he has doubled down on a compellence strategy against Guyana that is full of escalation risks and potential for miscalculation. Since February 9, when [CSIS last reported on](#) Venezuela's military activities near the Essequibo, Maduro has ordered the Venezuelan military to deploy weapons and equipment and increase its state of readiness on Guyana's doorstep. Most recently, Venezuelan lawmakers approved the [creation of a new state](#), “Guayana Esequiba,” despite ongoing tensions with Guyana and an open case before the International Court of Justice.

[The Essequibo Pressure Cooker: Runaway Nationalism and Maduro's Compellence Strategy \(csis.org\)](#)

15. ΘΕΜΑΤΙΚΕΣ ΕΝΟΤΗΤΕΣ

Διεθνή – Πολυμερή

Biden, Xi taking lumps for allies' bad behavior. Both superpower leaders trapped into supporting allies – Israel and Russia – accused of unjust invasions and grisly war crimes

(15/05/2024)

https://asiatimes.com/2024/05/biden-xi-taking-lumps-for-allies-bad-behavior/?mc_cid=c7938c875a&mc_eid=71f2ca0c09

Sisi and Xi Jinping mutual vision towards the raising the voice of the Global South (13/05/24)
Since World War II, the phenomenon of “South–South cooperation” (SSC) to challenge the political and economic dominance of the North has become more prominent among the Global South's countries after the rising power of countries in the Global South.

[Sisi and Xi Jinping mutual vision towards the raising the voice of the Global South - Modern Diplomacy](#)

Eurasian Economic Union Stepping Up with Renewed Interest in the Region's Opportunities
(14/05/24)

Series of meetings have been held to review performance and discuss crucial challenges almost half way into Russia's chairmanship of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) in 2024, and five of these former Soviet republics are also members of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). After Soviet's collapse in 1991, Russia has had a chequered history of bilateral relations with the sovereign republics. From 1st January this year, Armenia, with sharp varied incoherent and political differences in relations to Russia, has currently assumed the presidency of the Eurasian Union whose membership includes five independent sovereign republics.

[Eurasian Economic Union Stepping Up with Renewed Interest in the Region's Opportunities - Modern Diplomacy](#)

KAICIID Global Dialogue Forum Opens in Lisbon
(15/05/2024)

<https://www.kaiciid.org/stories/news/kaiciid-global-dialogue-forum-opens-lisbon>

Δίκαιο - Ανθρώπινα δικαιώματα

Δίκη ορόσημο στο Παρίσι: Ανώτεροι Σύροι αξιωματούχοι λογοδοτούν για πρώτη φορά για εγκλήματα κατά της ανθρωπότητας* Ανοίγει ο δρόμος για τον Άσαντ; [video]
(19/05/2024)

<https://hellasjournal.com/2024/05/diki-orosimo-sto-parisi-anoteri-siri-axiomatouchi-logodotoun-gia-proti-fora-gia-egklimata-kata-tis-anthropotitas-anigi-o-dromos-gia-ton-asant-video/>

Διεθνής ασφάλεια – Τρομοκρατία - Εξοπλισμοί

NATO Chiefs of Defense discuss the strengthening of NATO's defense plans
(16/05/24)

On 16 May, the NATO Military Committee in Chiefs of Defence Session took place at NATO Headquarters in Brussels. The 32 Allied Chiefs of Defence focused on the executability of the Alliance's new defence plans, NATO's warfighting transformation and NATO's continued support to Ukraine. The Chiefs of Defence also met in the NATO-Ukraine Council format with the Ukrainian military leadership.

[NATO - News: NATO Chiefs of Defence discuss the strengthening of NATO's defence plans, 16-May.-2024](#)

Future of NATO-Gulf relations discussed in Kuwait
(14/05/24)

As part of the resumption of events at the NATO-Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Regional Centre in Kuwait (NIRC), a "NATO talk" was held on Monday (13 May 2024) to address the future of NATO relations in the region. "Twenty years of the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative: What is the way forward for NATO-Gulf relations?" covered the importance of NATO partnerships and the changing security environment in the region.

[NATO - News: Future of NATO-Gulf relations discussed in Kuwait, 13-May.-2024](#)

NATO and the Republic of Korea discuss cooperation at military staff talks
(14/05/24)

On 14 May 2024, NATO hosted military staff talks with the Republic of Korea, at NATO HQ in Brussels. Discussions focused on the ongoing partnership, resilience building and future opportunities for cooperation. The meeting took place under the auspices of the NATO Cooperative Security Division.

[NATO - News: NATO and the Republic of Korea discuss cooperation at the military staff talks, 14-May.-2024](#)

ΑΡΜΑΤΑ ΜΑΧΗΣ

Tanks take a sharp turn to remain relevant

(13/05/24)

Heavy tank losses in Ukraine and other recent conflicts from cheap loitering munitions and anti-tank weapons have led to questions over their future utility. Tanks, however, are being adapted to address new threats.

[Tanks take a sharp turn to remain relevant \(iiss.org\)](#)

Μετανάστευση

Εθνική και διεθνής Οικονομία – Ενέργεια

Οι κυρώσεις δεν «σκότωσαν» τη ρωσική οικονομία που εξακολουθεί να αναπτύσσεται:

Επιπτώσεις από τον πόλεμο της Γάζας στις γειτονικές χώρες

(15/05/2024)

<https://hellasjournal.com/2024/05/i-kirosis-den-skotosan-ti-rosiki-ikonomia-pou-exakolouthi-na-anaptissete-epiptosis-apo-ton-polemo-tis-gazas-stis-gitonikes-chores/>

Artificial intelligence hitting labour forces like a "tsunami" - IMF Chief

(13/05/2024)

https://www.reuters.com/technology/artificial-intelligence-hitting-labour-forces-like-tsunami-imf-chief-2024-05-13/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=future_trends_israel_cant_win_the_war_uk_exits_recession_hallucinogen_from_toad_venom_could_treat_mental_disorders&utm_term=2024-05-14

[13/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=future_trends_israel_cant_win_the_war_uk_exits_recession_hallucinogen_from_toad_venom_could_treat_mental_disorders&utm_term=2024-05-14](#)

CPEC 2.0 : Heralding a New Era

(13/05/24)

Under the frail evolving environment of international economy and politics, none of the projects has been more significant and debated than the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). Last year, China and Pakistan marked the 10th anniversary of this project and it is now entered in the second phase.

[CPEC 2.0: Heralding a New Era - Modern Diplomacy](#)

Ερυθρά Θάλασσα: Η αναταραχή ανασχεδιάζει τον χάρτη του LNG

Ο ρόλος του Παναμά και οι ανησυχίες για τον χειμώνα

(17/05/2024)

<https://www.ot.gr/2024/05/17/energeia/fysiko-aerio/erythra-thalassa-i-anataraxi-anasxediazeti-ton-xarti-tou-lng/>

Ρωσία: Ποιος είναι ο πραγματικός λόγος πίσω από τη μείωση των εξαγωγών ντίζελ

Οι ουκρανικές επιθέσεις είναι ο ένας λόγος - Ο άλλος είναι πολιτικός

(16/05/2024)

<https://www.ot.gr/2024/05/16/diethni/rosia-poios-einai-o-pragmatikos-logos-piso-apo-ti-meiosi-ton-eksagogon-ntizel/>

Κίνα-Ρωσία: μια οικονομική «φιλία» που θα μπορούσε να συγκλονίσει τον κόσμο
Μετά την εισβολή του Πούτιν στην Ουκρανία, οι εμπορικοί δεσμοί μεταξύ των δύο χωρών έχουν ενισχυθεί. Το ίδιο και οι γεωπολιτικές φιλοδοξίες του Πεκίνου
(16/05/2024)

<https://www.ot.gr/2024/05/16/partners/financial-times/kina-rosia-mia-oikonomiki-filia-pou-tha-mporouse-na-sygklonisei-ton-kosmo/>

Μπορεί η οικονομία της Ευρώπης να ελπίζει ότι θα ανταγωνιστεί ξανά τις ΗΠΑ;
Η χρόνια υποαπόδοση ανησυχεί τους υπεύθυνους χάραξης πολιτικής της ΕΕ που αναζητούν τρόπους να δώσουν κάποιο δυναμισμό
(13/05/2024)

<https://www.ot.gr/2024/05/13/partners/financial-times/mporei-i-oikonomia-tis-eyropis-na-elpizei-oti-tha-antagonistei-ksana-tis-ipa/>

Οικολογία – Περιβάλλον – Κλίμα - Δημογραφικό

Πολιτισμός

16. ΕΚΔΗΛΩΣΕΙΣ