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Speaker at the upcoming S R Nathan Distinguished Lecture 2022 and former CIA director, General David H. Petraeus (US Army, Ret.), delivering a talk at the New Hampshire Institute of Politics on 3 February 2022. Photo: Saint Anselm College

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WHAT'S NEWS: THE BIG HEADLINES THIS WEEK

Deadly Explosion Rocks Heart of Istanbul

Turkish authorities arrested 47 people on Monday, including a Syrian woman suspected of leaving the bomb that killed six and wounded 81 a day earlier. Interior Minister Suleyman Soylu accused the Kurdistan Workers' Party of responsibility as President Erdogan vowed to punish the perpetrators.

Three Dead after Bloody November Protests

Iranian authorities dispersed protests on Tuesday by hovering low over crowds with drones and helicopters, sometimes opening fire on them. The UN Human Rights Council will convene a special session next week to vote on a resolution that will establish a fact-finding mission to investigate Tehran's violations.



Iranian demonstrators in the streets of Tehran during a protest on 21 September 2022. Photo: AFP via Getty Images / Human Rights Watch

Israel will Not Cooperate with US Investigations

An investigation has been launched by the US Department of Justice into the killing of Shireen Abu Akleh, a Palestinian American journalist, in the occupied West Bank. Israeli Defence Minister Benny Gantz has made it clear that Tel Aviv will not cooperate with any external investigation or allow interference in its internal affairs.

CALENDAR: MEI EVENTS

S R Nathan Distinguished Lecture 2022

A recipient of numerous accolades, General David H. Petraeus, partner and chairman of KKR Global Institute, will deliver the lecture as this year's distinguished speaker. This lecture aims to provide greater awareness and understanding of the modern Middle East. This event will be conducted both in-person and online via Zoom on Tuesday, 13 December, from 11.00am to 12.30pm (SGT). To learn more and register, click [here](#).



LOOK AHEAD: WHAT TO KEEP A WATCH ON

Thailand Set to Sign Agreements with Riyadh

A number of agreements to strengthen diplomatic and investment ties will be signed when Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman visits Bangkok, as both nations seek to become each other's regional ally.



The Prime Minister of Thailand, General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret), and the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia, MBS. Photo: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Thailand

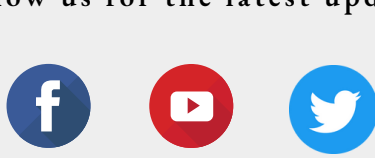
FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022

It's nearly time for the biggest football competition in the world. The tournament, which kicks off this Sunday, will feature 32 national teams, 64 matches, and an expected 1.2 million spectators in Qatar.



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