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DPM Lawrence Wong speaking at the Honour International Symposium on 16 September 2022. Photo: Prime Minister's Office Singapore

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WHAT'S NEWS: THE BIG HEADLINES THIS WEEK

US and Israel Simulate Strikes on Iran and Proxies

Prime Minister Yair Lapid, who observed part of the drill from the IAF's underground control centre, said that the Israel Defence Force's strategic cooperation with the US strengthens its capability against challenges in the Middle East, especially against Iran.

Saudi Arabia's Masterplan for New Airport

On Tuesday, the Saudi Cabinet praised the Crown Prince's announcement to build one of the world's largest airports in the Kingdom. As Riyadh seeks to become a global hub for trade and tourism, the project will provide a major boost for its ambitions.



Prime Minister and the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammad Bin Salman. Photo: Lowy Institute

US Approves Anti-Drone System Sale to Qatar

According to a statement by the State Department, the sale will contribute to US foreign policy and national security objectives by improving the security of a friendly country that continues to be a key force for economic progress and political stability in the Middle East.

CALENDAR: MEI EVENTS

S R Nathan Distinguished Lecture 2022

The S R Nathan Distinguished Lecture is just under two weeks away and will feature a conversation between guest speaker General David H. Petraeus, a former CIA director and US army combat commander, and Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Lawrence Wong.

This event aims to increase awareness and understanding of geopolitical developments in the Middle East and around the world.

This event will be conducted both in-person and online via Zoom on Tuesday, 13 December, at 11:00am (SGT). Click [here](#) to sign up now.

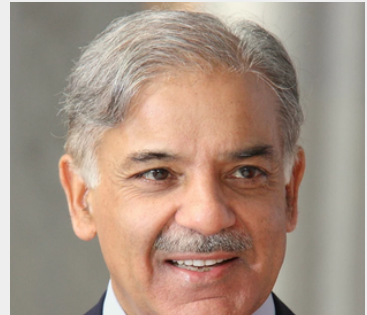


Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong
Photo: Ministry of Communications and Information

LOOK AHEAD: WHAT TO KEEP A WATCH ON

Pakistan's Prime Minister to Visit Turkey

A two-day official visit by Mr. Shehbaz Sharif to Turkey will begin on Friday at the invitation of President Erdogan. They will formally inaugurate the third of four MILGEM corvettes manufactured by Turkey for the Pakistan Navy and discuss bilateral relations, regional issues, and other common concerns.



Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Shareef. Photo: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan

Riyadh to host China-Arab Summit

In early December, Saudi Arabia will host the first-ever Chinese-Arab summit. The Chinese consul-general in Dubai pointed out that relations between China and Arab countries, including the UAE, are improving rapidly.



King of Saudi Arabia, Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, and China President Xi Jinping during a signing ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China. Photo: Brookings.edu

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