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Rescuers and civilians looking for survivors under the rubble of collapsed buildings in Kahramanmaraş, southern Turkey, a day after a 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck the country's southeast, on 7 February 2023. Photo: Adem Altan / AFP

WHAT'S HOT: MEI PUBLICATIONS, PODCASTS, & MORE

- **LISTEN:** MEI Chairman Bilahari Kausikan discusses the Middle East amidst US-China competition, how nations in the region can navigate through complexity in a multipolar international system, and more. Listen to the podcast [here](#).
- **READ:** In the aftermath of Israel's reported attack on Tehran's military facility, this blog analyses the various strikes against Iran and its militias. Read the article [here](#).

WHAT'S NEWS: THE BIG HEADLINES THIS WEEK

Earthquake Wrecks Turkey and Syria

More than 21,000 people have been reported dead and tens of thousands injured in the devastating earthquake that rocked Turkey and Syria on Monday. As agencies warned of more fatalities, a global rescue effort is underway in search and rescue operations.

Irans Unveils New Underground Base

Iran's state media reported on Tuesday that the base was designed to withstand possible strikes by US bunker-busting bombs and launch counter-offensives. Dubbed the Oghab (Eagle) 44, the base can house all types of fighter jets, bombers, and drones.



Military personnel and a fighter jet at the unveiling of Iran's new underground base. Photo: The Iran Project / Twitter

India and Israel Discuss Ways to Boost Ties

In a second phone call between the two leaders since Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's return to power, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart discussed deepening cooperation in various fields such as defence, high-tech and economy between their countries

CALENDAR: MEI EVENTS

Indigenising Islam as a Minority

Join us for this discussion on the “indigenisation” of Islam as minorities with reflections on the South African Capetonian Muslim community with Dr. Hisham A. Hellyer, a scholar in the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (USA) and Dr. Suzaina Kadir, vice dean and associate professor at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at NUS. This hybrid event will be conducted on Tuesday, 14 February 2023, from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm (SGT). Click [here](#) to sign up now.



Students in the Cape Town Islamic Educational Centre (CTIEC) in South Africa. Photo: Cape Town Islamic Educational Centre

[Book Launch] Asian Perceptions of Gulf Security

Gulf stability is beginning to play a larger role in the foreign policy calculus of many states, but the evolving role of Asian powers is under-represented in the International Relations literature. MEI will host a discussion with the editors and contributors of this new book that provides fresh perspectives. The online talk will be held on Thursday, 23 February 2023, from 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm (SGT). To register, click [here](#).

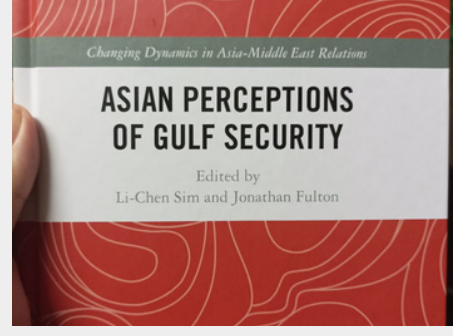


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LOOK AHEAD: WHAT TO KEEP A WATCH ON

UAE to Host World Government Summit

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi will be among the 20 world leaders expected to attend the summit next week. In addition to being a platform for innovation, the summit focuses on collaborating towards the future.



World Government Summit 2022. Photo: Dubai Media Office / Twitter

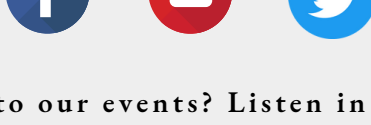
Moscow City Tourism to Hold Roadshow in Qatar

The roadshow, to be held on 13 February at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Doha, aims to promote Moscow as a leading tourism and business destination.



Moscow City. Photo: Canva

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