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Netanyahu Pauses Judicial Overhaul Plan

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a trend within Gulf Arab monarchies that favours direct lineage for succession.

however, maintained that the overhaul was needed despite international pressure.

Sheikh Khaled Named Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi

He was also appointed as the head of Abu Dhabi's executive council as UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan named his brothers to other top roles. MBZ's choice echoed

Amidst unprecedented strikes, the prime minister said he was delaying voting on the judicial overhaul at least until the next parliament session to allow time to reach a consensus. He,



The decision was taken after the country's football federation (PSSI) said it had cancelled the

draw because the governor of the largely Hindu island of Bali refused to host Israel's team. A

new host will be announced soon and potential sanctions may be directed at the PSSI.

CALENDAR: MEI EVENTS

China-Mediated Deal between Saudi Arabia and Iran

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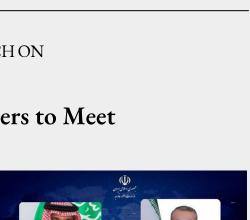
This webinar will examine the rationale of the three primary players in coming to an agreement, and what might be in store for the regional security architecture in the future. This public talk will be conducted online via Zoom on Thursday, 6 April 2023, from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm (SGT). To

LOOK AHEAD: WHAT TO KEEP A WATCH ON

Iran and Saudi Foreign Ministers to Meet

The meeting is expected to take place before the end of the holy month of

Ramadan to implement a landmark bilateral reconciliation deal, said Riyadh.



Many believe that the Iran-Saudi deal set in

motion a new global order led by Beijing. Photo:

Energy Intelligence website

Hossein Amir-Abdollahian in a call. Photo: Iran Ministry of Foreign Affairs website

Saudi Arabia Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud(L) and his Iranian counterpart,

## The Egyptian tourism ministry said that Iranians travelling with tour groups will soon be able to obtain visas on arrival in

Egypt to Allow Iranian Visas on Arrival

the south of its Sinai peninsula with a view to extending access to other parts of the country.



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