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A salvo of rockets being fired by Hamas from the Gaza Strip towards Israel on 10 October 2023, four days after it launched the biggest attack on the Jewish state in its history. Photo: Mahmud Hams / AFP

WHAT'S NEWS: THE BIG HEADLINES THIS WEEK

Israel at War After Hamas Strikes

After Hamas carried out an unprecedented attack on Israel which left 1200 dead, Tel Aviv launched retaliatory strikes on Gaza, killing at least 1055 people. The Jewish state is now preparing for a ground invasion into Gaza after ordering a “complete siege” of the city.

Biden Condemns Attack, Pledges Support to Tel Aviv

The Pentagon announced that it was sending additional munitions to Israel and moving Navy warships closer to the nation in a show of support, as US President Joe Biden denounced Hamas’ attack as “terrorism”.



The Biden administration also issued a stark warning to Iran and Hezbollah to stay out of Hamas’ war with Israel. Photo: Drew Angerer / Getty Images / AFP

Tehran Denies Involvement in the Conflict

While Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei suggested on Tuesday that Tehran was not behind the incursion in Israel, he praised what he called Tel Aviv’s “irreparable” military and intelligence defeat at the hands of Hamas.

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

- **READ:** MEI Chairman Bilahari Kausikan gives a Singaporean take on the Israel-Hamas war. Read the article [here](#).
- **WATCH:** MEI Senior Research Fellow Jean-Loup Samaan discusses the threat of Hezbollah or Iran getting involved in the Israel-Gaza conflict, its potential to escalate into a broader Middle East crisis, and more. Watch the video [here](#).
- **WRITE:** Act quickly! MEI’s Call for Papers on the Middle East’s space programmes and their regional implications, closes on 15 October 2023. Submit your 250-word (or less) proposals now. For more information, click [here](#).

CALENDAR: MEI EVENTS

ICYMI: ME 101 2023 #06 – Whither Oil and Gas

Catch a recap of this ME 101 session, which discussed the current landscape of energy rent in the Middle East and the region’s potential transition to a post-oil era. Watch the full event or listen to the podcast by clicking [here](#).



For decades, the Middle East derived its wealth from its plentiful reserves of oil and gas. But, how much longer? Photo: Pixabay

ICYMI: ME 101 2023 #07 - Women and Youth

Missed this session of the ME 101 lecture series, which delved into how women and youth are transforming education and workforce trends under Saudi Arabia’s Vision 2030? Fret not! Get up to speed on this insightful discussion by watching the full event or listening to the podcast by clicking [here](#).



During a press conference introducing Vision 2030, the Crown Prince pledged a new Saudi Arabia for the nation’s youth. Photo: Saudi Press Agency

LOOK AHEAD: WHAT TO KEEP A WATCH ON

Turkey to Co-Host Euro 2032

While Ankara secured its co-hosting role in the football tournament with Italy, Turkish Sports Minister Osman Askin Bak hints at the nation’s future aspirations to bid for hosting the Olympic.



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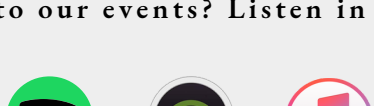
Middle East’s First Hydrogen Train Trials

Saudi Arabia is poised to commence trials for the region’s first hydrogen train next week, a significant step towards achieving its Vision 2030 objectives.



Saudi Arabia’s Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud said that the country will be launching a “credible, transparent and adaptable domestic market mechanism”. Photo: OPEC / Twitter

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