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

- **READ:** MEI Research Fellow Clemens Chay writes on the suspension of the Kuwaiti Parliament and its potential implications for the nation. Read the article [here](#).

## WHAT'S NEWS: THE BIG HEADLINES THIS WEEK

### Chan Chun Sing, Halimah Yacob to Speak at Annual Conference

The conference, which will also be staged virtually on 25 June, will be opened by Chancellor of SUSS and former President of Singapore Halimah Yacob. The event will close with a dialogue between Minister for Education Chan Chun Sing and MEI Chairman Bilahari Kausikan.

### Israeli Strike Kills Dozens at Civilian Shelter in Gaza

The Gazan health ministry reported that 40 people, including women and children, were killed in the strike on the school compound operated by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency. Israel's military defended the strike, stating that militants were hiding inside three classrooms.



About 6,000 displaced Palestinians were sheltering in the complex, located in the central Gaza area of Nuseirat, when the strike took place, said an UNRWA spokeswoman. Photo: AFP

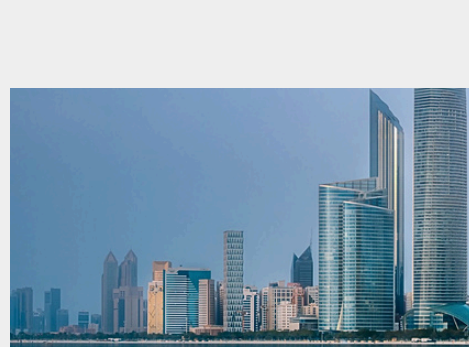
### UN Nuclear Watchdog Board Passes Resolution Criticising Iran

The resolution came after Tehran refused to grant inspectors access to its uranium enrichment programme. By most estimates, the country is now just days or weeks away from being able to produce bomb-grade fuel for roughly three nuclear weapons.

## CALENDAR: MEI EVENTS

### Middle East Institute Annual Conference 2024

This conference will examine the role of education in driving social reforms across the Gulf by unpacking the reasons behind the education-labour market mismatch, and drawing upon lessons learnt from both the Gulf region and Singapore in preparing their workforce for the future. The event will be conducted both in person and online via Zoom on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 from 9.00am to 4.00pm (SGT), at the Orchard Hotel. The event is free, and open to all. However, registration is compulsory. Click [here](#) to sign up.



Central to the Gulf reform agendas is the overhaul of education systems, seen as pivotal in tackling challenges.

## LOOK AHEAD: WHAT TO KEEP A WATCH ON

### Egypt Eyes Hosting 2036 Summer Games

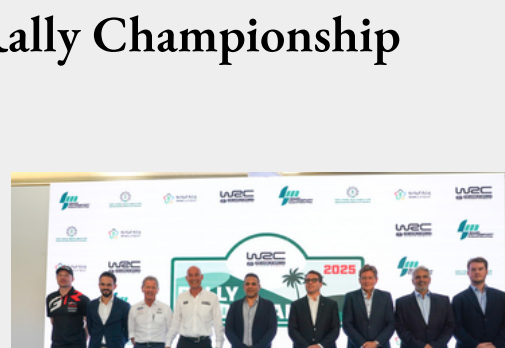
Cairo will take its biggest ever delegation to the Paris Olympics with the hope of exceeding its record medal haul from three years ago, and continue to build its credentials for a possible tilt at hosting the Summer Games in 2036.



Egypt has spent billions of dollars building facilities, stadiums and sports cities, in recent years as part of its plans to modernise the country. Photo: Canva

### Saudi Arabia to Host World Rally Championship

Riyadh will host the event for the first time in its history under the name "Saudi Rally." The racing tournament will start in 2025 and continue for 10 years.



The agreement is in line with the Kingdom's Vision 2030 plans, which aims to diversify its economy away from oil. Photo: Saudi Press Agency

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