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IRAN

AEOI Spokesman: Iran Not to Provide IAEA with Data of Surveillance Cameras

Fars News Agency, April 17, 2022

Spokesman of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) Behrouz Kamalvandi said that his country will not give the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) the data recorded by the surveillance cameras at its nuclear installations before reaching an agreement in Vienna talks. The IAEA will have no access to data recorded by its surveillance cameras until Iran and the G4+1 group of countries reach an agreement on the revival of the 2015 deal, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) and removal of sanctions, Kamalvandi said in an interview with the Arabic-language al-Alam news channel on Saturday. Elsewhere, he said that Iran has transferred its centrifuge machines to a safe location nearly one year after an act of sabotage at TESA Karaj Complex, a centrifuge component manufacturing workshop near Tehran, damaged cameras at the site. "Given their high significance, centrifuge machines were moved to a safer location and are now in operation," Kamalvandi said.

<https://www.farsnews.ir/en/news/14010128000403/AEOI-Spkesman-Iran-N-Prvide-IAEA-wih-Daa-f-Srveillance-Cameras>

Raisi: If Tel Aviv commits slightest mistake, Iran will respond at heart of Israel

Tehran Times, April 18, 2022

President Ebrahim Raisi warned on Monday that if Israel commits the slightest military adventure against Iran, the Islamic Republic will respond at the heart of the

Zionist regime. Raisi issued the warning as the Iranian Army held an annual military parade. "If Israel is seeking normalization with certain regional countries, they should know that their least moves will not remain hidden from the eyes of our security forces, and if they commit the slightest mistake our response will be at the core of this regime and our armed forces will not let them live in tranquility," Raisi asserted.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/471817/Raisi-If-Tel-Aviv-commits-slightest-mistake-Iran-will-respond>

Iran Army displays drones, missile systems, electronic warfare equipment

Tehran Times, April 18, 2022

On the occasion of the National Day of the Iranian Army, the Air Defense Forces displayed their new equipment and achievements in the field of radar and reconnaissance systems, electronic warfare, drones, different types of missiles and command and control systems. Fars News reported that the equipment and achievements of the Air Defense Forces, which were displayed on the Iranian Army Day, are as follows: Drones of the models: Mohajer 6, Karrar, Nasser, Kayan 1, Kayan 2, Arash, Omid, Mohajer 4. Missile and radar systems: the Majid missile system, portable CPC system, TM wheel COS ICT system, Damavand system, S300 loader system, Sayyad Communications vehicle system, S200 missile launcher, Sayyad 3 and 4 missile systems, Talash missile launcher, Joshan missile system radar, Radtla 15 Khordad system, Command control system, Bavar 373 missile system, Mersad 16 system equipped with Shalamcheh 2 missile, Hadi radar system, the Kavosh radar system, Mersad 15 missile system, Kavosh system operations room, Khatam system to direct fire, and Skycard system's radar. Also on Monday, the latest

drone of the Iranian army, dubbed Kaman 22, was unveiled for the first time in Tehran.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/471837/Iran-Army-displays-drones-missile-systems-electronic-warfare>

Iran nuclear negotiations at stalemate over IRGC terror listing

Al-Monitor, April 20, 2022

The talks in Vienna to revive the Iran nuclear deal have reached a stalemate, with neither side appearing to want to budge from the final sticking point regarding the designation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) by the United States. In his latest comments Monday on the state of the negotiations, Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Saeed Khatibzadeh said, "Until all issues are agreed upon, nothing is agreed upon." He said that "the remaining issues in Vienna are clear to everyone." Meanwhile, US State Department spokesperson Ned Price, responding to a reporter's question, said, "If Iran wants sanctions lifting that goes beyond the JCPOA, they'll need to address concerns of ours that go beyond the JCPOA," using the acronym for the deal's official name, the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/04/iran-nuclear-negotiations-stalemate-over-irgc-terror-listing#ixzz7SFuQLrZv>

IRGC Gaza drone passes flight tests, becomes operational

Tehran Times, April 20, 2022

Islamic Revolution Guards Corps' new combat drone, called Gaza, has successfully passed flight tests and it is now fully operational. The super-heavy combat drone, which was unveiled in May last

year, has a 21-meter wingspan and a 3,100-kilogram takeoff mass and is capable of carrying a payload of 500 kg, Press TV reported on Monday. The flight duration of the Gaza drone is 35 hours. It can soar to an altitude of about 10,668 meters, equivalent to 35,000 feet, and has a flight speed of 350 km per hour. "Operational tests of this drone have been conducted, it is fully operational, and can be used in a variety of reconnaissance and combat missions," the report noted. Last month, the IRGC unveiled one of its new kamikaze drones, dubbed Me'raj 504, which is specialized in attacking enemy's defense systems.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/471917/IRGC-Gaza-drone-passes-flight-tests-becomes-operational>

Iran Army unveils new achievements

Tehran Times, April 20, 2022

The Iranian Army Ground Forces unveiled on Wednesday their latest achievements in terms of developing new equipment. An unveiling ceremony was held on Wednesday under the auspices of the Commander of the Army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Major General Abdolrahim Mousavi in which the latest achievements of the Army Ground Forces were put on display. The new, ultra-heavy tank transporter Kiyon 300 plus and other heavy vehicles as well as various departments of mobile hospitals, which include laboratories, operating rooms, radiology, ICU rooms, and an armored ambulance capable of transporting 6 injured were unveiled. The unveiling came on the heels of the Army Day on which the Army showcased a set of its upgraded equipment.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/471925/Iran-Army-unveils-new-achievements>

Foreign Ministry hopes Taliban would not misuse Iran's patience

Tehran Times, April 25, 2022

In his weekly press briefing on Monday, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman expressed hope that the interim Taliban governing body won't misuse Iran's patience and goodwill. Responding to a question about the recent border clashes between Iranian and Afghan border guards, Saeed Khatibzadeh said, "Our brave border guards on our border with Afghanistan have dealt with restraint to this day due to the internal situation in Afghanistan and the possible unfamiliarity of some of the border guards stationed by the interim Afghan governing body on the border. Of course, this issue and its repetition is a matter of concern." He then added that Iran's border guards have a responsibility and it is their duty to prevent any illegal trespassing. "We were prepared to give the necessary training to the Afghan border guards on demarcate border and so on," he suggested.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/472063/Foreign-Ministry-hopes-Taliban-would-not-misuse-Iran-s-patience>

President expresses willingness to enhance defensive cooperation with China

Tehran Times, April 29, 2022

On Wednesday, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi met with visiting Chinese State Councilor and Minister of National Defense Wei Fenghe. During the meeting, Raisi urged for increasing the two countries' areas of cooperation and strengthening overall cooperation, including military cooperation. Iran and China have comparable viewpoints in international issues and mutually support each other, according to Raisi. Iran, which opposes

unilateralism, hegemony, and external intervention, firmly supports China in defending its essential interests, according to Raisi, while thanking China for its long-term support and help through Iran's difficult times. Wei stated that President Xi Jinping and Raisi have exchanged phone calls and letters since last year, resulting in new progress in the two countries' comprehensive strategic partnership.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/472203/President-expresses-willingness-to-enhance-defensive-cooperation>

Iran unveils world's longest-range tactical ballistic missile

Tehran Times, April 30, 2022

Iran's newest ballistic missiles, called "Kheiber-Shekan" and "Emad-3", were unveiled during the Quds Day march in Tehran on Friday. Kheiber-Shekan is the world's longest-range tactical ballistic missile with a range of 1,450 km. The last Friday of Ramadan, titled "International Quds Day", aims to highlight the Palestinians' struggle to get rid of the Israeli occupation and suppression.

<https://www.tehrantimes.com/news/472208/Iran-unveils-world-s-longest-range-tactical-ballistic-missile>

IRAQ

Salah El-Din strengthens defense line in Hamrin with new forces

Iraqi News Agency, April 16, 2022

Salah El-Din Operations Commander, Major General Abdul Mohsen Hatem, confirmed Saturday the strengthening of the defense line in Hamrin with the launch of Iron Fist operations. Hatem told the Iraqi News Agency (INA): "The Salah El-Din Operations Command has strengthened the defense line in Hamrin to prevent the

infiltration of terrorist gangs into the province after the launch of Operation Iron Fist in Kirkuk." He pointed out that "the security forces found four explosive devices and detonated them." Last Wednesday, the Security Media Cell announced the launch of Operation Iron Hammer in Kirkuk Governorate.

<https://ina.iq/eng/18857-salah-el-din-strengthens-defense-line-in-hamrin-with-new-forces.html>

Turkey launches offensive against PKK targets in northern Iraq

Al-Monitor, April 18, 2022

In a new offensive, Turkish military forces struck a dozen suspected targets of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in Iraqi Kurdistan, the Turkish Defense Ministry said. The air and ground offensive, codenamed Operation Claw Lock, began in Metina, Zap and Avasin-Basyan in Iraqi Kurdistan in the early hours of Monday. Sharing images from the operation, Defense Minister Hulusi Akar said that Turkish jets have struck shelters, bunkers, caves, tunnels, ammunition depots and the military headquarters of the PKK. The separatist group uses its bases in northern Iraq to stage attacks on Turkey. It is considered a terrorist group by Turkey as well as the United States and the European Union. "The operation was launched to fend off a large-scale attack by the PKK, which was regrouping and establishing new bases in certain areas of northern Iraq," Omer Celik, spokesperson for the ruling Justice and Development Party (AKP), said at a press conference late Monday.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/04/turkey-launches-offensive-against-pkk-targets-northern-iraq#ixzz7SGAxNfXT>

MOFA denies Turkey claims of Military Ops coordination with Iraq

Iraqi News Agency, April 20, 2022

Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirmed on Wednesday, that Iraq has the right to use all sources of force to respond to Turkey at the bilateral and multilateral levels, while noting that there is no truth to Ankara's claims that it coordinated with Baghdad in its military operations. "The Iraqi Foreign Ministry considered the military operations in Iraqi territory a blatant violation of Iraq's sovereignty and a threat to its territorial integrity, due to the horror and harm that the operations left for the security of Iraqi citizens," said the ministry's spokesman, Ahmed Al-Sahaf, in a statement to Al-Iraqiya News TV, followed by the Iraqi News Agency. He added, "MOFA summoned Turkey's ambassador and handed him a strongly worded protest note, describing the military operations as unilateral, hostile, provocative, and would not interfere with efforts to combat terrorism," noting that "the ministry renewed the Iraqi government's demand for the complete withdrawal of Turkish forces from Iraqi territory in a binding manner to secure Iraqi sovereignty and not to renew any kind of violations,".

<https://ina.iq/eng/18954-mofa-denies-turkey-claiming-of-military-ops-coordination-with-iraq.html>

Ministry of Peshmerga denies its participation in Turkish ops in northern Iraq

Iraqi News Agency, April 21, 2022

Ministry of Peshmerga in the Kurdistan region denied its participation in the Turkish military operation in northern Iraq. "Regarding the participation and movements of the Kurdistan Peshmerga

forces, after the Turkish army began its military operations in the border areas of the region, a group of irresponsible media is accusing the Kurdistan Peshmerga forces of cooperating and participating in these operations," included a statement by the ministry, received by the Iraqi News Agency - INA. The statement added, "We, in the Ministry of Peshmerga, reject all accusations and announce that the Peshmerga forces have never participated in these operations and have not moved their forces,".

<https://ina.iq/eng/18956-ministry-of-peshmerga-denies-its-participation-in-turkish-ops-in-northern-iraq.html>

Islamic State announces 'revenge' attacks during Ramadan

Al-Monitor, April 25, 2022

The Islamic State (IS) has taken responsibility for a rash of attacks in recent days as part of their "Battle of Revenge for the Two Sheikhs," announced on April 17 and seen as global in scope. Multiple attacks this week in Afghanistan, Syria, Nigeria, Libya, Uzbekistan, and other locations have been claimed by the group since the announcement of the campaign, which comes amid Ramadan, the Muslim holy month. In the first three days of the campaign, 42 attacks were reported in nine countries. The two sheikhs referred to in the IS campaign are the former leader of the international terrorist organization, Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Quraishi, and its former spokesman, Abu Hamza al-Quraishi.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/04/islamic-state-announces-revenge-attacks-during-ramadan#ixzz7SGBUfaYu>

ISRAEL

Iran confirms moving centrifuge facility allegedly hit by Israel to underground site

The Times of Israel, April 17, 2022

Iran has confirmed it relocated a centrifuge facility to its underground Natanz nuclear site, state media reported, days after the UN atomic watchdog said it installed surveillance cameras to monitor the new workshop at Tehran's request. The late Saturday report by the official IRNA news agency comes as diplomatic efforts to restore Iran's tattered nuclear deal appear stalled. The news agency quoted the spokesman for Iran's atomic energy organization, Behrouz Kamalvandi, as saying authorities had moved the operation to a safer place. Iran's centrifuge facility in Karaj found itself targeted in what Iran described as a sabotage attack in June. Natanz itself has twice been targeted in sabotage attacks amid uncertainty over the nuclear deal, assaults that Iran has blamed on Israel.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/iran-confirms-moving-centrifuge-facility-allegedly-hit-by-israel-to-underground-site/>

Israel responds to Gaza rockets with airstrikes

Saudi Gazette, April 21, 2022

Palestinians and Israeli security forces clashed early Thursday around the entrance to the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem's Old City and Israel responded to rockets fired from Gaza with airstrikes, as the worst tensions in months continued to simmer. On Thursday night, at least five rockets were fired from Gaza toward Israel. The Israeli military said most were intercepted by the Iron Dome aerial defense system. Israeli warplanes carried out subsequent

air-strikes on Hamas targets in Gaza, the military said. One strike hit the entrance to an underground facility involved in the manufacture of rocket engines, it said.

<https://saudigazette.com.sa/article/619650/World/Mena/Israel-responds-to-Gaza-rockets-with-airstrikes>

Israel attends US-led summit on sending more arms to Ukraine

The Times of Israel, April 26, 2022

Israel is among 40 countries attending a meeting of Western countries to discuss supplying more weaponry to Ukraine to help it fend off Russia's invasion of the country. Israel's attendance at the meeting Tuesday, hosted by the US at Ramstein Air Base in Germany, reflects an ongoing shift as Jerusalem appears to discard its policy of only supplying humanitarian aid to the embattled country in order to keep ties with Moscow intact. The meeting, held at the invitation of the United States, is "focused on doing things to generate additional capability and capacity for the Ukrainian forces," according to US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/israel-attending-us-led-summit-on-supplying-ukraine-with-more-arms/>

US close to admitting failure of Iran nuclear talks, Israeli officials claim

The Times of Israel, April 26, 2022

With Israel's national security adviser in Washington to meet his counterpart, Israeli officials have reportedly said the chances of world powers signing a new nuclear deal with Iran are greatly diminished. According to reports in the Israel Hayom newspaper and the Kan public broadcaster on Tuesday, US administration officials are closer than ever to admitting defeat on US President Joe Biden's stated goal to return to the 2015

deal. "The possibility that the parties will sign an agreement in the foreseeable future is dwindling at an exponential rate," an official told Israel Hayom. A source cited by Kan suggested that the White House "is much more willing these days, then it was in the past" to admit the talks are likely to fail.

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/us-close-to-admitting-failure-of-iran-nuclear-talks-israeli-officials-claim/>

LEBANON

Israel strikes southern Lebanon in response to rocket fire

Ya Libnan, April 26, 2022

Israeli tanks fired into southern Lebanon early Monday in response to a rocket fired from the country, the Israeli military said. The incident along Israel's northern border comes at a time of heightened tensions between Israelis and Palestinians. Recent weeks have seen a string of deadly attacks inside Israel, lethal arrest raids by Israel in the occupied West Bank and rocket attacks into Israel launched from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip, as well as clashes in a key Jerusalem holy site. It has been the worst violence to shake the region since an 11-day war between Israel and Gaza militants last year. In a statement, the Israeli military said the rocket landed in an open area in northern Israel early Monday, causing no damage or injuries. Shortly after, the military said it struck "the sources of the projectile launched and an infrastructure target in southern Lebanon." It said "routine activity" in northern Israel was continuing and there were no special precautions being asked of civilians in the area.

<https://yalibnan.com/2022/04/26/israel-strikes-southern-lebanon-in-response-to-rocket-fire/>

SAUDI ARABIA

At least 80 Iran-backed Houthi violations reported since ceasefire: Yemen Army report

Alarabiya News, April 21, 2022

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthis have reportedly launched attacks on the southern front of Marib, a Twitter account associated with the Yemeni Army media center reported on Thursday. At least 80 violations were reported on April 19 despite a UN-brokered truce that went into effect early April, including in Hodeida. The Yemeni army's air-defense also reportedly shot down a Houthi drone in western Saadah. Under the terms of the truce, shipments of fuel are allowed to arrive in Yemen's key port city of Hodeida and passenger flights to resume from the airport in Sanaa. Both Hodeida and Sanaa are held by the Houthis.

<https://english.alarabiya.net/News/middle-east/2022/04/21/At-least-80-Iran-backed-Houthi-violations-reported-since-ceasefire-Yemen-Army-report>

SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

Factional infighting escalates in northern Syria

Al-Monitor, April 19, 2022

Clashes and confrontations are taking place almost daily between the armed factions in the areas controlled by the Turkish-backed Free Syrian Army (FSA) in northern Syria. The instability ensuing from the infighting often take place inside cities and towns and between their residential neighborhoods, mainly in the cities of Jarablus, al-Bab, Afrin, Ras al-Ain, Azaz and others, has made their residents fearful. On April 7, a number of civilians were wounded in the town of Bulbul, in the Afrin district in the northern countryside of Aleppo, as a result

of sporadic clashes between a group affiliated with Faylaq al-Sham and another group affiliated with the Hamza Division, both FSA-affiliated.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/04/factional-infighting-escalates-northern-syria#ixzz7SIMMilGg>

Islamic State escalates attacks in Syrian desert

Al-Monitor, April 20, 2022

The Islamic State (IS) organization has since early April escalated its attacks against Syrian government forces and allied militias in the Syrian desert area known as the Badiya. In parallel, Russian air raids targeting IS hideouts and outposts in the Badiya area have also increased, with government forces and their militias sending military reinforcements in preparation for a military operation against IS. IS' recent attacks are unprecedented. It targeted military barracks, oil fields and huge Syrian military convoys. It used various weapons, including medium- and short-range missiles, which means that it now possesses a diverse arsenal of weapons and follows new tactics that have confused government forces and inflicted heavy losses among its ranks.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/originals/2022/04/islamic-state-escalates-attacks-syrian-desert#ixzz7SIMepxb1>

TURKEY

Turkish firm makes ballistic helmets, vests for Zelenskyy, his team

Daily Sabah, April 20, 2022

A firm from central Turkey it turns out has been producing the ballistic protective

equipment used by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and his team since Russia launched its military campaign. The fact emerged after Industry and Technology Minister Mustafa Varank visited the Garanti Kompozit factory in Yozgat's organized industrial zone. During his meeting with factory officials, Varank was told that the company had manufactured and sent helmets and vests for Zelenskyy and his team after receiving a special request in the first days of Russia's military campaign in Ukraine. "They asked for 20 helmets and vests for Mr. Zelenskyy and his team, so we sent them, we were happy to see them on TV," said Garanti Kompozit Manager Vedat Tüzer.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkish-firm-makes-ballistic-helmets-vests-for-zelenskyy-his-team>

Anti-PKK op in Iraq marks first engagement for Turkish combat Akıncı drone

Daily Sabah, April 24, 2022

The landmark combat drone Akıncı has joined its first major operation ever as Turkey launched a military offensive against PKK terrorist targets in northern Iraq, the company said. Named "Operation Claw-Lock," the counterterrorism operation was launched last week from ground and air and targeted terrorists in the Metina, Zap and Avashin-Basyan regions, the Defense Ministry said. "The first big operation joined by Bayraktar #AKINCI..." read a tweet by its developer and drone magnate Baykar. The unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV) joined the company's Bayraktar TB2, which has been widely used and sold to a range of countries including Ukraine, Qatar, Azerbaijan and Poland.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/anti-pkk-op-in-iraq-marks-first-engagement-for-turkish-combat-akinci-drone>

Turkey could buy 2nd S-400 unit from Russia: SSB's Demir

Daily Sabah, April 27, 2022

Turkey could acquire the second part of the S-400 air defense system purchase from Russia, the country's top defense body head said late Tuesday. Ismail Demir, chairperson of the Presidency of Defense Industries (SSB), speaking to the public broadcaster TRT, said the purchasing of the second batch of the Russian-made system was on the table from the very beginning. Turkey's decision is what it has always been, it didn't change according to what others have said, he noted. Ankara's purchasing S-400 air defense systems, of which the first delivery arrived in July 2019, has been a point of long-standing contention between Turkey and the United States.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/turkey-could-buy-2nd-s-400-unit-from-russia-ssbs-demir>

Tajikistan mullied to buy Turkish drones amid border dispute with Kyrgyzstan

Daily Sabah, April 28, 2022

Tajikistan joined its Central Asian neighbors in acquiring the Turkey-made Bayraktar TB2 unmanned combat aerial vehicle (UCAV), reportedly becoming the latest purchaser of the world-famed drone amid its border disputes with neighboring Kyrgyzstan, which also owns the very same UCAV. Several Turkish media outlets reported the news of Tajikistan buying the UCAVs produced by Turkey's drone magnate Baykar that are already in the

inventories of more than 10 countries. Despite no official statement having been released yet from either side, Kyrgyzstan confirmed the purchase.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/tajikistan-mulled-to-buy-turkish-drones-amid-border-dispute-with-kyrgyzstan>

Arms sales to Turkey should be expedited, hurdles removed: Blinken

Daily Sabah, April 29, 2022

U.S. top diplomat has said foreign military sales to key Washington partners like Turkey and India should be sped up and bureaucratic hurdles removed. Asked during a congressional testimony what the Biden administration can do “to cut through the red tape to help our work with our allies such as Turkey and India,” Secretary of State Antony Blinken acknowledged that the processes need to be hurried at both the executive and congressional levels. “I think that we can and should do better in sales, particularly in the rapidity with which we’re able to do things, review things. I think that’s on us in the executive branch. It’s also on Congress,” he told the House Appropriations Committee.

<https://www.dailysabah.com/business/defense/arms-sales-to-turkey-should-be-expedited-hurdles-removed-blinken>

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

UAE: Unit 1 of Barakah Energy Nuclear Plan celebrates first year of operations

Khaleej Times, April 18, 2022

The Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (Enec) has celebrated the first anniversary of the start of commercial operations at Unit 1 of the Barakah Nuclear Energy Plant, located in Al Dhafra, Abu Dhabi. Since

April 2021, Unit 1 of the Barakah Plant has generated more than 10.5 Terawatt hours of clean electricity, powering homes and businesses across the UAE, and enabling businesses to become more sustainable and access environmental, social, and governance (ESG) funding through clean energy certification. Unit 1 has also prevented the release of more than five million tonnes of carbon emissions, equivalent to the emissions of more than one million cars driven for a year.

<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/energy/uae-unit-1-of-barakah-energy-nuclear-plan-celebrates-first-year-of-operations>

Eight heavy transport aircraft belonging to UAE landed in Israel in past two weeks

The Jerusalem Post, April 30, 2022

At least eight C-17 Globemaster heavy transport aircraft belonging to the United Arab Emirates Air Force have landed in Israel over the past two weeks. The Boeing C-17A Globemaster III is a four-engine, heavy transport aircraft that can accommodate huge payloads of 164,900 pounds, fly 2,400 nautical miles and land on runways of 3,000 feet or less on a small airfield. All the aircraft landed at Israel Air Force’s Nevatim airbase in southern Israel and took off about an hour after landing. It is unclear why the heavy transport aircraft were in Israel though it is believed that they were likely transporting equipment related to defense contracts signed between the two countries.

<https://www.jpost.com/israel-news/article-705478>

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