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POLITICAL ISSUES

EGYPT

1. Egypt's Sisi Receives Credentials of Indian Ambassador

Cairo, Sunday, 28 June 2015

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi received the credentials of Indian Ambassador Sanjay Bhattacharyya and 10 other new envoys.

Source: The New Indian Express, Chennai

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/world/Egypt-Sisi-Receives-Credentials-of-Indian-Ambassador/2015/06/28/article2891203.ece>

IRAN

2. Chabahar Port to help India circumvent Pakistan

New Delhi, Tuesday, 2 June 2015

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Iran on the development of Chabahar port provides India access to Afghanistan and Central Asia bypassing Pakistan.

Source: Business Standard, New Delhi

http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/chabahar-port-to-help-india-circumvent-pakistan-115060201649_1.html

3. The Great Game Folio: Iran Opportunity

New Delhi, Tuesday, 16 June 2015

According to media pundits, Tehran and Washington inch towards a nuclear deal which will enable expansive engagements between India and Iran.

Source: The Indian Express, Mumbai

<http://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/the-great-game-folio-40/>

4. Chabahar Port Win-Win Project for India

New Delhi, Monday, 15 June 2015

With the removal of sanctions on Iran, the functioning of Chabahar project will help India to connect with Afghanistan without worrying about Pakistan's interference.

Source: The New Indian Express, Chennai

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/editorials/Chabahar-Port-Win-Win-Project-for-India/2015/06/15/article2866395.ece>

ISRAEL

5. India-Israel: Blowing hot and cold

New Delhi, Tuesday, 2 June 2015

The debate on the Indo-Israel relationship finds a new impetus as Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeks to visit Israel this year.

Source: *Business Standard, New Delhi*

http://www.business-standard.com/article/current-affairs/india-israel-blowing-hot-and-cold-115060200510_1.html

See also: *Business Standard, New Delhi*

http://www.business-standard.com/article/opinion/a-long-delayed-visit-115060201723_1.html

See also: *The New Indian Express, Chennai*

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/columns/Indo-Israel-Ties-are-Out-of-the-Closet-Finally/2015/06/12/article2861317.ece>

6. Modi's Proposed Visit a Message to World, Our Neighbour: Israel

New Delhi, Tuesday, 9 June 2015

Israeli ambassador to India Daniel Carmon regards the forthcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Israel as a seminal message to the world and its neighbourhood.

Source: *The New Indian Express, Chennai*

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/Modis-Proposed-Visit-a-Message-to-World-Our-Neighbour-Israel/2015/06/09/article2857141.ece1>

7. Narendra Modi will be first Indian PM to visit Israel and Palestine

New Delhi, Monday, 1 June 2015

Narendra Modi will be the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Israel.

Source: *The Times of India, New Delhi*

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Narendra-Modi-will-be-first-Indian-PM-to-visit-Israel-and-Palestine/articleshow/47491228.cms>

See also: *The Indian Express, Mumbai*

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/modi-to-visit-israel-1st-by-an-indian-pm/>

OMAN

8. Oman minister comes calling, wants stronger ties

New Delhi, Thursday, 4 June 2015

Oman's Foreign Minister Yousuf bin Alawi met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and conveyed greetings of the Sultan, reaffirming the importance of the relations with India.

Source: *The Indian Express, Mumbai*

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/oman-minister-comes-calling-wants-stronger-ties/>

SAUDI ARABIA

9. In WikiLeaks, how Saudi Arabia wanted to match Iranian influence over India

New Delhi, Wednesday, 24 June 2015

Newly released documents in Arabic indicate how Iran's engagement with India and its Shia community was worrying Saudi Arabia.

Source: *The Indian Express, Mumbai*

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/in-wikileaks-how-saudis-wanted-to-match-iranian-influence-over-india/>

TURKEY

10. Turkey Keen to Invest in Make In India: Envoy

Kolkata, Tuesday, 16 June 2015

Turkish Ambassador Burak Akcapar said his country is keen to invest in *Make in India* campaign, particularly in the manufacturing and construction sectors.

Source: The New Indian Express, Chennai

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/business/news/Turkey-Keen-to-Invest-in-Make-In-India-Envoy/2015/06/16/article2869676.ece>

MISCELLANEOUS

BAHRAIN

11. India-made Maggi noodles banned in Bahrain

Dubai, Sunday, 7 June 2015

Bahrain has imposed a ban on Indian manufactured Maggi noodles of Nestle and this follows a health ministry-ordered seizure of hundreds of packets of Maggi noodles in India.

Source: Business Standard, New Delhi

http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/india-made-maggi-noodles-banned-in-bahrain-115060700405_1.html

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