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POLITICAL ISSUES

EGYPT

1. Visit of External Affairs Minister to the Arab Republic of Egypt

New Delhi, Monday, 24 August 2015

India's Minister of External Affairs Sushma Swaraj visited Egypt and discussed bilateral relations especially issues related to security, counter-terrorism, defence and investments with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi and her counterpart Sameh Hassan Shoukry in Cairo.

Source: The New Indian Express, Chennai

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/world/Egypt-Looking-For-Indian-Investment-Regional-Security-Cooperation/2015/08/22/article2987963.ece>

See also: The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-egypt-agree-to-step-up-bilateral-cooperation/article7575553.ece>

ISRAEL

2. INS Trikanth Enters Haifa, Israel

New Delhi, Wednesday, 19 August 2015

A frontline warship of the Indian Navy INS Trikanth made a port call at the port of Haifa in Israel. The visit is seen as a step in bolstering ties between two countries.

Source: Business Standard, New Delhi

http://www.business-standard.com/article/government-press-release/ins-trikand-enters-haifa-israel-115081901037_1.html

See also: The Economic Times, New Delhi

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/defence/frontline-indian-warship-ins-trikand-anchors-at-israeli-port/articleshow/48546058.cms>

IRAN

3. Iran foreign minister Javad Zarif meets PM Modi today

New Delhi, Friday, 14 August 2015

Visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and discussed opportunities to enhance relations between the two countries after the end of economic sanctions.

Source: The Indian Express, Mumbai

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/iran-foreign-minister-javad-zarif-meets-pm-modi-today/>

SAUDI ARABIA

4. Indian Air Force makes first staging visit to Saudi Arabia

Jeddah, Monday, 3 August 2015

A flying contingent of the Indian Air Force (IAF) made a maiden visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Source: AL Arabia News, Dubai

<https://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2015/08/03/Indian-Air-Force-makes-first-staging-visit-to-Saudi-Arabia.html>

UAE

5. Narendra Modi on two-day UAE visit from Sunday

Abu Dhabi, Saturday, 15 August 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached Abu Dhabi for a two-day trip during which he would seek to enhance cooperation in energy and trade and reach out to investors.

Source: The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/prime-minister-narendra-modi-twoday-visit-to-uae/article7544300.ece>

See also: The Indian Express, Mumbai

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/pm-modi-to-visit-uae-grand-reception-planned-at-dubai-cricket-stadium/>

See also: The Indian Express, Mumbai

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/prime-minister-narendra-modi-leaves-for-uae-on-two-day-visit/>

6. Joint Statement between the United Arab Emirates and the Republic of India

New Delhi, Monday, 17 August 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the UAE from 16-17 August 2015 at the invitation of His Highness Crown Prince Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The visit after 34 years marks the beginning of a new and comprehensive strategic partnership and during the visit, both the countries issued a joint statement.

Source: The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/resources/joint-statement-between-the-united-arab-emirates-and-the-republic-of-india/article7550706.ece>

7. Path of terror will never benefit anyone: Modi

New Delhi, Monday, 17 August 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Indian diaspora at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

Source: The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/live-prime-minister-narendra-modi-at-abu-dhabi/article7546622.ece>

8. PM Modi returns home after successful visit to UAE

New Delhi, Tuesday, 18 August 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned home after a successful two-day visit to the UAE.

Source: The Hindustan Times, New Delhi

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india/pm-modi-returns-home-after-successful-visit-to-uae/story-Wi3nf5P1tv27vZQGy7ze1K.html>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

QATAR

9. Qatar's Emir Receives Letter, Postal Stamps from PM Narendra Modi

Dubai, Monday, 24 August 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has sent a letter along with a set of postal stamps and coins to the Emir of Qatar, appreciating the Gulf nation's support for the first International Yoga day.

Source: NDTV, New Delhi

<http://www.ndtv.com/world-news/qatars-emir-receives-letter-postal-stamps-from-pm-narendra-modi-1210362>

10. Anil Ambani's Reliance Group to expand business cooperation with Qatar

Dubai, Monday, 31 August 2015

Anil Ambani, Chairperson of the Reliance Group visited Qatar and expressed a keen interest in playing a larger role in the growing economic ties by expanding business cooperation with Qatar.

Source: The Financial Express, New Delhi

<http://www.financialexpress.com/article/industry/companies/reliance-group-to-expand-business-cooperation-with-qatar/128158/>

TURKEY

11. Turkey keen on bilateral trade with Telangana

Hyderabad, Sunday, 22 August 2015

Turkish Consul General Murat Omeroglu urged that there is great scope for bilateral trade between Turkey and India, especially in the city of Hyderabad.

Source: The Times of India, New Delhi

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/hyderabad/Turkey-keen-on-bilateral-trade-with-Telangana/articleshow/48598809.cms>

UAE

12. PM visits Emirates- Modi invites UAE: Invest US\$1 trillion in infra, energy sectors

Abu Dhabi, Tuesday, 18 August 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attempted to woo investors in UAE and stressed the immediate possibility of a US\$ 1trillion-investment in sectors such as infrastructure and energy.

Source: The Indian Express, Mumbai

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/modi-in-uae-125-crore-people-is-not-just-a-market-theyre-a-power/>

CULTURAL ISSUES

SAUDI ARABIA

13. Saudi Arabia's Indian diaspora lauded on Independence Day

Riyadh, Saturday, 15 August 2015

On the occasion of India's 69th Independence Day, Indian Consul General in Saudi Arabia B.S. Mubarak praised the expatriates for their hard work, dedication, discipline and law abiding nature which have earned the goodwill of Saudi Arabia.

Source: Business Standard, New Delhi

http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/saudi-arabia-s-indian-diaspora-lauded-on-independence-day-115081500806_1.html

UAE

14. PM makes a statement with mosque visit

Abu Dhabi, Monday, 17 August 2015

The high point of Prime Minister Modi's trip to UAE was his visit to Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque, the world's third largest mosque.

Source: The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/pm-makes-a-statement-with-mosque-visit/article7548147.ece>

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