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POLITICAL ISSUES

IRAN

1. Kerala's 17 missing flew to Iran before going off radar

New Delhi, Thursday, 14 July 2016

A senior intelligence official said that India has sought Iran's help in tracing 17 persons from Kerala, who have been missing for over a month, and were suspected to have joined the Islamic State.

Source: The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/keralas-17-missing-flew-to-iran-before-going-off-radar/article8850437.ece>

IRAQ

2. IS may have set up sleeper cells in India: Iraqi envoy

New Delhi, Thursday, 14 July 2016

Islamic State may have set up sleeper cells in India owing to the influence of foreign-funded Islamic seminaries and preachers who teach an exclusivist version of Islam, says the new Iraqi Ambassador to India.

Source: The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/is-may-have-set-up-sleeper-cells-in-india-iraqi-envoy/article8845195.ece>

ISRAEL

3. India expresses concern over 'fragile' situation in Middle East

New Delhi, Wednesday, 13 July 2016

India has expressed concern over the "increasingly fragile and unpredictable" situation in the Middle East, saying the growing threat of terrorism and radicalism has added to the complexities in the region.

Source: The Indian Express, New Delhi

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/india-expresses-concern-over-fragile-situation-in-middle-east-2911107/>

SAUDI ARABIA

4. 10,000 Indian workers facing food crisis in Saudi Arabia: Sushma

New Delhi, Sunday, 31 July 2016

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said that in what has come as a shocking development, over 10,000 Indian workers in Saudi Arabia are facing a “food crisis”,

Source: The Financial Express, Noida

<http://www.financialexpress.com/india-news/10000-indian-workers-facing-food-crisis-in-saudi-arabia-sushma/333811/>

See Also: The times of India, New Delhi

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/delhi/Over-10000-Indian-workers-facing-food-crisis-in-Saudi-Arabia-Roundup/articleshow/53470464.cms>

See Also: The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/sushma-steps-in-to-help-800-indians-starving-in-jeddah/article8921818.ece>

TURKEY

5. Turkey coup Attempt: MEA India provides helpline numbers to Indian citizens

New Delhi, Saturday, 16 July 2016

Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Vikas Swarup has offered help to Indian citizens in Turkey, as the situation in there continues to grow tense due to a coup attempt.

Source: The Express, New Delhi

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-news-india/turkey-coup-attempt-mea-india-provide-helpline-numbers-to-indian-citizens-in-turkey-2916999/>

UAE

6. Mathrubhumi Group launches FM station in UAE; Dulquer Salmaan Brand Ambassador

Mumbai, Wednesday, 13 July 2016

Club FM, the radio division of the Mathrubhumi Group, has launched its first radio station in UAE targeting the Malayalee diaspora. It would be aired on the frequency modulation of 99.6 degrees, and would offer news, entertainment and music programmes.

Source: The Economics Times, Mumbai

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/magazines/panache/mathrubhumi-group-launches-fm-station-in-uae-dulquer-salmaan-brand-ambassador/articleshow/53192762.cms>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

IRAN

7. India's biggest shipping firm to resume sailing to Iran

New Delhi, Tuesday, 5 July 2016

The Chairman of India's biggest shipping company said that Shipping Corporation of India would resume sailing to Iran, transporting an oil cargo for a state-run refiner.

Source: The Economics Times, Mumbai

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/transportation/shipping/-/transport/indias-biggest-shipping-firm-to-resume-sailing-to-iran/articleshow/53060094.cms>

8. India explores Iran textile market

Mumbai, Saturday, 9 July 2016

Indian garment exporters are exploring business opportunities with Iran to reduce their dependence for growth on the European Union and American market.

Source: Business Standard, New Delhi

http://www.business-standard.com/article/economy-policy/india-explores-iran-textile-market-116070600228_1.html

UAE

9. Indian-owned food production firm launches new unit in UAE

Dubai, Friday, 1 July 2016

An Indian-owned food importing company has launched its new the food production facility in the UAE with an investment of US\$95.2 million.

Source: The Economics Times, Mumbai

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/cons-products/food/indian-owned-food-production-firm-launches-new-unit-in-uae/articleshow/53005174.cms>

10. Rajesh Exports bags Rs 786 crore order from UAE

New Delhi, Thursday, 14 July 2016

Rajesh Exports the world's largest gold jewellery maker said that it has bagged a contract worth Rs 786 crore from UAE to export gold and diamond jewellery and medallions.

Source: The Economics Times, Mumbai

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/cons-products/fashion/-/cosmetics/-/jewellery/rajesh-exports-bags-rs-786-crore-order-from-uae/articleshow/53211024.cms>

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