

## **INDIA WATCH**

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### **POLITICAL ISSUES**

#### **KUWAIT**

##### **1. MOU on medical cooperation signed by India and Kuwait**

**New Delhi, Monday, 23 April 2012**

India signed a memorandum of understanding with Kuwait on cooperation in medical sector. With a large number of Indian doctors and nurses employed in Kuwaiti hospitals, both signed the MoU to finalize an institutional framework for developing medical cooperation between the two countries.

**Source:** www.newsreporter.in

<http://www.newsreporter.in/india-kuwait-sign-mou-on-medical-cooperation>

#### **IRAN**

##### **2. Israeli diplomat attack case: India seeks access to Iranians**

**New Delhi, Sunday, 1 April 2012**

Over a month after the wife of an Israeli diplomat was targeted by the car she was travelling in attacked by a "sticky bomb", India has asked for access to three Iranians who are reported to behind the attack.

**Source:** The Times of India, New Delhi

[http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-04-01/india/31270242\\_1\\_israeli-diplomat-iranians-embassy-vehicle](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-04-01/india/31270242_1_israeli-diplomat-iranians-embassy-vehicle)

##### **3. India, Russia, China discuss Iran, North Korea, terrorism**

**Moscow, Friday, 13 April 2012**

The Foreign Ministers of India, Russia and China on Friday held discussions on key regional and international issues, including situation in Iran during a trilateral meet in Moscow.

**Source:** DNA, Mumbai

[http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report\\_india-russia-china-discuss-iran-north-korea-terrorism\\_1675427](http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_india-russia-china-discuss-iran-north-korea-terrorism_1675427)

#### **ISRAEL**

##### **4. India, Israel to launch research in cyber-security**

**Tel Aviv, Wednesday, 4 April 2012**

India and Israel have agreed to launch a long-term joint programme worth US\$10 million annually to facilitate research and academic activities benefiting them in areas like renewable and sustainable energies, bio-medical sciences and cyber-security.

**Source:** Zee News, New Delhi

[http://zeenews.india.com/news/nation/india-israel-to-launch-research-in-cyber-security\\_768214.html](http://zeenews.india.com/news/nation/india-israel-to-launch-research-in-cyber-security_768214.html)

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### **5. India, Israel commit to academic research programme**

**New Delhi, Friday, 6 April 2012**

In a bid to strengthen academic research, India and Israel have decided to launch a joint programme to the tune of \$5 million from both sides annually over a three-year period. The broader contours of the long-term programme were agreed upon during a meeting between Minister of Human Resource Development Kapil Sibal, who is currently on a visit to Israel, and Israeli leaders.

**Source:** The Times of India, New Delhi

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/India-Israel-commit-to-academic-research-programme/articleshow/12553580.cms>

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### **6. Haryana, Israel to constitute working groups**

**Chandigarh, Wednesday, 11 April 2012**

Haryana and Israel today agreed to constitute working groups to further promote agricultural cooperation. Haryana chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who recently held a meeting with Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Orit Noked.

**Source:** DNA, Mumbai

[http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report\\_haryana-israel-to-constitute-working-groups\\_1530834](http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_haryana-israel-to-constitute-working-groups_1530834)

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### **7. Defence Minister A.K. Anthony cracks whip on murky arms deal**

**New Delhi, Tuesday, 17 April 2012**

The Defence Ministry has punished Israeli Military Industries (IMI) by encashing bank guarantees of Rs. 224 crores for violating an integrity pact in the contract to set up a plant to produce bi-modular charge systems, a propellant for 155 mm guns, at Nalanda in Bihar.

**Source:** India Today

<http://indiatoday.intoday.in/story/murky-arms-deals-defence-minister-a.-k.-antony-cracks-whip/1/184777.html>

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### **8. "TNT used in bombing of Israeli diplomat's car"**

**New Delhi, Tuesday, 24 April 2012**

The Delhi Police have received a report from the Central Bureau of Investigation's Central Forensic Science Laboratory stating that trinitrotoluene (TNT) had been used in the improvised magnetic device to trigger the blast in the Israeli Embassy's car here over two months ago.

**Source:** The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/tp-newdelhi/article3347242.ece>

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## **LIBYA**

### **9. Libya, Syria turmoil posing problems for economy, Pranab Mukherjee says**

**Kolkata, Sunday, 1 April 2012**

India is concerned about the political turmoil in Libya and Syria as unstable situations in there are posing serious problems for the Indian economy, Union finance minister Pranab Mukherjee said.

**Source:** The Times of India, New Delhi

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/Libya-Syria-turmoil-posing-problems-for-economy-Pranab-Mukherjee-says/articleshow/12492830.cms>

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## **QATAR**

### **10. Emir of Qatar to visit India; LNG, crude oil supply on agenda**

**New Delhi, Wednesday, 4 April 2012**

Key strategic bilateral issues, including import of larger quantities LNG, crude oil and LPG and status on the reported move of Taliban opening its office in Qatar are expected to be taken up by India during the visit of Qatari Emir.

**Source:** The Economic Times

[http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2012-04-04/news/31287879\\_1\\_khalifa-al-thani-sheikh-hamad-lng](http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2012-04-04/news/31287879_1_khalifa-al-thani-sheikh-hamad-lng)

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### **11. India and Qatar take forward initiatives in mutual investments**

**New Delhi, Monday, 9 April 2012**

India and Qatar largely eschewed discussions of a political nature such as Taliban's opening of an office in Doha and the situation in nearby Syria and Bahrain. At a meeting, the Emir of Qatar, Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh took forward the initiatives on mutual investments agreed upon during their previous detailed interaction in 2008.

**Source:** The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article3296741.ece>

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### **12. India and Qatar ink oil and gas pact amid Iran pressure**

**New Delhi, Tuesday, 10 April 2012**

India and Qatar have signed a pact to increase cooperation in the field of oil and gas exploration. The deal comes as India looks for more sources of oil and gas to meet its growing energy demands.

**Source:** BBC, UK

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-17661345>

**See Also:** The Indian Express, New Delhi

<http://www.indianexpress.com/news/india-qatar-sign-pact-to-boost-oil-&-gas-cooperation/934631/>

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## **SAUDI ARABIA**

### **13. No tax cuts for Indians working in Saudi**

**Hyderabad, Tuesday, 3 April 2012**

Bringing relief to thousands of Indians working in Saudi Arabia, the *Shura Council* has rejected a proposal to levy income tax on Indian and other foreign workers in the country.

**Source:** The Times of India, New Delhi

[http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-04-03/hyderabad/31280814\\_1\\_tax-cuts-shoura-council-indians](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-04-03/hyderabad/31280814_1_tax-cuts-shoura-council-indians)

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## **SYRIA**

### **14. Impartiality key to U.N. mission in Syria: India**

**New Delhi, Sunday, 15 April 2012**

While voting with all other United Nations Security Council (UNSC) members in favour of a U.N. team monitoring the ceasefire between the government and rebels in Syria, India underlined the importance of the mission observing the principles of integrity by being impartial and independent.

**Source:** The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article3315472.ece>

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### **15. Annan thanks India for help**

**Moscow, Sunday, 15 April 2012**

Joint U.N.-Arab League special envoy for Syria Kofi Annan has thanked India for help in setting up his mission. Annan called External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna to express his appreciation of the efforts of India's U.N. envoy Hardeep Singh Puri.

**Source:** The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-national/article3316326.ece>

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#### **TUNISIA**

### **16. Cooperation Agreement Signed Between Tunisian and Indian Radio**

**New Delhi, Wednesday, 25 April 2012**

On the 11th session of the Tunisian-Indian Joint Commission, a cooperation agreement was signed between Tunisian and Indian radio.

**Source:** TunisiaLive.com

<http://www.tunisia-live.net/2012/04/25/cooperation-agreement-signed-between-tunisian-and-indian-radio/>

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#### **UAE**

### **17. Indian authorities' clearance must for work contract in UAE**

**New Delhi, Wednesday, 4 April 2012**

Indians seeking to migrate to UAE for employment can now expect an assured salary package and better work environment with both countries today introducing a system under which work contracts of prospective employees will have to be endorsed by Indian authorities.

**Source:** The Times of India, New Delhi

[http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-04-04/india/31286984\\_1\\_indian-workers-uae-s-ministry-uae-and-india](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-04-04/india/31286984_1_indian-workers-uae-s-ministry-uae-and-india)

**See Also:** DNA, Mumbai

[http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report\\_want-to-work-in-uae-get-indian-authorities-clearance-first\\_1671551](http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_want-to-work-in-uae-get-indian-authorities-clearance-first_1671551)

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### **18. Krishna to co-chair India-UAE economic cooperation meet**

**Dubai, Friday, 13 April 2012**

Minister for External Affairs S M Krishna is visiting the UAE on a three-day visit during which he will co-chair the 10th session of the India- UAE Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation.

**Source:** Dubai News

<http://www.dxbwebsite.com/krishna-to-co-chair-india-uae-economic-cooperation-meet/>

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### **19. India, UAE discuss roadmap for future**

**Abu Dhabi, Monday, 16 April 2012**

India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Monday sketched out the broad outlines of a roadmap, centred around a new partnership in the fields of energy security and investments, which would help steer their ties in the future.

**Source:** The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/international/article3320637.ece>

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### **20. India signs taxation, consular agreements with the UAE**

**Abu Dhabi, Monday, 16 April 2012**

India and UAE on Monday signed agreements to amend the double taxation avoidance treaty that will pave the way for greater sharing of tax related information between the two countries and also agreed to set up a joint committee to look after consular issues.

**Source:** DNA, Mumbai

[http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report\\_india-signs-taxation-consular-agreements-with-the-uae\\_1676743](http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_india-signs-taxation-consular-agreements-with-the-uae_1676743)

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#### **YEMEN**

### **21. Yemen, India sign agreements on higher education cooperation**

**Sana'a, Tuesday, 3 April 2012**

On Monday (2 April) Yemeni Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research Dr. Yahia al-Shayibi and the Indian ambassador signed executive cooperation agreements between the two friendly countries in the field of higher education and scientific research.

**Source:** The Yemen Post, Sana'a

<http://www.yemenpost.net/Detail123456789.aspx?ID=3&SubID=5015>

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**ECONOMIC ISSUES**

**IRAQ**

**22. Iraq tenders to buy 30,000 tons of basmati rice: Government**

**Baghdad, Wednesday, 4 April 2012**

Iraq has issued a tender to buy a minimum of 30,000 tons of basmati rice from India and Pakistan origin, the trade ministry said.

**Source:** The Times of India, New Delhi

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/Iraq-tenders-to-buy-30000-tonnes-of-basmati-rice-Government/articleshow/12529884.cms>

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**ISRAEL**

**23. Dumping duty on phosphoric acid from Israel, Taiwan**

**New Delhi, Monday, 9 April 2012**

India has imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on phosphoric acid imports from Israel and Taiwan for five years. The duty would be applicable on all grades of phosphoric acid, other than agriculture and fertilizer, according to the Revenue Department.

**Source:** The Hindu Business Line, Chennai

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/todays-paper/tp-economy/article3297922.ece>

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**OMAN**

**24. Oman imposes ban on import of Indian poultry**

**New Delhi, Monday, 30 April 2012**

The Indian Government said Oman has imposed a ban on import of Indian live birds and their by-products such as poultry meat and eggs. The reason for restricting the import was on grounds of detection of highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) virus Sero type H5.

**Source:** The Financial Express

<http://www.financialexpress.com/news/oman-imposes-ban-on-import-of-indian-poultry/943580/>

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**SAUDI ARABIA**

**25. India MRPL raises Saudi import deal to 49,000 bpd-sources**

**New Delhi, Tuesday, 17 April 2012**

State-run Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd has raised further its annual crude import deal with Saudi Arabia by nearly 17 percent to make up for planned lowering of imports from Iran.

**Source:** Reuters, US

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/17/india-mrpl-saudi-idUSL3E8FH57J20120417>

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**TURKEY**

**26. Turkey's Celebi bids in Mumbai airport tender**

**Ankara, Tuesday, 17 April 2012**

Turkey's Celebi Hava Servisi, a ground handling company, said on Tuesday its Indian unit had made a joint bid in consortium with NAS Aviation Services India Private Limited for a tender to build a domestic cargo terminal at Mumbai's international airport.

**Source:** The Reuters, US

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/17/turkey-celebi-idUSL6E8FH0FB20120417>

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#### **UAE**

### **27. Punj Lloyd bags contract to build bulk oil terminal in Dubai**

**Dubai, Wednesday, 18 April 2012**

Engineering and construction firm Punj Lloyd has bagged a contract from Horizon Terminals, an Emirates National Oil Company (ENOC) subsidiary, to build a bulk oil terminal.

**Source:** The Hindu Business Line, Chennai

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/article3327696.ece>

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### **28. Ras Al Khaimah woos Kerala businessmen**

**Kochi, Wednesday, 18 April 2012**

The head of India liaison office of Ras Al Khaimah Free Trade Zone Bissoon Surnam has invited Kerala businessmen to look at the prospect of expanding their business in the UAE.

**Source:** The Hindu Business Line, Chennai

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/industry-and-economy/article3328344.ece>

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#### **ENERGY ISSUES**

#### **IRAN**

### **29. Iran crucial to India's energy needs but Delhi has global obligations, says U.S. official**

**New Delhi, Tuesday, 3 April 2012**

A senior U.S. official on Monday said Washington did not want to jeopardize India's energy security by asking it to reduce its dependence on Iranian oil, but made it clear that New Delhi was expected to join the West's attempts to pressure Tehran into accepting conditions on the nuclear issue.

**Source:** The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/article3273999.ece>

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### **30. India offers tax breaks on Iran exports despite US pressure**

**New Delhi, Thursday, 5 April 2012**

The Indian government will offer tax incentives to exporters for sales in rupees to Iran, in a latest effort to bolster exports in return for oil from the Islamic Republic squeezed by Western sanctions, a finance ministry official said.

**Source:** The Reuters, US

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/05/india-iran-idUSL3E8F51XV20120405>

**See Also:** DNA, Mumbai

[http://www.dnaindia.com/money/report\\_govt-offers-tax-breaks-to-boost-exports-to-iran\\_1672131](http://www.dnaindia.com/money/report_govt-offers-tax-breaks-to-boost-exports-to-iran_1672131)

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### **31. India replaces China as Iran's top oil buyer**

**New Delhi, Thursday, 12 April 2012**

India has vaulted to the top of the list of Iran's oil customers, overtaking China, in a first quarter buying surge ahead of tighter sanctions against Tehran this summer, data published by a leading industry consultant showed.

**Source:** The Times of India, New Delhi

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/India-replaces-China-as-Irans-top-oil-buyer/articleshow/12639701.cms>

**See Also:** The Reuters, US

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/12/india-iran-oil-idUSL6E8FC50N20120412>

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### **32. India says importing 14 million tons of oil from Iran**

**Washington, Monday, 23 April 2012**

India, the second-largest consumer of Iranian oil after China, said it was now importing 14 million tons of crude from Iran and has "substantially" reduced its imports from the country as the deadline to comply with Western sanctions against Tehran looms.

**Source:** The Reuters, US

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/23/iran-india-idUSL2E8FNG7C20120423>

**See Also:** [www.moneycontrol.com](http://www.moneycontrol.com)

<http://www.moneycontrol.com/smentor/news/commodities-and-forex/india-to-import-14m-tonnes-oiliran-695944.html>

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### **33. Indian shipping firms to carry Iran crude despite reduced insurance**

**New Delhi, Tuesday, 24 April 2012**

Indian shipping firms will continue to transport Iranian crude even if limited insurance coverage due to tightening Western sanctions leaves them financially exposed to a spill or accident, a top executive and industry sources said.

**Source:** The Reuters, US

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/04/24/us-india-oil-iran-idUSBRE83N0DM20120424>

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## **OMAN**

### **34. Oman cuts gas price to \$1.5 per mmBtu, but with riders**

**New Delhi, Tuesday, 17 April 2012**

Oman has halved the price at which it will sell natural gas to an Indian fertilizer plant in the Gulf nation to \$1.5 per mmBtu but has added an annual escalation clause. Oman, which had previously proposed to raise rates of gas sold to OMIFCO's urea manufacturing facility at Sur to \$3 per million British thermal unit instead of present price of \$0.77 per mmBtu, has revised its offer to charge \$1.5 per mmBtu.

**Source:** Business Standard

<http://www.business-standard.com/india/news/oman-cuts-gas-price-to-15-per-mmbtu-butriders/163137/on>

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### **35. India gives Oman nod to hike gas price for fertilizer plant**

**New Delhi, Saturday, 28 April 2012**

The Union Cabinet is understood to have cleared the proposal by Oman to hike the gas price for an Indian fertilizer plant in the Gulf nation to \$1.5 per million metric British thermal unit (mmBtu), a move that will ensure uninterrupted supply of urea to the Indian market.

**Source:** The Hindu Business Line, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/business/article3361019.ece>

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## **QATAR**

### **36. India rejects Qatar's offer for LNG supply**

**New Delhi, Tuesday, 3 April 2012**

India has rejected the price sought by Qatar for supplying an additional 5 million ton a year of gas in ships (LNG or liquefied natural gas), saying it is too stiff for domestic consumers.

**Source:** The Times of India, New Delhi

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/India-rejects-Qatars-offer-for-LNG-supply/articleshow/12512235.cms>

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### **37. India requests Qatar for immediate supply of 3 million ton of LNG**

**New Delhi, Tuesday, 24 April 2012**

India has requested Qatar for immediate supply of 3 million ton of LNG to India to be imported by Petronet LNG Ltd and GAIL. The requested amount will increase to 15 million tons in the

next 3-4 years, commerce and industry minister Anand Sharma said in a meeting with Qatari minister of energy & industry Mohammed Bin Saleh Al-Sada at Doha.

**Source:** The Economic Times, New Delhi

[http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2012-04-24/news/31392764\\_1\\_mohammed-bin-saleh-al-sada-qatari-petronet-lng](http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2012-04-24/news/31392764_1_mohammed-bin-saleh-al-sada-qatari-petronet-lng)

**See Also:** DNA, Mumbai and NDTV Profit

[http://www.dnaindia.com/money/report\\_india-sos-to-qatar-for-3-mt-of-lng\\_1679802](http://www.dnaindia.com/money/report_india-sos-to-qatar-for-3-mt-of-lng_1679802)

<http://profit.ndtv.com/News/Article/-india-request-for-extra-qatar-lng-to-boost-bilateral-trade--301346>

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### **38. India mulls investments from Qatar into energy sector**

**New Delhi, Wednesday, 25 April 2012**

India is mulling inviting Qatar to invest in the country's energy sector, and may offer equity stake to the Gulf nation in NTPC's gas-based project in Kerala, in lieu of assured fuel supply for the plant.

**Source:** The Economic Times, New Delhi

[http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2012-04-25/news/31399138\\_1\\_mw-jhanor-gandhar-mw-kawas-mw-auraiya](http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2012-04-25/news/31399138_1_mw-jhanor-gandhar-mw-kawas-mw-auraiya)

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## **SPORTS**

### **BAHRAIN**

#### **39. Bahrain Grand Prix 2012: Two Force India workers fly home after mechanics escape Molotov cocktail attack**

**Manama, Thursday, 19 April 2012**

After weeks of intense speculation regarding the wisdom of returning to the Gulf kingdom so soon after last year's bloody civil unrest, two Force India team members flew home following an incident in which a hire car carrying four mechanics was caught in the middle of a clash between police and protesters.

**Source:** The Telegraph, UK

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/motorsport/formulaone/9213449/Bahrain-Grand-Prix-2012-Two-Force-India-workers-fly-home-after-mechanics-escape-Molotov-cocktail-attack.html>

**See Also:** BBC, UK

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/formula1/17767985>

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### **ISRAEL**

#### **40. Gritty Gopal shines for India in India-Israel chess match**

**New Delhi, Wednesday, 4 April 2012**

Grandmaster G N Gopal came up with his best performance, defeating counterpart Tal Baron 4-0 to guide India to an emphatic 9.5-6.5 triumph over Israel in the first round of the India-Israel chess match.

**Source:** DNA, Mumbai

[http://www.dnaindia.com/sport/report\\_gritty-gopal-shines-for-india-in-india-israel-chess-match\\_1671252](http://www.dnaindia.com/sport/report_gritty-gopal-shines-for-india-in-india-israel-chess-match_1671252)

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## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **IRAQ**

#### **41. Ram dhun to resonate in Karbala!**

**Bhavnagar, Wednesday, 4 April 2012**

The holy Muslim city of Karbala will witness a Ram katha. Renowned religious preacher Morari Bapu plans to hold a Ram katha at a hotel near Imam Hussein shrine in the Iraqi city.



**Source:** The Times of India, New Delhi

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/Ram-dhun-to-resonate-in-Karbala/articleshow/12525313.cms>

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**OMAN**

**42. An Indian ends life every 6th day in Oman**

**Dubai, Monday, 30 April 2012**

In a worrying sign, an Indian living in Oman has been found to commit suicide every sixth day, owing to financial stress or personal issues, official data shows.

**Source:** The Financial Express

<http://www.financialexpress.com/news/an-indian-ends-life-every-6th-day-in-oman/943518/>

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**SAUDI ARABIA**

**43. Indian shepherd to return from Saudi Arabia after 18 years**

**Dubai, Monday, 9 April 2012**

An Indian man, who went to work in Saudi Arabia as a shepherd in 1994 but could never return as his sponsor withheld his salary and did not allow him a vacation, is finally set to return home following intervention of the local police.

**Source:** DNA, Mumbai

[http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report\\_indian-shepherd-to-return-from-saudi-arabia-after-18-years\\_1673404](http://www.dnaindia.com/india/report_indian-shepherd-to-return-from-saudi-arabia-after-18-years_1673404)

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**44. New platform for Indian expatriates in Saudi Arabia**

**Dubai, Saturday, 14 April 2012**

Aiming to bring on a common platform the large number of Indians working in Saudi Arabia, a group of Indian professionals has launched its chapters in different Saudi cities where Indian expatriates are employed.

**Source:** Zee News

[http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/new-platform-for-indian-expatriates-in-saudi-arabia\\_769900.html](http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/new-platform-for-indian-expatriates-in-saudi-arabia_769900.html)

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**UAE**

**45. Goa eyeing UAE, Iran tourists**

**Panaji, Sunday, 22 April 2012**

Encouraged by the increasing number of tourists to Goa from the United Arab Emirates and Iran, the tourism department has decided to participate in the Arabian Travel Mart to tap potential tourists to the state.

**Source:** The Times of India, New Delhi

[http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-04-22/goa/31382060\\_1\\_charter-flights-lakh-tourists-potential-tourists](http://articles.timesofindia.indiatimes.com/2012-04-22/goa/31382060_1_charter-flights-lakh-tourists-potential-tourists)

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Note: One Crore = 10 millions.

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