



Islamic State-Khorasan Province Expands Attacks Beyond Afghanistan

Peter Mills | 01 June 2022

“Taliban government continues to downplay the IS-KP threat, and its recent military deployments indicate it is prioritizing the threat from non-IS opposition groups instead.”

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Can Iran Get Along With the Taliban?

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“Taliban’s resistance to sharing power with ethnic minorities, its own factionalism, and potential for fighting on Iranian-Afghan border are all likely to create continued security challenges for Iran.”

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“An embrace of Central Asia’s trans-Afghan transport project should be seen as a way to test Taliban intentions, their ability to evolve, their readiness to honor agreements, and their commitment to the welfare of the Afghan populace.”

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“Afghan Taliban could leverage their role as broker between Pakistan and the TTP to renege on their promises to clamp down on Afghanistan-based militant groups that threaten Pakistan and its neighborhood.”

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“The U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan has led many American policymakers to take a break from dealing with Pakistan and the complicated U.S.-Pakistan relationship, as well.”

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“The National Unity Government lacks significant Western support — most notably in the form of arms — and still struggles to bring distrustful ethnic armed groups into a consolidated resistance movement.”

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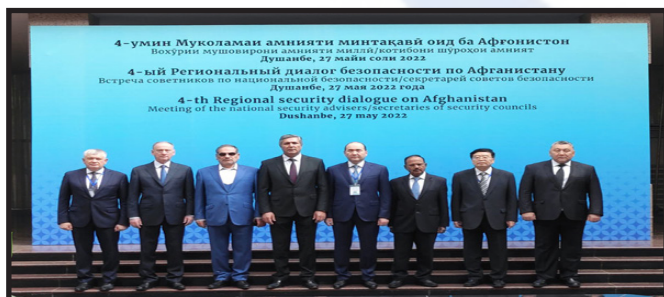
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Prime Minister of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif, along with a high-level delegation made a three-day official visit to Turkiye.



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Secretaries of Security Councils of China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, took part in the 4th Regional Security Dialogue on Afghanistan in Dushanbe, hosted by Tajikistan.



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Israel and the United Arab Emirates have signed a historic free trade agreement—the first of its kind between Israel and an Arab country.



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Saudi Crown Prince, Mohammed bin Salman, made an official visit to Jordan as ties thaw after years of frayed relations due to divergent views on regional conflicts. The Saudi Prince also subsequently visited Turkiye.



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