

1. Iran has formally warned the United States of severe consequences in the event of any military aggression, in a strongly worded letter addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the President of the UN Security Council.
2. The letter, delivered by Iran's representative to the United Nations, asserts that all U.S. bases, facilities, and assets in the region would be considered legitimate targets under Iran's defensive response, while holding Washington fully accountable for any unpredictable outcomes of military action.
3. The UAE is accelerating its efforts in advanced medicine, unveiling two pioneering gene therapy projects aimed at treating rare neurological and genetic disorders in children and shifting care from managing symptoms to targeting the root causes of disease.
4. The first project, currently under development, targets genetic causes linked to autism and epilepsy in children. A second project will focus on developing advanced genetic interventions for neurodegenerative diseases, including techniques to repair faulty genes, alongside the use of sophisticated disease models and cell-based therapies to better understand how such conditions progress.
5. China Oil HBP Group recently inked a \$225 million deal to restart production at the Naft Khana oil field in Iraq. According to China Oil HBP, the services include inspecting, evaluating, and repairing the oilfield's existing infrastructure, updating the central processing facility and field land facilities, and establishing a new gas treatment unit and a secondary power plant.
6. The project's operations and maintenance service is expected to be completed within three years following the restoration of production at the oil field, according to the Chinese firm. According to media reports, the contract's value equals 61 percent of China Oil HBP's audited operating revenue in 2024.
7. The Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Thursday that it has received a verbal communication from the US warning of possible penalties if former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has been selected again for the position. The ministry clarified in a statement the remarks made by Foreign Minister Fuad Hussein during a recent televised interview after media reports misinterpreted the message.

8. The message delivered to Iraqi officials in Washington expressed worry over the insistence of the largest parliamentary bloc, the Coordination Framework, to choose al-Maliki as its candidate for the position of prime minister. The US message included two primary parts: an obvious indication of sanctions on certain individuals and organizations and a set of standards for collaboration and partnership with the US, including the formation of any upcoming government and its operational structures.
9. Al-Zawraa SC were knocked out of the AFC Champions League Two on Tuesday after a 4-2 defeat to Al-Wasl FC in the second leg of the Round of 16. Ibrahim Tomi scored both goals for Al-Zawraa in the 21st and 66th minutes, giving the Iraqi side hope during key stages of the match.
10. However, Al-Wasl responded strongly through Bryan Palacios, Miguel Borja, and Adryelson Silva, who found the net in the 46th, 76th, 90+3, and 109th minutes respectively. The match extended to extra time, where the Emirati side secured the decisive goal to seal qualification.
11. Al-Shorta secured a dramatic 3-2 victory over Al-Duhail on Monday evening at Al-Zawraa International Stadium in Baghdad, in a match during the AFC Champions League Elite. The Iraqi side delivered a strong performance to claim three valuable points. Al-Shorta opened the scoring through Bassam Shakir in the 19th minute before Duhail responded with an equalizer by Christoph Ibanik in the 10th minute earlier in the match. Benjamin Bourmjid added a second goal for the Qatari side in stoppage time of the first half (45+2), giving them a temporary advantage.
12. However, Samba turned the match around for the Iraqi club with two quick goals in the 57th and 58th minutes, sealing the comeback victory. The decisive goals sparked celebrations among the home crowd in Baghdad. With this result, Al-Shorta raised its tally to five points, moving to 11th place in the standings. Meanwhile, Al-Duhail remained on eight points in seventh place.