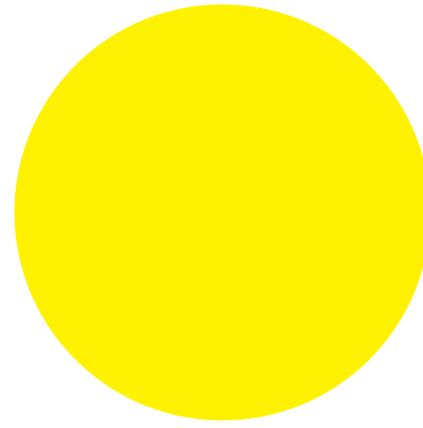




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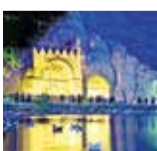
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**No 'big deal' around corner**



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**OPINION EXCLUSIVE**

Following the recent visit of Jake Sullivan, the US national security adviser, and Brett McGurk, the White House coordinator for Middle East affairs, to Saudi Arabia, analysts have been closely examining the state of Riyadh-Washington relations. Notably, Thomas Friedman, a commentator with close ties to the president of the United States, has shed light on the American efforts to broker a "big deal" in the Middle East, primarily centered on normalizing relations between Saudi Arabia and Israel. According to Friedman's account, this plan involves several conditions set by Saudi Arabia for accepting the normalization of relations with Israel. Page 3 >

**Iran's oil shipments to China triple despite US sanctions**

Iran's oil shipments to China have more than tripled over the past three years, despite the US sanctions on the country and the increase in Russia's shipments to China. According to data released by data analytics firm Kepler, Iranian crude exports to China have been consistently around one million barrels per day (bpd) in 2023, compared to approximately 325,000 bpd in 2020. The upward trend of Iranian oil shipments to China began in 2019, with exports reaching 585,000 bpd in 2021 and 766,000 bpd in 2022. The International Energy Agency (IEA) also confirmed Iran's daily export of one million barrels of oil to China in its recent report titled "Oil 2023." Page 6 >



**At least 40 dead after blast hit Pakistan party rally**

At least 40 people were killed and over 150 injured when an explosion tore through a political rally in Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province on Sunday, police and health officials said. Senior police officer Nazir Khan said the workers convention of Maulana Fazlur Rehman's Jamiat Ulema Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) party was taking place on the outskirts of Khar, the capital of Bajaur district, when the explosion took place, AP reported. According to Reuters, the police said there was no confirmation yet about the cause of the blast that took place at a gathering of the conservative JUI-F party in the former tribal area of Bajaur that borders Afghanistan. Page 2 >

