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INDIA-UAE REINFORCED BILATERAL COOPERATION IN CYBER SECURITY DOMAIN AT GISEC GLOBAL 2025





Source: <https://www.voiceofgulf.com/india-and-uae-strengthen-cybersecurity-ties-at-gisec-global-2025/>



Source: <https://the420.in/india-cybersecurity-pavilion-gisec-2025-uae-collaboration/>

India and the UAE strengthened their cybersecurity collaboration at **GISEC Global 2025** by hosting the **second Indo-UAE Cybersecurity Exchange**, which was jointly facilitated by the **Data Security Council of India** and **CIO Klub in Dubai**. The event showcased India's growing role in global cyber resilience, featuring **over 15 Indian firms presenting innovations in threat intelligence, data privacy, quantum security, and SOC solutions**. Indian Consul General B.G. Krishnan stressed the urgency

of addressing rising cyber threats, privacy concerns, and geopolitical risks through stronger collaboration. He highlighted that shared digital challenges demand coordinated international responses. The exchange enabled **dialogues on cyber innovation, resilience, and leadership**, paving the way for deeper strategic engagement. Both countries reaffirmed their commitment to **developing secure digital infrastructure, strengthening ties, and advancing capabilities** to tackle the evolving cyber threat landscape globally.

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DEAR READERS,

We extend our heartfelt welcome to you on the Q2 edition of AG Group's Newsletter "The AG Communiqué" in June 2025. In this edition, the India-UAE close association has been celebrated in the context of cybersecurity. In the later part, we have calibrated news from the Middle East region related to energy security, crude oil, tourism, business trends, along defense exports to nurture a sustainable future.

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'TOURISE', a global platform from Saudi Arabia Ready to transform the Tourism Industry



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**GCC HAS A GLOBAL ROLE TO PLAY IN
UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITIES IN CRITICAL
MINERAL SUPPLY CHAIN**





Source: <https://www.arabnews.com/economy/news/916276>

trading hub in Dubai to support global logistics. Meanwhile, **Oman is also enhancing domestic capacity through new copper-processing facilities with an expectation to scale by 2027.** With robust infrastructure, financial strength, and strategic location, the GCC is positioned to help build a resilient and diversified mineral ecosystem. Its growing engagement in alliances signals a shift toward reducing dependence on limited suppliers and securing sustainable mineral access.



Source: <https://gulfbusiness.com/dominic-raab-gcc-critical-minerals/>

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IRAN

HOPE FOR US-IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL TO BRING DOWN OIL PRICES





Source: <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/talk-of-an-interim-u-s-iran-nuclear-deal-is-just-noise-but-has-potential-to-upset-the-oil-applecart-f497fee4>

Global Oil prices dropped sharply in mid-May 2025 as renewed optimism raised expectations around a potential U.S.–Iran nuclear deal. The U.S. officials suggested progress in negotiations, indicating Iran may be open to easing tensions and resuming exports. As a result, Brent crude futures registered around 4% decline and came to below US\$64 a barrel. Meanwhile, U.S. crude declined more than 3%, signaling oversupply concerns. Further pressuring prices, USA data revealed a surprise build in crude inventories,

intensifying market fears of a global glut. The decline in oil prices also coincided with a cooling stock market, particularly in energy shares, which reacted to the likelihood of increased Iranian oil. Markets remain sensitive to geopolitical shifts, and hopes for a deal between the U.S. and Iran continue to influence oil movements. For consumers, the dip offers short-term relief from high costs.



Source: <https://www.aa.com.tr/en/energy/oil/oil-prices-fall-with-us-iran-nuclear-deal-hopes-us-china-trade-concerns/48713>

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SAUDI ARABIA

'TOURISE', A GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR SAUDI ARABIA, IS READY TO TRANSFORM THE TOURISM INDUSTRY





Source: <https://travel.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/technology/saudi-arabia-unveils-tourise-a-new-era-in-global-tourism/121362611>



Source: <https://gulfbusiness.com/saudi-arabia-launches-tourise-to-drive-tourism/>

Saudi Arabia has unveiled **TOURISE**, a global tourism platform to reshape the industry for the next 50 years. Launched on May 22, 2025, the initiative combines an annual summit in Riyadh—set for November 11–13, 2025—with engagement through thematic working groups, digital tools, white papers, and tourism indices. The platform brings together stakeholders, including government bodies, investors,

technology providers, and sustainability advocates. **TOURISE aims to build an innovative ecosystem that supports tourism resilience, collaboration, and growth. Key features include awards for achievements in digital transformation, sustainability, heritage conservation, and human capital.** These elements spotlight global best practices and set benchmarks for the sector. **With tourism contributing 5% to the Kingdom's GDP and visitors surpassing 100 million, TOURISE supports Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 strategy to become a global tourism leader.**

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UAE

FUTURE BUSINESS TRENDS IN UAE AMID TRANSFORMATIVE TECHNOLOGY AND DYNAMIC REFORMS





Source: <https://stratnewsglobal.com/united-states/uae-to-establish-largest-ai-campus-outside-u-s-under-new-trump-era-agreement/>



Source: <https://xcelerate-tech.com/6-digital-megatrends-transforming-uae-smes>

In 2025, the UAE is redefining its business landscape through cutting-edge technology and reforms. **Highlighting the UAE's ambition to lead in technological innovation, the world's largest AI campus and rising AI investments have been unveiled.** E-commerce, fintech, and blockchain adoption are accelerating, driven by smart city initiatives and digital transformation. **Regulatory**

changes—such as 100% foreign ownership, corporate tax updates, and streamlined media licensing—enhance investor confidence and ease of doing business. Emiratisation policies are also shaping workforce dynamics across sectors. **Sustainability remains a core focus, with green tech, hydrogen energy, and local manufacturing gaining momentum under Net Zero 2050 goals.** These trends reflect a shift toward a digitally enabled, diversified economy. Together, technological advancement and policy agility position the UAE as a hub for future-ready businesses, offering a resilient ecosystem for innovation, sustainability, and inclusive economic growth.

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ISRAEL

ISRAEL HITS NEW RECORDS IN DEFENSE EXPORTS IN 2024



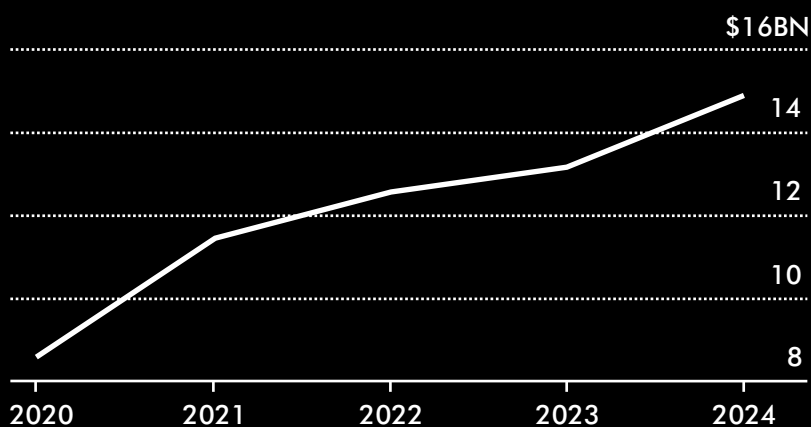


Source: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-06-04/israel-s-military-exports-hit-record-fueled-by-european-demand>

Israel set a new high in defense exports in 2024, reaching nearly \$15 billion, a record increase of 13% over 2023, according to the Israeli Defense Ministry. In the last 4 years, the country recorded export growth, with military exports rising more than double in just five years. Missiles, rockets, and air-defense systems accounted for roughly 48% of exports, with Europe—especially Germany—receiving over half of the deliveries. A standout was the \$3.8 billion Arrow-3 missile defense deal with Germany. The Abraham Accords Arab nations also increased purchases, rising from 3% to about 12% of total exports. The ministry credited this surge to the “proven battlefield performance” shown since the Gaza war began on October 7, 2023, prompting round-the-clock production while meeting global demand. This development underscores a global appetite for advanced Israeli military technology.

Israel's Defence Exports Hit Record Levels in 2024

Global sales have more than doubled in 5 years



Source: Israeli Defense Ministry

Source: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/israel-defense-exports-hit-record-in-2024-as-europe-demand-jumps/ar-AA1G49lt>

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