

Middle East Turmoil: Yemen Prisoner Swap, Iran's Strait of Hormuz Standoff, a

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1. In mid-May 2026, a UN-brokered agreement was reached between Yemen's warring parties for the largest prisoner exchange since the civil war began. Approximately how many conflict-related detainees were agreed to be released?

- A) Fewer than 500
- B) Around 800
- C) Over 1,600**
- D) Exactly 1,200

2. Which major Middle Eastern nation reportedly discussed a potential non-aggression pact with Iran in mid-May 2026, modeled after the 1975 Helsinki Accords?

- A) United Arab Emirates
- B) Saudi Arabia**
- C) Qatar
- D) Turkey

3. As of May 2026, Iran has continued to assert control over the Strait of Hormuz. Which country, alongside Iraq, reportedly reached agreements with Iran to move crude oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) through the strait by complying with Iranian-imposed transit procedures?

- A) India
- B) Pakistan**
- C) China
- D) Japan

4. In early May 2026, the World Bank Group approved significant development financing to support Egypt's private sector-led job creation, macroeconomic stability, and green economy transition. What was the approved amount?

- A) US\$500 million
- B) US\$750 million
- C) US\$1 billion**
- D) US\$2 billion

5. In April 2026, the UN Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) reported an incident where an Israeli tank fired across the ceasefire line established by the 1974 Disengagement of Forces Agreement. Against which country was this incident reported?

- A) Lebanon
- B) Jordan
- C) Syria**
- D) Egypt