



SAUDI CULTURAL WEEK  
KICKS OFF IN OSAKA TO  
MARK 70 YEARS OF  
SAUDI-JAPANESE TIES



Trump imposes 30% tariffs on EU and Mexico, warns against retaliation

WASHINGTON — US President Donald Trump announced Saturday that a 30% tariff will be imposed on goods imported from the European Union and Mexico starting August 1, escalating trade tensions with two of Washington's major partners. In a statement posted on Truth Social, Trump shared formal letters addressed to European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum, notifying them of the new tariffs. He justified the move as a response to what he called "long-standing trade imbalances" and "unfair barriers."

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Iran to reshape IAEA cooperation, signals openness to US talks

TEHRAN — Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi announced on Saturday that Tehran will not halt its cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) but will instead adopt a new approach to ensure the protection and security of its nuclear sites. Speaking to ambassadors and foreign mission heads in Tehran, Araghchi said the shift in policy is in response to what he described as the erosion of international non-proliferation norms.

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OSAKA — The Saudi Cultural Week officially launched in Osaka, Japan, on Saturday, celebrating 70 years of diplomatic relations between Saudi Arabia and Japan. Organized by the Ministry of Culture, the event will run through July 15 at the Expo 2025 Osaka site. The weeklong celebration highlights the Kingdom's rich heritage and growing creative industries, placing special focus on the 2025 Year of Handicrafts initiative. The program introduces Japanese and international audiences to traditional Saudi crafts, artisanal demonstrations, and a photography exhibition chronicling the history of Saudi-Japanese relations.

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Saudi Customs records over 1,200 smuggling attempts at land, sea, and air ports



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RIYADH — The Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA) has thwarted 1,268 smuggling attempts across the Kingdom's land, sea, and air ports, as part of its continued efforts to protect society from prohibited items and uphold national security.

21,000

Saudi authorities arrest over residency and labor violators in one week

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RIYADH — The Ministry of Interior announced that more than 21,000 individuals were arrested in a nationwide crackdown on residency, labor, and border security violations during the past week.

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Saudi graduates see record job market entry in 2024



SAUDI GAZETTE REPORT

RIYADH — The percentage of Saudi higher education graduates entering the workforce within six months of graduation surged to 44.43% in 2024, up from just 13.3% in 2016, according to the newly released annual report of the Human Capability Development Program (HCDP).