

1- January 27, 2026 – Pakistan

Title: *Pakistani president begins four-day UAE visit to deepen trade, security ties*

Description: Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari commenced a visit to the United Arab Emirates aimed at enhancing trade, economic partnership, defence cooperation and regional security links. The talks are expected to cover economic and people-to-people cooperation, reflecting Pakistan's efforts to strengthen Gulf ties.

Link: <https://www.arabnews.pk/node/2630742/pakistan>

2- January 27, 2026 – Pakistan

Title: Pakistan's first female MMA fighter Anita Karim misses bout due to visa rejection

Description: Pakistan's first female mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter, Anita Karim, has been forced to miss her scheduled bout in Abu Dhabi after being denied a visa. Anita was set to compete at UAE Warriors 67 in Abu Dhabi on January 31 and had been preparing for the fight for several months. The bout was fully organised, and the athlete had completed an intense training camp in anticipation of what would have been her second fight within a span of three weeks.

<https://www.geo.tv/latest/647419-pakistans-first-female-mma-fighter-anita-karim-misses-bout-due-to-visas-rejection>

3- January 27, 2026 – India

Title: *New Delhi calls out Pakistan's 'false' account of Operation Sindoor at UN*

Description: On Jan 27, India's government rebutted Pakistan's narrative about "Operation Sindoor" at the United Nations, calling it inaccurate and stressing its own position on the military operation. This diplomatic exchange highlights ongoing tensions and competing geopolitical narratives between the two neighbours.

Link: <https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/single-point-agenda-to-harm-india-new-delhi-calls-out-pakistans-false-account-of-operation-sindoor-at-un/articleshow/127593789.cms>

4- January 27, 2026 – Afghanistan

Title: *MoUs signed to support returnees and displaced families*

Description: The Afghan Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation signed cooperation agreements with humanitarian organizations to provide vocational training and aid to returnees and displaced families across multiple provinces — a notable development in economic and social support efforts.

Link: <https://thekabultimes.com/mous-signed-to-support-returnees-and-displaced-families/>

5- January 27, 2026 – Iran

Title: *Iran News in Brief – January 27, 2026*

Description: A roundup from Iran on Jan 27, covering ongoing protest crackdowns, arrests connected to the unrest and international reactions. The coverage underscores continuing domestic instability and the pressure on Iranian authorities amid nationwide protests.

Link: <https://www.ncr-iran.org/en/news/iran-news-in-brief-news/iran-news-in-brief-january-27-2026/>

6- January 27, 2026 – Sri Lanka

Title: *Sri Lanka's Coal Scandal: "Two GWh a Day Lost" as Substandard Fuel Hits Power Plant*

Description: Sri Lanka Guardian reported on Jan 27 that the import of substandard coal at the Lakvijaya power plant is causing significant energy losses — a politically and economically sensitive issue with implications for energy security and governance.

Link: <https://slguardian.org/sri-lankas-coal-scandal-two-gwh-a-day-lost-as-substandard-fuel-hits-power-plant>

7- January 27, 2026 – Nepal

(No major English-language international geopolitics or trade article specifically from Jan 27 was found in major outlets, but here is a regionally relevant link for Nepal on that date.)

Title: *"India Positions Sri Lanka as Key Neighbour in Its Regional Vision" (context relevant to Nepal's regional diplomacy)*

Description: India reiterated its focus on deepening regional ties — including strategic partnerships in South Asia — at a reception in Colombo on Jan 27. While the article focuses on Sri Lanka, it reflects India's broader neighbourhood diplomacy that also includes Nepal and other SAARC countries.

Link: <https://mawrataneews.lk/news/india-positions-sri-lanka-as-key-neighbour-in-its-regional-vision/>

8- January 27, 2026 – Maldives

(Direct Maldives-specific geopolitics or trade articles on Jan 27 were not picked up in English news searches; here's a relevant regional ties item published on Jan 27.)

Title: *Indian envoy hails bond with Sri Lanka as Delhi pushes hard to win hearts*

Description: On Jan 27, Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka emphasized India's "unbreakable bond" with Sri Lanka — part of India's wider diplomatic engagements with SAARC nations including the Maldives.

Link: <https://economynext.com/indian-envoy-hails-bond-with-sri-lanka-as-delhi-push-hard-to-win-hearts-259014/>

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