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NEW ZIF EXTERNAL PUBLICATION

Sophia in limbo: political games limit sea rescues

In his new comment on EUNAVFOR Med at *EUobserver*, Tobias Pietz argues that the mission should be closed and its tasks be taken over by Frontex as well as a new rescue operation.

Read full article [here](#)

EUROPE

Montenegro

Thousands rally in Montenegro against 'corrupt' leaders'

Thousands of people have taken to the streets of Montenegro's capital to demand the resignation of President Milo Djukanovic, as well as other government and judiciary officials they accuse of turning a blind eye to corruption. The March 2 protest in Podgorica was the fourth such rally in as many weeks.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (03/03)

Ukraine

NATO seeks to bolster Ukraine defences amid 'Russian aggression'

The commander of NATO forces in Europe, US General Curtis Scaparrotti, has said he wants to bolster Ukraine's defences against Russia's "increasingly aggressive" posture in the east of the country and the Black Sea.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (03/06)

AFRICA

Burundi

UN human rights chief regrets closure of Burundi office following Government pressure

In a statement released on Tuesday, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, announced her regret at the closure of the UN Human Rights Office in Burundi – which was set up more than two decades ago – **at the insistence of the country's government**. The Burundian authorities suspended all cooperation with the Office in October 2016, in reaction to an independent UN investigation that held the government and its supporters responsible for crimes against humanity.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (03/05)

Central African Republic

Central African Republic peace deal faces setback

Central African Republic's month-old peace deal with armed groups is facing its first major challenge this week, after several signatories said a newly-formed government was not sufficiently representative. ... But four of the rebel groups have since withdrawn their representatives from government or demanded a reshuffle, including FPRC, one of the main participants. On Monday, another rebel group MLCJ demanded the prime minister reorganise cabinet within 72 hours.

Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (03/05)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Ebola likely to spread in eastern DRC as security worsens

The World Health Organization (WHO) says the deadly Ebola virus is likely to spread in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo because of deteriorating security in conflict-ridden North Kivu and Ituri provinces. ... International efforts to stop the spread of the deadly Ebola virus in eastern DR Congo have hit a serious roadblock. The charity Doctors Without Borders has suspended its life-saving operations.

Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (03/02)

Tshisekedi and Kabila agree to form coalition

DR Congo's recently elected president, Felix Tshisekedi and his predecessor Joseph Kabila on Wednesday said they had decided to form a coalition government following talks. Despite Tshisekedi's election—the first peaceful transition of power since the Democratic Republic of Congo gained independence from Belgium in 1960—the 55-year-old has found himself effectively having to share power since the presidential poll.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (03/07)

Guinea-Bissau

AU deploys election observation mission for legislative elections

The Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) ... has approved the deployment of a Short-Term Election Observation Mission (STO) to the Republic of Guinea -Bissau to observe the country's legislative elections scheduled for the 10th of March 2019.

Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (03/03)

Libya

UN chief hails Libyan leaders' agreement to hold general election

An agreement by Libya's Prime Minister and a key rival military leader to improve political stability across the country through new general elections, has been welcomed by the UN Secretary-General.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (03/01)

Mali

As peace efforts falter, violence in central Mali spirals further out of control

[...] The recent wave of violence comes despite stepped-up efforts to end the unrest here, including peace agreements between communities, ceasefire commitments, airstrikes by French forces, presidential visits, and a government-backed demobilisation, disarmament, and reintegration, or DDR, scheme that has just got going.

Read full article: [Irinnews](#) (03/06)

Somalia

UN chief urges Somalis not to be 'deterred' by latest deadly terror attack

The Secretary-General António Guterres said on Friday that he “strongly condemns the deadly terrorist attacks” that took place in the Somali capital Mogadishu late on Thursday local time, which reportedly killed more than 20 people, with scores injured.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (03/01)

South Sudan

Ethiopia, Eritrea leaders visit South Sudan to discuss peace deal

The leaders of Ethiopia and Eritrea have travelled to South Sudan for high-level talks with President Salva Kiir amid efforts to revive a flagging peace deal struck last year between his government and rebels. The visit on Monday came amid increasing warnings that the deal agreed in September last year to quell South Sudan's war was falling apart and all sides were preparing for fresh fighting.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (03/04)

Report of the Secretary-General on UNMISS

Read full report: [S/2019/191](#) (02/28)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Afghan Loya Jirga aimed at discussing peace talks delayed

A planned meeting of hundreds of Afghan politicians and tribal, ethnic, and religious leaders aimed at discussing negotiations with the Taliban has been postponed, officials say. The gathering, known as a consultative Loya Jirga, was initially set to be held in Kabul from March 17-20.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (03/03)

Taliban: Afghan cease-fire not part of talks with US

The Taliban is hoping ongoing negotiations with the United States will lead to the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Afghanistan, allowing Afghans themselves to peacefully negotiate an end to years of hostilities, a senior member of the group says.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (03/01)

Under peace plan, U.S. military would exit Afghanistan within five years

All American troops would withdraw from Afghanistan over the next three to five years under a new Pentagon plan being offered in peace negotiations that could lead to a government in Kabul that shares power with the Taliban. The rest of the international force in Afghanistan would leave at the same time, after having mixed success in stabilizing the country since 2001.

Read full article: [New York Times](#) (02/28)

The situation in Afghanistan: Report of the Secretary-General

Read full report: [A/73/777-S/2019/193](#) (02/28)

SOUTH ASIA

India / Pakistan

First lull in Kashmir since latest India-Pakistan escalation

Residents near the disputed boundary in divided Kashmir region said Sunday it was quiet overnight, their first lull since a dangerous escalation between Pakistan and India erupted last week bringing the two nuclear-armed rivals close to full-out war.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (03/03)

Who are Kashmir's armed groups?

Al Jazeera explains the major groups that are involved in the armed movement for Kashmiri self-determination.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (03/03)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Haiti

Report of the Secretary-General on the UN Mission for Justice Support in Haiti

Read full report: [S/2019/198](#) (03/01)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Drastic deterioration in security across Burkina Faso, UN warns

The landlocked West African country of Burkina Faso is facing “unprecedented” displacement, triggered by armed groups and intercommunal clashes, and exacerbated by long-term food insecurity, UN aid officials said on Tuesday.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (03/05)