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NEW ZIF PUBLICATIONS

ZIF kompakt spezial | This week at the Security Council: UNSMIL

This week the UN Security Council will decide on the extension of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL). Our new "ZIF kompakt spezial | This week at the Security Council" presents facts, current developments and challenges of this peacekeeping mission.

Download the paper: [UNSMIL](#) (German only)

ZIF external publication | Time for the EU to Refocus on Kosovo and the Region

A land swap between Kosovo and Serbia is still on the table, but the EU has an inconsistent strategy toward the issue and the region as a whole. In his article for *Carnegie Europe*, Dr. Andreas Wittkowsky argues that international engagement has become more necessary than ever.

Read the article [here](#)

EUROPE

Ukraine

UN Secretary-General to give report on Crimea at General Assembly

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will deliver his first report on the human rights situation in Russian-annexed Crimea at the international body's next general assembly, which opens on September 17.

The report, published on August 2, says it is “limited to information collected through remote monitoring” because Russia would not give workers from the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) access to the occupied Ukrainian peninsula.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (09/05)

CAUCASUS

Georgia

Tensions along disputed Georgia-South Ossetia boundary lead to calls for restraint

The international community sought to defuse rising tensions between Georgia and its breakaway region of South Ossetia, as Tbilisi said it had observed a "mobilization of military equipment and personnel" in the separatist region after an ultimatum issued by the Russia-backed territory expired.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (08/30)

AFRICA

Burundi

UN Commission warns of likelihood of genocide in Burundi

The UN Commission of Inquiry on Burundi said Wednesday that the country, following years of political turmoil, was primed for a genocide. The commission's warning, contained in its latest report on human rights in Burundi, was based on an analysis developed by the U.N. Office for the Prevention of Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/04)

Report of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Burundi

“Serious human rights violations have continued to be committed in Burundi since May 2018, in a general climate of impunity. Some of these violations constitute international crimes. Members of the youth league of the ruling party, the Imbonerakure, are the main perpetrators. Officers of the National Intelligence Service and the police, along with local administrative officials, are also frequently identified as perpetrators of such violations.”

Read full report: [A/HRC/42/49](#) (08/06)

Central African Republic

Cameroon sends military to troubled CAR

Cameroon is dispatching more than a thousand troops to help bring peace to its troubled neighbor, the Central African Republic. The troops are leaving as analysts say they are already stretched handling such internal crises as piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, the Boko Haram insurgency and the separatist crisis that has left at least 3,000 killed in three years.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/05)

After peace deal, a bittersweet homecoming for CAR refugees

More than six months after rebel groups in the Central African Republic signed a peace deal with the government, a trickle of refugees is returning back to the shattered country, but one in four Central Africans remain either internally displaced or living in neighbouring states.

Read full article: [The New Humanitarian](#) (09/04)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

DR Congo **President and UN chief meet at a 'historic moment' for democracy in the country**

On the third and final day of his visit to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), UN chief António Guterres declared that the country is experiencing a historic moment, which could herald the development of democratic institutions.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (09/02)

Libya

Libyans continue 'spilling their blood on the battlefield' as fight for Tripoli rages on

It is five months to the day since the forces of the self-styled Libyan National Army launched an offensive to seize control of Tripoli, halting "an active and promising political process", the United Nations top envoy for the country told the Security Council on Wednesday.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (09/04)

Libya closes Tripoli's only functional airport after attack

Libya's airport authorities say they have closed the only functional airport in the capital, Tripoli, a day after it was hit by shelling amid clashes between rival armed groups fighting for control of the city.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/02)

UN chief Guterres fears eruption of 'full civil war' in Libya

The United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, has said he fears Libya will end up in a "full civil war" unless moves are soon made to end the conflict. "Unless action is taken in the near term, it is highly likely that the current conflict will escalate into full civil war," Guterres said on Thursday in his latest report on the UN Support Mission in Libya.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (08/30)

Report of the Secretary-General on UNSMIL

Read full report: [S/2019/682](#) (08/26)

Somalia

UN says 2.1 million facing starvation in Somalia

About 2.1 million people in Somalia face acute food insecurity through to December due to severe drought that has ravaged several parts of the country, the UN has said.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (09/04)

Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia

Read full report: [S/2019/661](#) (08/15)

South Sudan

Ceasefire monitors concerned over clashes in South Sudan areas

The body monitoring South Sudan ceasefire (CTSAMVM) has expressed concerns over military confrontation incidents involving non-signatories to the peace agreement in Aweil East, Raja and Yei River State areas.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (09/04)

UNMISS sets up center to empower women in Wau State

The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) has established a fully refurbished women's rehabilitation in Wau State to help empower them politically and economically. The \$45,000 facility, funded by UNMISS through its Relief, Reintegration and Protection Section's quick impact projects, will reportedly help skill women ...

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (08/27)

Sudan (Darfur)

Darfur armed group extends unilateral ceasefire for three months

A rebel umbrella gathering three factions in Darfur, Sudan Liberation Forces Alliance (SLFA), on Wednesday extended the unilateral cessation of hostilities for three months. The extension of ceasefire intervenes few days after agreeing with three other groups: the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), headed by Gibril Ibrahim, Sudan Liberation Movement-Minni Minnawi (SLM-MM) and the SLM Traditional Council of Hadi Idriss to unify their negotiating position before to engage in talks with the transitional government in Khartoum.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (09/03)

MIDDLE EAST

Yemen

Washington in talks with Huthi rebels to end Yemen war

US official says White House holding talks with Iran-backed rebels for first time in over four years, 'narrowly focused' on ending conflict.

Read full article: [Middle East Online](#) (09/05)

War crimes committed by both sides in Yemen, UN panel says

All parties to the war in Yemen are committing horrific abuses, from arbitrary killings to rape and torture, with an impunity that underscores a collective failure of the international community, a panel of international experts said on Tuesday.

Read full article: [New York Times](#) (09/03)

After Aden: **navigating Yemen's new political landscape** – ICG briefing

Yemen's anti-Huthi coalition has begun to splinter, with sharp fighting between Saudi- and Emirati-backed elements in the country's south. With UN assistance, the Gulf monarchies should urgently broker a ceasefire as a prelude to an expanded peace process encompassing southern secessionists and others now excluded.

Read full briefing: [International Crisis Group](#) (08/30)

As Yemen relief operations face funding gap, timing of surge in violence 'couldn't be worse'

The situation in Yemen is "very fragile", the top United Nations humanitarian official there has warned, noting that as many as 13 people have been killed and at least 70 wounded over the past three days during clashes in two governorates.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (08/30)

Lebanon

Hezbollah-Israel tension heightens fear of conflict

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah has openly threatened Israel with attacks as the group has increased its military might. Two weeks before Israeli parliamentary elections, the risk of war is growing.

Read full article: [DW](#) (09/04) [Al Jazeera](#) (09/02)

Lebanon accelerating reforms to rein in public debt: PM Hariri

Lebanon is struggling with one of the world's heaviest public debt burdens, at about 150 percent of GDP. ... On Monday, Lebanon declared a "state of economic emergency", with Hariri saying the government would take emergency measures to speed up economic reforms to help overcome a worsening crisis.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (09/04)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Taliban attack Kabul as US envoy visits

An explosion in the Afghan capital has killed several civilians and wounded dozens. The attack came after a US envoy briefed the government on a draft deal that would see thousands of US troops leave the country.

Read full article: [DW](#) (09/03)

Following week of **bloodshed**, **'suffering of the Afghan people must end'** says UN mission chief, as Guterres calls for inclusive negotiations

In the wake of a surge in violence across Afghanistan over the past week, the country's top UN envoy has pleaded for an end to the fighting through a negotiated peace settlement, and an end to the "indescribable loss" suffered by victims' loved ones.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (09/03)

Former U.S. envoys warn hasty Afghan pullout could trigger 'total civil war'

Nine former U.S. ambassadors have warned that Afghanistan could collapse in a "total civil war" if the United States withdraws its forces before a "real" peace deal involving the Kabul government is reached with the Taliban.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (09/03)

Kazakhstan

Kazakh President pledges more democratic freedoms in first state-of-the-nation address

Kazakh President Qasym-Zhomart Toqaev, in his first state-of-the-nation address following his election in June, has promised to support political competition and pluralism in the tightly controlled Central Asian nation.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (09/02)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Colombia

Colombian mayoral candidate killed, government blames rebel dissidents

A mayoral candidate in southwestern Colombia was killed along with five other people in an attack likely perpetrated by dissidents from the demobilized FARC guerrilla group, the government said on Monday. The killing was the first of a candidate for October local and regional elections and came days after some prominent former members of the rebel group said they were rearming.

Read full article: [Reuters](#) (09/03)

Haiti

Tempers flare, furniture flies during Haiti parliament vote on Prime Minister

Tempers flared in Haiti's parliament Tuesday as lawmakers resorted to pushing and shoving each other and swearing to vent frustrations over an act of vandalism that stunned the nation in the early hours of the morning.

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