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NEW ZIF PUBLICATION

How a focus on migration could weaken the EU's crisis management missions

In an article for World Politics Review, Tobias Pietz argues that CSDP missions should not exclusively concentrate on the issues migration management and border control.

Read full article: [WPR \(08/07\)](#)

EUROPE

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnian Serbs seek same UN status as Kosovo

Milorad Dodik says Republika Srpska will demand a UN seat if Kosovo gets one – adding that Kosovo's partition should also be up for discussion.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight \(08/03\)](#)

Kosovo

Kosovo's president, Belgrade willing to consider border changes

Kosovo's president, Hashim Thaci, has suggested that the idea of unifying Serbia's southernmost Presevo Valley region with Kosovo should be raised during the next round of EU-mediated talks between Pristina and Belgrade, which are expected to take place in Brussels in September.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (08/07)

CAUCASUS

Georgia

10 years after war, Russia warns of 'horrible' conflict if Georgia joins NATO

(Russian Prime Minister Dmitry) Medvedev said in an interview with the Kommersant FM radio station on August 6 that NATO's plans to eventually offer membership to Georgia are "absolutely irresponsible" and a "threat to peace."

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (08/07)

AFRICA

Central African Republic

Short sentences for Congo peacekeepers decried

Three Congo Republic peacekeepers were given sentences of just three years in jail for murdering civilians and are already free. A court in the Congolese capital Brazzaville sentenced each of the soldiers in April for the killing of 11 civilians in 2014 while the soldiers were serving in an African Union peacekeeping mission in Central African Republic.

Read full article: [defence Web](#) (08/07)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Congo's Kabila will not stand in presidential election

Democratic Republic of Congo President Joseph Kabila will not stand in December's presidential election, a spokesman said on Wednesday, announcing that former interior minister Emmanuel Ramazani Shadary would be the ruling coalition's candidate.

Read full article: [Reuters](#) (08/08)

Conflict in new Ebola zone of DR Congo exacerbates complexity of response: WHO emergency response chief

Protecting vulnerable people in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) from the latest Ebola Virus outbreak is going to be “very, very complex”, given the huge logistical challenges and ongoing conflict there, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (08/03)

DR Congo opposition leader Katumbi blocked from returning home

Congo opposition leader Moise Katumbi has been blocked from entering the country to register as a candidate in December's long-delayed presidential election, a spokesman said Saturday.

Read full article: [France 24](#) (08/04)

Mali

Mali: A repeat duel for the presidency

As in 2013, veteran politicians Boubacar Keita and Soumaila Cisse will contest the second round of presidential elections in Mali. Both represent the old political class. What differences are there between them?

Read full article: [Deutsche Welle](#) (08/08)

Candidate Soumaila Cisse goes to court alleging vote fraud

Opposition candidate Soumaila Cisse is mounting a legal challenge in Mali's constitutional court alleging "ballot box-stuffing" after he came in a distant second to incumbent President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita in the first round of the country's presidential election.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (08/05)

South Sudan

South Sudan president Kiir grants Machar, other rebels amnesty

The amnesty order was read out on state-run television late on Wednesday, three days after Kiir, SPLM-IO leader Machar and the heads of other groups signed a ceasefire and power-sharing agreement in the Sudanese capital Khartoum.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (08/09)

South Sudan peace deal a ‘big step forward’: UN mission chief

President Salva Kiir together with his chief rival and former deputy, Riek Machar, signed the deal on Sunday in neighbouring Sudan, alongside members of other opposition factions. David Shearer, head of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), explained that it centres on the issue of governance, with Mr. Kiir retaining his position while Mr. Machar will be named the first of five vice-presidents.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (08/03)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

IS in Afghanistan just won't go away, US officials say

Intensified efforts to root out and destroy the Islamic State terror group in Afghanistan are making progress in some areas but have so far failed to prevent the terror group from maintaining a foothold in the country, based on the latest U.S. intelligence estimates.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (08/07)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Haiti

Haiti's President chooses Jean Henry Ceant as country's next PM

(President Jovenel) Moïse unveiled his choice following two days of intense negotiations with leaders of both houses of Parliament, three weeks after riots against rising fuel prices wreaked havoc in Port-au-Prince.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (08/05)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Diplomats: Chile's Bachelet to be new UN human rights chief

Diplomats say Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has chosen Chile's former President Michelle Bachelet to be the next U.N. human rights chief. ... She will replace Jordanian Zeid Ra'ad al-Husseini whose term ends Aug. 31.

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

South Africa looking to involve BRICS more in peace support operations

One of many discussion points during the recent BRICS summit in South Africa was more involvement of the bloc in peacekeeping. Putting the concept forward, International Relations and Co-operation Minister Lindiwe Sisulu, a former defence minister, told a briefing the BRICS leaders recognised the importance of UN peacekeeping for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Read full article: [defence Web](#) (08/06)