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EUROPE

Kosovo

Kosovo-Serbia deal 'not even close', Vucic says

On his two-day visit to Kosovo, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic denied the two countries were near a solution to their dispute, and was prevented from visiting a Serb-majority village.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (09/10)

AFRICA

Burundi

Burundi under fire for expelling UN human rights team

Burundi's ambassador in Geneva struggled to explain to the UN Human Rights Council why his government threw out a UN team the Council, with Burundi's backing, sent to investigate human rights abuses.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (09/12)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

UN accuses DRC police of using force to break up peaceful protests

The U.N. human rights office accuses police in the Democratic Republic of Congo of violently breaking up peaceful protests ahead of the country's long-awaited election campaign.

Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (09/07)

Libya

Libya's PM says conditions for elections not yet ripe - paper

Conditions in Libya are too unstable to hold elections, Prime Minister Faye Seraj was cited as saying on Wednesday, casting doubts on a French-led push for a vote in December which aims to end years of turmoil and unify the North African country.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (09/12)

UN condemns 'cowardly' attack on Libya's national oil corporation headquarters

The UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) has strongly condemned Monday's attack on the National Oil Company (NOC) headquarters in Tripoli. ... The attack comes as day after UNSMIL hosted a meeting in the western Libyan town of Zawiyah, attended by the Libyan Government of National Accord, military and security chiefs, and armed groups present in around Tripoli. That meeting ended with a commitment from those present to uphold a ceasefire agreed on 4 September, and develop a plan for withdrawing armed groups away from areas which include sovereign institutions and critical infrastructure, across the capital.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (09/10)

UNSMIL publishes details of militia ceasefire agreement

UNSMIL, the United Nations Special Mission in Libya, published the details of the "Ceasefire Consolidation Agreement" signed on 4 September in Zawia between the militia factions fighting in the south of Tripoli over the last two weeks.

Read full article: [Libya Herald](#) (09/10)

Report of the Secretary-General on the UN Support Mission in Libya

Read full report: [S/2018/780](#) (08/24)

Somalia

New head of United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia

UN Secretary-General António Guterres today announced the appointment of Nicholas Haysom of South Africa as his Special Representative for Somalia and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM). He will succeed Michael Keating of the United Kingdom effective 1 October, ...

Read full article: [UN Press Release](#) (09/12)

Are Somali troops prepared to lead the war against al-Shabab?

As the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) prepares to implement the planned phased withdrawal of more than 21,000 troops fighting militant groups, including al-Shabab and the Islamic State in Somalia, some experts are concerned that the country may not be prepared to take on the task in the face of growing political divisions and lack of military equipment and training.

Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (09/11)

South Sudan

Troika say change is needed in South Sudan peace implementation

The IGAD countries Wednesday welcomed the signing of the revitalized peace agreement in South Sudan but reiterated their demand for a significant change from the parties in its implementation on the ground before to support it. The United Kingdom, United States, and Norway, immediately after the signing of the pact for peace between the warring parties, issued a statement in Addis Ababa hailing the efforts and the collective commitment demonstrated by the IGAD countries to end the five-year conflict.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (09/13)

South Sudan's President, rebel leader sign peace deal

South Sudan's President Salva Kiir signed a peace agreement with rebel factions in the Ethiopian capital on Wednesday to end a civil war that has killed at least 50,000 people, displaced two million and held up the country's progress since it gained independence seven years ago.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/12) [allAfrica](#) (09/12)

China sends 165 peacekeepers to South Sudan

165 Chinese peacekeepers left Zhengzhou, the capital city of central China's Henan Province Tuesday for a one-year mission in South Sudan. Consisting of a sapper team of 133 and a medical unit of 32, the peacekeepers are reportedly the first group of a 331-strong battalion sent by China for the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (09/11)

Sudan (Darfur)

UNAMID completes construction of new base in Jebel Marra

An aerial photo published by the hybrid peacekeeping mission in Darfur (UNAMID) Wednesday has shown **completion of the Mission's base in Golo, Jebel Marra area, Central Darfur State**. Last year, the UN Security Council decided to reduce the UNAMID, admitting that the security situation has improved but it decided to reinforce its presence in Jebel Marra because there is no cessation of hostilities as the Sudan Liberation Movement -Abdel Wahid fighters (SLM-AW) refuses to declare it unilaterally or to engage in peace negotiations.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (09/12)

Western Sahara

AU limits its role in Western Sahara crisis

A restricted role for the African Union could set a bad precedent for other conflict situations.

Read full article: [ISS Today](#) (09/11)

MIDDLE EAST

Israel / Palestine

Abbas says OK to demilitarized Palestinian state

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas met with Israeli academics and intellectuals Aug. 28 at the presidential palace in Ramallah in the West Bank, where he made unfamiliar statements about accepting a demilitarized Palestinian state.

Read full article: [AL Monitor](#) (09/12)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Afghanistan peace talks stick on bases

Negotiations between the United States and the Afghan Taliban for a political settlement to end the protracted war in Afghanistan are stuck over the issue of maintenance of U.S. military bases in the country, according to Waheed Muzhda, a former Taliban official in Kabul who remains in regular contact with Taliban leaders.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/13)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Colombia

Colombian rebels release hostages amid stalled peace talks

Colombia's last remaining rebel group, the ELN, has released six people it kidnapped last month. ...

President Ivan Duque suspended peace talks with the ELN shortly after taking office last month and demanded the group stop all of its criminal activities, including kidnappings, and release all of its hostages.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/13)

Haiti

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

Read full report: [S/2018/795](#) (08/30)

Should UN peace operations get off the counter-terror bandwagon?

[...] UN peace operations, including both peacekeeping and special political missions in a range of war-on-terror battlegrounds, have been roped in, too, with mandates from the Security Council to take a more proactive military posture, to assist conflict parties and/or to support C/PVE initiatives. Yet there has been too little discussion of the enormous risks this poses for UN efforts to maintain and build peace.

Read full article: [IPI Global Observatory](#) (09/12)

‘Collective endeavour’ needed to strengthen peacekeeping further, says top UN official

Highlighting complex and evolving challenges, the head of UN peacekeeping on Wednesday called for heightened vigilance and a more robust response to existential threats against both peacekeepers and those they strive to defend.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (09/12)