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NEW ZIF PUBLICATION

ZIF External Publication | The Civilian CSDP Compact: Strengthening or Repurposing EU Civilian Crisis Management?

In the coming months, the EU is set to create a so-called "Civilian CSDP Compact" in order to augment the civilian capabilities of its missions under the framework of the Common Security and Defence Policy. In its current form, the Compact would focus the missions' work on security issues like migration control, border management and countering terrorism. In his article „The Civilian CSDP Compact: Strengthening or Repurposing EU Civilian Crisis Management?“ for the Italian *Istituto Affari Internazionali* Tobias Pietz argues that this new approach would not only overstretch the missions' resources but would also do little for the long-term stabilisation of host countries.

Read full article [here](#)

EUROPE

Albania

EU inks border deal with Albania

The EU has announced that it signed an agreement with Albania that will allow its border patrols to be present and work in that country.

Read full article: [B92](#) (10/05) [EU Press Release](#) (10/05)

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Nationalist parties win parliamentary election

Croat, Muslim and Serb nationalist parties will dominate Bosnia's complex government in the next four years. Pro-Russia Serb nationalist leader Milorad Dodik has won a seat in the country's three-member presidency. ... With the legislature poised to be split down ethnic lines, the result could hamper the reform process required for progress towards EU and NATO membership.

Read full article: [DW](#) (10/08)

Macedonia

Macedonia parties launch talks on 'name' agreement

Macedonia's ruling parties have launched talks with their opposition counterparts in a final attempt to persuade them to support the 'name' agreement with Greece in parliament and avoid early elections.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (10/05)

Moldova

Oligarchs have 'captured Moldova', EU resolution warns

MEPs have adopted a highly critical resolution on Moldova, calling attention to its corruption and blatant disrespect for democratic standards – and urging the EU to cut off financial support.

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

AFRICA

Democratic Republic of the Congo

In DR Congo, UN **Security Council says December polls are 'historic opportunity' for country**

The United Nations Security Council is on a visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), where on **Saturday the body's 15 members pledged to support the process in the run-up to long-delayed elections**, set for late December, and called for the polls to be credible and peaceful.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (10/06)

Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO

Read full report: [S/2018/882](#) (10/01)

Libya

Libya Prime Minister reshuffles cabinet

Libya's UN-backed Prime Minister Fayez al-Serraj changed the interior minister and reshuffled other cabinet posts in a move seen as a bid to broaden support and bolster security in the capital after weeks of clashes.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (10/08)

Mali

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Mali

Read full report: [S/2018/866](#) (09/25)

South Sudan

First South Sudan river convoy in five years, delivers UN aid to remote areas

For the first time since civil war erupted in South Sudan in 2013, a United Nations food convoy has managed to deliver thousands of tonnes of aid by river, to people in seven hard-to-reach locations, saving millions of dollars on costly aid flights.

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

Last of South Sudan rebels in Congo exile leave for home, third countries - UN

The last remaining group of South Sudanese rebels who had been in exile in Democratic Republic of Congo have left to return home or third country destinations, a rebel spokesman and the United Nations said on Thursday. A relapse into war in July 2016 between forces of South Sudanese President Salva Kiir and his former deputy Riek Machar led to a flight of rebels from the capital Juba. Hundreds fled to the jungles of neighbouring Congo where they sought out the protection of United Nations peacekeepers.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (10/05)

Presence of Darfur rebels in South Sudan has declined: UN official

The chair of UN Sanctions Committee on Sudan's Darfur weapon embargo said the presence of Darfur armed groups has diminished in South Sudan but it is growing in Libya, threatening regional security.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (10/05)

MIDDLE EAST

Israel / Palestine

As tensions rise with Israel, Hamas chief calls for cease-fire in Gaza

In a rare interview with an Israeli newspaper, the leader of Hamas in Gaza called for a cease-fire with Israel, calling it a "historic opportunity for change."

Read full article: [New York Times](#) (10/04)

Israel / Syria

Report of the Secretary-General on UNDOF

Read full report: [S/2018/867](#) (09/26)

Lebanon

Lebanon's Hariri says concessions made, hopes for government formation soon

[...] In the more than five months since a parliamentary election in May, politicians have been unable to agree a unity government that can get to work on badly needed economic reforms.

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

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Civilians continue to die in record numbers, new UN report shows

The conflict in Afghanistan continues to exact a terrible toll on civilians, with the highest number of fatalities recorded for the first nine months of this year, since 2014, a United Nations report has revealed.

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

Taliban vows to attack and disrupt Afghan elections

The Taliban has ordered its fighters to attack authorities and security forces who are helping organize this month's parliamentary elections in Afghanistan, denouncing the process as "fake" and "completely bogus."

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (10/08)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Colombia

Colombia urges rebels who left reintegration area to return

Colombia's foreign minister on Wednesday urged leaders of the rebel group that signed a peace agreement with the government and left camps for ex-guerrillas to return "and not get lost, once again, on the path of violence and illegality."

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

Reintegrating former rebels into civilian life a 'serious concern': UN mission chief

[...] Jean Arnault warned members of the Security Council that the vast majority of those being reintegrated still have no clear economic prospects or livelihoods, once the monthly sum they currently receive as part of the peace process, comes to an end next August. The Colombian National Council for Reintegration, which includes members of FARC and the Government, has a huge task before it, he said, and must agree on its approach to projects, lands and reintegration.

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

Report of the Secretary-General on the UN Verification Mission in Colombia

Read full report: [S/2018/874](#) (09/28)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Hague prosecutor: war crimes cooperation deteriorating

Serge Brammertz, chief prosecutor at the Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals in The Hague, warned that cooperation between ex-Yugoslav states on prosecuting suspects from the Balkan wars was “regressing”.

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

European Parliament to host a high-level event on election observation

[...] In cooperation with EEAS, this high-level conference on “The future of international election observation” will bring MEPs, former heads of state, national parliamentarians, representatives of international organisations, election observers, donors and civil society to share best practices on how to conduct

Read full article: [EU Neighbours South](#) (10/05)

Related coverage: [Six ways EU can reform its election observation missions](#) [EU Observer](#) (10/10)