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EUROPE

Bosnia and Herzegovina

NATO approves membership action plan for Bosnia

NATO ministers meeting on Tuesday in Brussels called on Bosnia to submit its first annual national program, after agreeing to start implementing its Membership Action Plan, MAP, which was first offered years ago.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (12/05)

Kosovo

EU says Kosovo's tariff on Serbia, Bosnia 'only complicates situation'

The European Union's foreign-policy chief, Federica Mogherini, has urged Kosovo to rescind a 100 percent tax on imports from Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, saying the measure "only complicates the situation further."

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (11/29)

Macedonia

EP resolutions press Balkan hopefuls to continue reforms

European Parliament resolutions on five Balkan countries that have either opened accession negotiations – or hope to do so – stressed the need to speed up reforms – while hailing Macedonia's potential breakthrough with Greece.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (11/29)

Serbia

Serbia to consider military intervention 'option' if Kosovo forms standing army

The creation of a standing army in Kosovo could provoke military intervention by Belgrade, Serbia's prime minister said. Kosovo's parliament is due to vote next week on transforming its defense force into a regular army.

Read full article: [DW](#) (12/05)

Ukraine

EU Advisory Mission and Kropyvnytskyi police take first steps in reform 'experiment'

Experts from the EU Advisory Mission (EUAM) this week travelled to the Ukrainian city of Kropyvnytskyi to finalise the planning for an ambitious regional police reform experiment that will involve structural changes to police work in the region over the next six months.

Read full article: [EU Neighbours East](#) (11/29)

CAUCASUS

Georgia

EUMM Georgia: mission extended and budget agreed

The Council prolonged the mandate of the EU monitoring mission in Georgia (EUMM Georgia) until 14 December 2020. It also allocated a budget of €38.2 million for the period from 15 December 2018 to 14 December 2020.

Read full article: [EU Press Release](#) (12/03)

Georgians demand new polls after 'bought' election

Opposition calls for snap election, alleging vote-buying, intimidation, and ballot-stuffing in Wednesday's runoff vote.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (12/02)

AFRICA

Burundi

Burundi orders UN to close Human Rights office in Bujumbura

Burundi's government has reportedly asked the United Nations Human Rights Council to close its office in the country within two months, according to foreign ministry and UN sources. ... Burundi had suspended collaboration with the human rights office since October 2016.

Read full article: [AfricaNews](#) (12/06)

Central African Republic

Armed groups threaten every child in Central African Republic, UNICEF warns

A new study released by the UN Children's Fund, UNICEF, shows that the deteriorating crisis in the Central African Republic (CAR), five years into the latest civil conflict to hit the country, has left practically every child needing protection from armed groups, which now control four-fifths of the country's territory.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/29)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Aid groups accuse UN of manipulating data ahead of Congo polls

Aid agencies working in the Democratic Republic of Congo have accused the United Nations of manipulating data ahead of elections to give an overly positive impression of the situation in a country beset by conflict and disease. They say new figures from the U.N. humanitarian agency that show a large drop in the number of displaced people are misleading, accusing it of bowing to government pressure before a presidential election scheduled for December 23.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (12/05)

Libya

NATO says ready to help rebuild Libya's security and military institutions

NATO is prepared to help Libya rebuild its security and military institutions, the alliance's Secretary General, Jens Stoltenberg, said in a meeting Tuesday with the Head of the Presidential Council (PC) Fayez Al-Sirraj in Brussels.

Read full article: [The Libya Observer](#) (12/04)

Somalia

Somali officials report deadly US-backed raid on al-Shabab

Somali commandos backed by U.S. forces raided two al-Shabab checkpoints at which the extremists extort money from commercial vehicles, killing several fighters, Somali intelligence officials said Wednesday.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (12/05)

US reopens diplomatic mission in Somalia after 28-year closure

The US has established its first diplomatic presence in Somalia for nearly 30 years. The state department said the "historic event" reflected the progress the east African nation had made. Ambassador Donald Yamamoto is heading the embassy in Mogadishu. Previously it had been based in Nairobi, Kenya. The US closed its embassy in Somalia in January 1991 amid fighting between rebels and the government and had to airlift out its ambassador and staff.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (12/05)

Somalia (Gulf of Aden) /Horn of Africa

EU NAVFOR marks ten years off Horn of Africa

[...] Reflecting on the last 10 years, the Deputy Commander of EU NAVFOR, Rear Admiral Giuseppe Rapese, highlighted that although pirate attacks still occur, commercial shipping can transit the region in relative safety, knowing that naval forces are present and able to assist if necessary. He went on to say: "Piracy is suppressed, not eradicated. ..."

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (12/06)

South Sudan

UN condemns spate of "brutal" sexual attacks in South Sudan

[...] According to the UN mission there, over the last ten days around 125 women and girls have sought treatment after having been sexually assaulted, as they walked along roads near Nhialdu and Guit on their way to the town near the Sudanese border. They were also robbed and beaten.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (12/03)

Sudan (Darfur)

16,000 people displaced from Jebel Marra since September: UNAMID

The hybrid peacekeeping mission in Darfur (UNAMID) chief, Jeremiah Mamabolo, on Sunday said thousands of people have been displaced due to continued clashes between government forces and armed groups in Darfur. ... Although the UNAMID chief has refrained from naming a specific armed group involved in these skirmishes, the Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM-AW) led by Abdel-Wahid al-Nur continued to report that its fighters have clashed with the government militia Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in a number of areas around Jebel Marra during the recent weeks.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (12/03)

Western Sahara

First Western Sahara talks at UN in six years, begin in Geneva

[...] Delegations from Morocco, the Frente POLISARIO, Algeria and Mauritania are present at the roundtable meeting in Geneva. It will involve two days of talks that have been convened by the Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General, former President Horst Köhler of Germany, the UN confirmed in a statement.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (12/05)

MIDDLE EAST

Iraq

IS signals re-emergence in parts of Iraq

While this month marks the first anniversary of the Iraqi-proclaimed victory over the Islamic State (IS) terror group, U.S.-backed Iraqi forces are still trying to hunt down remaining IS militants as the extremist group returns to its insurgent roots.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (12/05)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Afghan Commission invalidates all Kabul votes in October parliamentary election

Afghanistan's Independent Electoral Complaints Commission (IECC) has declared that all votes cast in Kabul Province during the country's October parliamentary election are invalid. IECC spokesman Alirez Rohani told reporters in Kabul on December 6 that the decision was made for 25 different reasons -- including major fraud and mismanagement by the Afghan Independent Election Commission (IEC).

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (12/06)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Colombia

“The truth will be built together”: Colombia's Truth Commission president

Colombia faces the monumental challenge of building “a painful truth” while finding out what happened during the country's armed conflict that killed more than 260,000, according to the the President of the Truth Commission. ... The truth commission began its formal investigations on Thursday.

Read full article: [Colombia Reports](#) (12/03)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

EU, France announce \$1.5bn aid for African Sahel

The announcement comes as the UN-backed counterterrorism force, known as the G5 Sahel force, is meeting in Mauritania.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (12/06)