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EUROPE

Moldova

Election may keep Moldova in 'grey zone' between West and Russia

An election in Moldova this month looks likely to produce a hung parliament, entrenching a split between pro-Western and pro-Russian forces at a time when concerns over corruption and democracy have soured its relations with the European Union.

Read full article: [Reuters](#) (02/13)

North Macedonia

North Macedonia name change enters force

The amendment that changed the country's name became law with its publication in the official gazette, a month after the parliament approved the move. North Macedonia also formally notified the United Nations about the name change, the government said.

Read full article: [Deutsche Welle](#) (02/12)

Ukraine

Civilians 'continue to pay highest price' in Ukraine conflict

"More than 3,300 civilians have been killed, and up to 9,000 injured since the conflict began in 2014," Ursula Mueller, Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, told Council Members, adding that 1.5 million have been internally displaced.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (02/12)

Record 44 candidates to run in Ukraine's presidential race

President Petro Poroshenko is seeking a second five-year term and has vowed to press for European Union and NATO membership for the country. Recent polls indicate former Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko and comedian Volodymyr Zelenskyy will be Poroshenko's closest rivals in the March 31 election.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (02/08)

CAUCASUS

Nagorno-Karabakh

Race for Karabakh leadership gets off to early start

Three prominent figures already have signaled their intention to run for the de facto presidency of Nagorno-Karabakh, the unrecognized Armenia-backed republic. Since the "Velvet Revolution" last year in Armenia, there has been a conspicuous cooling of ties between Yerevan and Stepanakert.

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

AFRICA

Boko Haram affected areas

Islamic militants' deadly resurgence threatens Nigeria polls

Nigeria's government now acknowledges an extremist resurgence, this time by a Boko Haram offshoot, the Islamic State West Africa Province, the IS group's largest presence outside the Middle East, estimated to have more than 3,000 fighters.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (02/12)

Libya

Conflict erupts for control of Libya's largest oil field

Fighting has broken out over the future of Libya's largest oil field, as forces loyal to the UN-recognised Tripoli-based government battle Libyan National Army (LNA) forces led by Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar, the leading figure in fractured Libya's east.

Read full article: [The Guardian](#) (02/08)

Mali

‘Urgent need’ to stop Mali violence with ‘effective’ military response: UN expert

Alioune Tine noted that central and northern areas, where conditions are continuing to worsen, and the Government presence is weak, are being particularly hard hit. That, combined with growing extremist violence, combined with counter-terrorism operations by Malian and international forces - as well as organized crime - are creating a “deep sense of fear and insecurity.”

Read full article: [UN News](#) (02/12)

South Sudan

Thousands flee fresh violence in South Sudan, many ‘suffering from trauma’

Over the past few days thousands of desperate civilians have been fleeing a fresh outbreak of violence in South Sudan’s Equatoria state, seeking safety in neighbouring Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Read full article: [UN News](#) (02/12)

Opposition groups set up new alliance for three regions in South Sudan

Three holdout opposition groups announced on Friday the establishment of a new alliance group calling for three autonomous governments in Bhar El Ghazal, Upper Nile and Equatoria. The National Alliance for Democracy And Freedom Action (NADAF) is founded by the People’s Democratic Movement, the Workers Party of Upper Nile, and Federal Democratic Party/Army.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (02/09)

Sudan (Darfur)

Sudan, UN discuss arrangements for third phase of UNAMID’s withdrawal

The meeting has also discussed the ongoing efforts to support stability in Darfur and the transition from humanitarian relief to reconstruction and development as well as the ongoing arrangements to implement the third phase of the UNAMID exit strategy.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (02/13)

MIDDLE EAST

Iraq

Acting Pentagon chief reassures Iraqis after anger over Trump remarks

Acting U.S. defence chief Patrick Shanahan told Iraqi leaders that Washington understood its forces were in Iraq at Baghdad’s invitation, aiming to steady relations after President Donald Trump said U.S. troops were needed to keep an eye on Iran.

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

Israel / Palestine

Palestinians ask Arabs to boycott Mideast summit in Poland

The Palestinian foreign minister is asking Arab countries to boycott or downgrade their representation at the upcoming U.S.-sponsored Mideast summit in Poland. ... Riad Malki says the Palestinians “view the Warsaw conference as a plot against the Palestinian cause.”

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (02/11)

Lebanon

Lebanon calls for Syrian guarantees to speed return of refugees

Lebanon’s foreign minister urged Syria on Monday to offer guarantees on property rights and military service to encourage Syrian refugees to return home.

Read full article: [Reuters](#) (02/11)

Yemen

International Crisis Group: Yemen Update #3

This is Crisis Group’s third weekly update. ... The trend we identify in this edition is new hope for a political compromise to end the four-year-old civil war and ease the country’s grave humanitarian crisis.

Read full update: [International Crisis Group](#) (02/08)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

NATO allies discuss Afghan mission's future after proposed U.S. withdrawal

The ministers are discussing how best to use NATO's presence in Afghanistan through its Resolute Support mission to support talks with the Taliban aimed at ending the 17-year conflict.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (02/14)

Afghan government fires election commission

The Afghan government on Tuesday fired its election commission more than three months after chaotic parliamentary elections – the results of which have still not been announced – and ahead of July’s controversial presidential vote.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (02/12)

U.S. envoy: 'Long way to go' before peace deal with Afghan Taliban

The Taliban has yet to make concessions on two key U.S. demands – implementing a cease-fire and agreeing to negotiate directly with Afghan government representatives as part of an Afghan-led, intra-Afghan peace process.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (02/08)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Haiti

Haiti paralyzed by fifth day of protests against president

Protesters are demanding President Jovenel Moïse resign for failing to tackle corruption. The rallies have become increasingly violent in recent days.

Read full article: [Deutsche Welle](#) (02/11)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Chinese support for AU peace and security totals \$180 million

A statement issued on behalf of AU peace and security commissioner Ambassador Smail Chergui in Addis Ababa detailed this as being in two packages – \$100 million for the African Standby Force (ASF) and the African Capacity for immediate Response to Crisis (ACIRC) and a second of \$80 million.

Read full article: [Defence Web](#) (02/11)

As Kagame steps down, Egypt takes helm at African Union

Rwandan President Paul Kagame, who led an active, reformist tenure as African Union chair, on Sunday passes the baton to Egypt, seen as more likely to focus on security issues than expanding the powers of the body. Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi will officially take over the post of ceremonial head of the AU which rotates between the five regions of the continent at the start of the two-day summit in Addis Ababa.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (02/10)