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PeaceLab2016:
„It’s the prevention, stupid!“ - Bausteine für ein besseres deutsches Krisenengagement
Am deutschen Gerüst für zivile Krisenprävention muss an einigen Stellen weiter gebaut werden: Eine stärkere Fokussierung, bessere Managementkenntnisse, Mediation als Präventionsinstrument und der Aus- und Umbau des ZIF sind nur einige vielversprechende Bausteine.

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EUROPE

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Netherlands targeted in appeal over Srebrenica deaths
War victims are launching an appeal in The Hague, calling for the Netherlands to be held responsible for the deaths of all the Bosniaks from Srebrenica who were killed in July 1995.
Read full article: Balkan Insight (10/03)
Moldova

OSCE/ODIHR opens observation mission for the presidential election in Moldova

[...] The mission is led by Douglas Wake and consists of a core team of 11 experts based in Chisinau. The OSCE/ODIHR requested 20 long-term observers to be deployed in teams of two across the country. In addition, ODIHR will request 200 short-term observers to monitor proceedings on election day.

Read full article: OSCE (10/03)

Serbia

New head of OSCE mission to Serbia

Ambassador Andrea Orizio, an Italian career diplomat, assumed his duties as Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia.

Read full article: OSCE (10/06)

Ukraine

Mandate of OSCE observer mission at Russian checkpoints extended

The OSCE Permanent Council in Vienna late yesterday extended the mandate of the OSCE Observer Mission at the Russian border checkpoints of Gukovo and Donetsk by three months to 31 January 2017. The mandate of the Mission remains unchanged.

Read full article: OSCE (10/05)

CAUCASUS

Georgia

Georgia: a pre-election snapshot

[...] Georgia ... is due to hold parliamentary elections on 8 October. These elections are an important benchmark for the country on its path towards consolidating its democratic system and improving the functioning of the state.

Read full article: EUISS (10/05)

AFRICA

Burundi

UN rights forum sets up inquiry into Burundi killing and torture

The top UN human rights forum agreed to set up a commission of inquiry to identify perpetrators of killings and torture in Burundi and ensure they are brought to justice. The panel would build on the work of UN experts who looked into the suspected torture and murder of government opponents.

Read full article: defenceWeb (10/03)
Central African Republic

Eleven killed, 14 missing in Central African Republic clashes
Eleven people were killed in clashes in Central African Republic's capital this week set off by the murder of an army officer, the country's United Nation's peacekeeping mission said on Thursday.
Read full article: Reuters Africa (10/06)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in CAR
Read full report: S/2016/824 (09/29)

Cote d'Ivoire

Ivory Coast draft constitution amends clause at heart of civil war
Ivory Coast voters will decide this month whether to soften a nationality clause that helped trigger a decade-long political crisis, a draft of a new constitution showed Monday.
Read full article: VOA News (10/03)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Time to act on DR Congo – France
France said on Tuesday it was time to prevent the political situation worsening in Democratic Republic of Congo and consider imposing European Union sanctions. … Speaking on TV5 Monde on Monday, French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said Kabila should step aside and allow the election to take place immediately.
Read full article: defenceWeb (10/05)

UN says it alone cannot remove South Sudanese rebels from DRC
[...] A spokesman for the mission, known as MONUSCO, said it had flown the South Sudanese to several camps in the DRC at the request of the DRC government, which later gave a deadline for their removal.
Read full article: VOA News (10/05)

DRC deadline for removal of South Sudan fighters
The UN peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo has been given a week to fly hundreds of South Sudanese fighters out of the country.
Read full article: BBC (10/04)

Report of the Secretary-General on MONUSCO
Read full report: S/2016/833 (10/03)

Congo commission expects presidential vote delay to December 2018
The head of Democratic Republic of Congo's electoral commission said on Saturday that he expects the presidential election, originally scheduled for this November, to be delayed until December 2018, lawmakers present at his speech said.
Read full article: Reuters (10/01)
US orders families of government personnel to leave troubled DRC

The U.S. State Department has issued a travel warning for the Democratic Republic of Congo and has ordered families of government personnel stationed there to leave.

Read full article: VOA News (09/30)

Libya

Libyan forces reduce Islamic State’s grip in Sirte to final few blocks

Islamic State controls a residential strip less than a kilometre long in their former stronghold in Libya's Sirte, where pro-government forces backed by US air strikes are advancing building by building to finish a five-month-old campaign.

Read full article: defenceWeb (10/05)

Bundeswehr nimmt an Sea Guardian teil – Unterstützung für Operation Sophia

Bewaffnete deutsche Soldaten beteiligen sich künftig an der Nato-geführten Maritimen Sicherheitsoperation SEA GUARDIAN. Das hat der Deutsche Bundestag beschlossen. ... Die Personalobergrenze des Mandats liegt bei 650 Soldatinnen und Soldaten. ... Die von SEA GUARDIAN gewonnenen Informationen kommen auch anderen Mittelmeer-Missionen zu Gute. So erhält die EU-Operation SOPHIA Unterstützung.

Read full article: Bundesregierung (09/29)

Mali

Deutschland baut in Niger Militärbasis zur Unterstützung der UN-Mission in Mali

[...] Mit der Einrichtung einer deutschen Basis für den Lufttransport nach Niamey werde ein neues Kapitel in der Zusammenarbeit aufgeschlagen, sagte der deutsche Botschafter in Niger ...

Read full article: Welt (10/05)

Ban condemns attacks against UN mission in Mali

[...] According to preliminary information, four different attacks targeting MINUSMA personnel and installations occurred in Aguelhok, Kidal region, during which one peacekeeper from Chad was killed and eight others injured, according to a statement attributable to the Secretary-General's spokesperson.

Read full article: UN News (10/04)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Mali

Read full report: S/2016/819 (09/29)

Somalia

New head of UN Support Office in Somalia

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today announced the appointment of Hubert Price of the United States as Head of the United Nations Support Office in Somalia (UNSOS).

Read full article: UN Press Release (10/03)
Somalia (Gulf of Aden) /Horn of Africa

Piracy on the decrease but threat still there - report
Incidences of Piracy in the Gulf of Guinea and Horn of Africa have been decreasing but waters off West Africa remain dangerous and criminal gangs in East Africa are still a lingering threat, according to a new report.
Read full article: defenceWeb (10/04)

South Sudan

UN peacekeepers refused to help as aid workers were raped in South Sudan – report
United Nations peacekeepers stayed in their bases rather than protect civilians during an outbreak of fighting in South Sudan in July, a rights group has said. Chinese UN peacekeepers in the capital Juba “abandoned their posts entirely” at one civilian protection site where tens of thousands had sought safety from successive bouts of fighting, a report by the US-based Centre for Civilians in Conflict (Civic) said.
Read full article: The Guardian (10/06)

Sudan (Darfur)

UN peacekeeping chief urges follow-up action to consolidate peace in Darfur
The security situation in Darfur, Sudan, remains volatile and the humanitarian impact of the conflict significant, the top United Nations peacekeeping official said today, calling on the Government of Sudan and the international community at large to address the current challenges in the country.
Read full article: UN News (10/04)

Report of the Secretary-General on UNAMID
Read full report: S/2016/812 (09/27)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Bulgaria threatens to pull out of Afghanistan
Bulgaria will withdraw its 110-strong contingent deployed in Afghanistan if failed Afghan asylum seekers are not returned, prime minister Boyko Borissov said on Wednesday.
Read full article: EU Observer (10/06)

UN: Afghan opium production increases as eradication collapses
Opium production in Afghanistan increased this year to one of the highest levels on record as efforts to eradicate the crop in a country that provides much of the world's heroin collapsed, the United Nations said Wednesday.
Read full article: VOA News (10/05)
‘Keep Afghanistan on the path towards stability,’ Ban tells Brussels Conference
Addressing a conference aimed at charting a way forward for conflict-ravaged Afghanistan, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon today urged the international community to sustain its commitment to support the country and its people, while stressing the importance of holding both donors and the Afghan Government accountable for aid effectiveness.
Read full article: UN News (10/05)

Kunduz assault: Taliban forces 'defeated'
The governor of Afghanistan's Kunduz province says Taliban forces which staged an assault on the provincial capital have been defeated. ... On Monday, Taliban fighters appeared to have breached the strategic northern city.
Read full article: BBC (10/04)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Colombia

FARC orders troops to retake positions as Santos sets end of ceasefire on October 31
Colombia President Santos said Tuesday that a bilateral ceasefire with the FARC will end on October 31st after the country's voters narrowly rejected a peace deal with the country's largest, oldest and most-feared rebel group.
Read full article: Colombia Reports (10/04)

Colombia's President Santos keeps up push for Farc peace deal
Following Colombians' surprise rejection of a peace agreement with the Farc rebel group, President Juan Manuel Santos is seeking dialogue with those who opposed the peace deal. Mr Santos appointed three top officials to "sit down for talks and guide this peace process to a happy ending".
Read full article: BBC (10/04) New York Times (10/04)

Colombia referendum: voters reject Farc peace deal
Voters in Colombia have rejected a landmark peace deal with Farc rebels in a shock referendum result, with 50.2% voting against it.
Read full article: BBC (10/03)

Haiti

Haiti postpones October 9 presidential election in wake of hurricane [...]
The council said no new date for the vote had yet been set.
Read full article: Reuters Africa (10/05)
Germany signs on to declaration on the use and export of military drones
Forty-five countries have agreed to set out international standards for the use of military drones. Notable absentees from the declaration include France, Russia and China.
Read full article: DW (10/06)

U.S. military is building a $100 million drone base in Niger
[...]The base is the latest sign, experts say, of an ever-increasing emphasis on counterterror operations in the north and west of the continent.
Read full article: The Intercept (09/29)

Gabon

EU observers were wiretapped during Gabon vote: report
Gabonese intelligence wiretapped EU election observers who voiced grave doubts over the outcome of hotly disputed 27 August polls in the oil-rich central African nation, a French weekly reported yesterday (4 October).
Read full article: Euractiv (10/03)