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EUROPE

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Rival Bosnia leaders agree to form government 10 months after vote

Bosnia's rival Serb, Croat and Bosniak leaders agreed on Monday to form a central government 10 months after a general election, reaching a compromise about Bosnia's integration into NATO which had been a key stumbling block.

Read full article: [Reuters](#) (08/05)

Ukraine

Ukraine calls for more peace talks after 4 die in eastern Donbass

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy urged the leaders of Russia, Germany and France to resume talks on a peaceful solution to the separatist conflict in Ukraine's eastern Donbass region after four soldiers were killed in shelling Tuesday.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (08/06)

AFRICA

Central African Republic

Central African Republic sees sharp decline in violence

Central African Republic may be getting safer, according to new figures from the United Nations that show a sharp drop in the number of attacks and human rights abuses since last year. The head of human rights for the U.N. mission in the country said a peace deal between the government and 14 armed groups in February appeared to have allowed for a relative respite, but was hesitant to declare it a success.

Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (08/08)

Libya

Libya's UN-backed government steps up defense spending as war drags on

Libya's internationally recognized government has allocated 40 million Libyan dinars (\$28.5 million) for its defense ministry, it said on Tuesday, stepping up spending to fend off an eastern offensive as the war enters a fifth month.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (08/06)

Senegal

Security Council presidential statement stresses UNOWAS needs more support, resources

The Security Council underlined the need for more support and adequate resources for the United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS) today amid increased demands from Guinea-Bissau and post-transition countries in the region.

Read full article: [UN Meetings Coverage](#) (08/07)

Somalia

Somalia, U.S. to launch massive assault on Al-Shabaab

Somalia and the United States have agreed to intensify security operations to flush out al-Shabab militants in the Horn of Africa nation.

Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (08/07)

South Sudan

UNMISS PoC update

As of 01 August 2019, a total of number of civilians seeking safety in six Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on UNMISS bases is 185,009

Read full article: [Reliefweb](#) (08/05)

Yemen

UN calls for de-escalation after surge in violence in Aden

Clashes between southern separatists and presidential guards in Aden, the seat of Yemen's internationally recognised government, have killed at least one person and badly wounded two others, according to local officials and witnesses. The violence, which prompted a United Nations call for de-escalation, highlighted a rift within the Saudi-UAE-led coalition battling the Houthi rebel movement since 2015.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (08/08)

Militiamen dig in at a front **line of Yemen's** deadlocked war

Yemen's civil war has been deadlocked for months, with neither side making major gains.

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

Yemen's civilians suffer as myriad of armed groups intensify attacks

The United Nations human rights office is reporting that intensified attacks by a myriad of armed groups in Yemen are having a devastating impact on civilians throughout the war-torn country. Dozens of armed groups, including those affiliated with the al-Qaida and Islamic State terror groups, reportedly are escalating attacks in Yemen, adding to the misery of civilians who have suffered through more than four years of civil war.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (08/07)

Intensified Al Qaeda and ISIL activity in Yemen 'deeply worrying' - UN Human Rights Office

Armed groups affiliated with the Al Qaeda and ISIL terror groups, appear to have intensified their activities in Yemen, Ravina Shamdasani, a spokesperson for the UN Human Rights Office (OHCHR) declared on Tuesday, describing the situation as an example of "deeply worrying developments" that have seriously impacted civilians over the past ten days.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (08/06)

Lebanon

Lebanon newspaper protests against political crisis

A prominent Lebanese daily Thursday appeared on newsstands with a black front page in the second such protest by a local paper in less than a year over the country's lingering political crisis.

Read full article: [Middle East Online](#) (08/08)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Taliban bomb kills many amid peace talks with US

A huge bomb outside a police station in the Afghan capital Kabul has killed at least 14 people and injured nearly 150. The explosion sent a large plume of black smoke into the sky and left nearby buildings in ruins. Most of those wounded were civilians. The Taliban say they carried out the attack.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (08/07)

UNAMA 'outraged' by deadly Taliban attack in Kabul, as hardline group threatens election violence

The UN Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) has expressed outrage at a Taliban attack in Kabul, that led to scores of civilians casualties on Wednesday. In a Tweet, the Mission said that such "indiscriminate and disproportionate attacks in heavily populated civilian areas must stop".

Read full article: [UN News](#) (08/07)

Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyzstan troops storm ex-President Almazbek Atambayev's home

Security forces in the central Asian republic of Kyrgyzstan have stormed the home of former President Almazbek Atambayev in an attempt to detain him. Mr Atambayev's supporters clashed with the troops and one officer died from gunshot wounds, officials said. It is understood Mr Atambayev is still inside his compound, on the outskirts of the capital Bishkek. Mr Atambayev has been accused of corruption, which he denies. Parliament stripped him of immunity in June.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (08/08)

SOUTH ASIA

India / Pakistan

Kashmir dispute: UN 'deeply concerned' over restrictions

The UN has said the latest restrictions imposed on Indian-administered Kashmir are deeply concerning and "will exacerbate the human rights situation". A UN spokesperson highlighted a telecommunications ban, the arbitrary detention of leaders and a ban on political assembly. The region has been on lockdown since Sunday with communication cut off. It came as India made the controversial decision to remove its special constitutional status.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (08/08)

Related coverage: Kashmir: Why India and Pakistan fight over it [BBC](#) (08/08)

Pakistan's Khan calls for international intervention over Kashmir

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan says his government will challenge an Indian move to change the constitutional status of India-administered Kashmir at the United Nations Security Council, urging the international community to intervene in the crisis or risk regional destabilisation.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (08/06)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Colombia

Attacks against civilians in Colombia increased in 2019: UN

Attacks against civilians in Colombia continued to increase in the first half of 2019 compared to the same period last year, according to the United Nations. In the latest report on the humanitarian situation in the South American country, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) registered a slight decrease in combat, mass displacement and restriction of movement, but an increase in attacks on civilians.

Read full article: [Colombia Reports](#) (08/06)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Josep Borrell is officially new head of EU diplomacy

As European media report, EU members had officially named Borrell the successor of Federica Mogherini on the position of EU High Representative for Foreign Policy and Security. Borrell will take over his duty at the end of October, it is said in the European Council statement.

Read full article: [B92](#) (08/06)

Defying Congress, Trump administration looks to shift billions in foreign aid

President Donald Trump's administration has ordered a review of foreign aid that critics fear could lead to sharp cuts in funds for global health, peacekeeping, narcotics control and other programs despite their having been approved by Congress. The review was disclosed in an administration letter and confirmed by congressional aides.

Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (08/06)

Two tasks to get past the crisis of multilateralism

It has become common to observe that the international rule-based order is in crisis, and recent developments have reinforced the view that the United Nations-based **multilateral system** is “under siege.”

Read full article: [IPI Global Observatory](#) (08/05)