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EUROPE

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnian prosecutors struggle to tackle backlog of war cases

The transfer of less serious war crimes cases from Bosnia's state-level prosecution to lower-level prosecutors was supposed to speed up the processing of major cases - but plans to make this happen have not been fulfilled.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (11/28)

Cyprus

Guterres holds 'focused and frank' informal discussions over future of Cyprus

The UN Secretary-General held "focused and frank" informal talks with the leaders of the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities on Monday in order to "take stock of efforts" to finally reach a settlement over the divided Mediterranean island.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/25)

Central African Republic

Council agrees on a future CSDP mission to support security sector reform

The Council adopted a crisis management concept for a new civilian CSDP Advisory Mission in the Central African Republic (EUAM RCA). The mission will support the reform of the internal security forces to enable the CAR authorities to mitigate the current security challenges in the country. EU experts will support the Ministry of the Interior and the internal security forces, the police and the gendarmerie, with the aim of helping in their deployment throughout the country.

Read full article: [EU Press Release](#) (11/21)

Assessing the effectiveness of MINUSCA

[...] From June–August 2019, a team of the Effectiveness in Peace Operations Network (EPON) studied the mission to assess its effectiveness. ... EPON studies contain three basic parts: a context analysis, an identification of mission effects, and an assessment of six explanatory factors. This brief summary of the **team's conclusions proceeds in line with this three-part structure.**

Read full article: [IPI Global Observatory](#) (11/21)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

UN investigating whether UN peacekeeper killed protester in Beni

[...] The death occurred on Tuesday in the eastern city of Beni where locals have been demonstrating against MONUSCO, accusing it of failing to protect them against a notorious militia.

Read full article: [The Defence Post](#) (11/27)

UN working to prevent attacks on civilians in eastern DRC

Peacekeepers from the UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) were conducting extensive patrols in the east of the country on Tuesday, one day after demonstrators set fire to buildings to protest lack of civilian protection in the face of attacks by armed groups.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/26)

Violence forces DRC Ebola responders out of critical areas

More than one-third of the United Nation's Ebola responders in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo city of Beni were relocated Tuesday amid growing insecurity in the area, while the other responders remained to help combat the deadly outbreak.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (11/26)

Guinea-Bissau

Guinea-Bissau presidential elections head to second round

Guinea-Bissau voters go to the polls for a second round of voting in December to decide on their next president. Results of the first round show that no candidate garnered the 50 percent needed to win outright.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (11/27)

Libya

US officials meet Haftar

US officials met with eastern Libyan commander Khalifa Haftar as Washington presses him to end his offensive on the capital, the US State Department said.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (11/26)

Haftar declares 'no-fly zone' over Tripoli

Libya's renegade military commander Khalifa Haftar has declared a "no-fly zone" in the skies over the capital, Tripoli, drawing a warning from the country's internationally-recognised government.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (11/24)

Mali

Macron tells army: 'all options open' in Sahel after Mali deaths

President Emmanuel Macron said on Thursday he has ordered his military to assess its operations against Islamist militants in West Africa and all options are open, after 13 soldiers died during a combat mission this week.

Read full article: [Reuters](#) (11/28)

Helicopter collision kills 13 French troops pursuing militants in Mali

Thirteen French troops were killed in a midair collision between two helicopters in Mali on Monday night as they fought Islamic militants in the west African country.

Read full article: [The Guardian](#) (11/26) [EurActiv](#) (11/27)

MINUSMA: a troubled yet needed mission

[...] Since 2016, however, MINUSMA's effectiveness in terms of stabilization and the protection of civilians (PoC) has decreased. ... Currently, MINUSMA is at a crossroads. It needs time to succeed, but this is also valuable time that Mali does not have at the moment, during which civilians are dying in attacks, and major mission funders like the United States are losing interest in supporting a costly UN peace operation that is not able to deliver quick results.

Read full article: [IPI Global Observatory](#) (11/26) [Full EPON report](#)

Somalia (Gulf of Aden) /Horn of Africa

Strengthening regional co-operation to up maritime security

States in the western Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Aden area adopted a plan of action to ensure better co-ordination of regional efforts to enhance maritime security.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (11/26)

South Sudan

South Sudan criticizes US recall of ambassador

Diplomat's departure comes as South Sudan misses deadline for forming unity government.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (11/27)

UN: South Sudan recruits new force, contrary to peace deal

A new report says South Sudan's National Security Service has recruited a force of 10,000 fighters in President Salva Kiir's ethnic stronghold, in apparent breach of the terms of the country's peace deal. The report by United Nations experts monitoring sanctions on South Sudan expresses concern over the slow implementation of the fragile deal signed in September 2018 to end five years of civil war that killed nearly 400,000 people.

Read full article: [AP News](#) (11/27)

UN Mission, community leaders, condemn violence which left two dead at camp

Community leaders issued an apology on Monday after rioting on 21 November by "drunken youth" within a UN Protection of Civilians site run by UNMISS in South Sudan, left two dead and eight UN personnel injured, including five police officers.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/25)

MIDDLE EAST

Iraq

Iraq unrest: 13 killed in fresh wave of protests

At least 13 people have been killed in Iraq in a fresh wave of protests in the southern city of Nasiriya. Security forces opened fire and used tear gas on Thursday to clear two bridges blocked by protesters.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (11/28) [Al Jazeera](#) (11/28)

Denmark offers to lead NATO training mission in Iraq

Denmark's government offered to lead the NATO mission to train Iraqi forces, saying it was prepared to send 200 personnel to Iraq next year. The year-old NATO mission, which provides more than 500 personnel to train and advise Iraqi troops, is currently led by Canada, whose time in charge ends in 2020.

Read full article: [The Defense Post](#) (11/27)

UN investigators eye 160 Islamic State militants over Yazidi massacres

United Nations investigators have so far identified 160 Islamic State militants accused of massacres of Yazidis in northern Iraq in 2014 and are building legal cases against them, the head of the team told the UN Security Council on Tuesday.

Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (11/26)

Yemen

Saudi-led coalition to release 200 Houthi rebels amid Yemen peace push

The Saudi-led coalition fighting Yemen's Houthi rebels said Tuesday, November 26 that it will release 200 insurgents, as efforts pick up pace to end the conflict in the impoverished country. ... Yemen's warring parties agreed under a deal brokered in Sweden last December to exchange 15,000 prisoners, but the accord has not been fully implemented.

Read full article: [The Defense Post](#) (11/26)

'Signs of hope' toward a political settlement in Yemen - UN special envoy

The momentum to reach a political settlement in Yemen “has been building”, the United Nations Special Envoy to the country told the Security Council on Friday, attributing the positive development to compromises on “a range of issues”.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/22)

Lebanon

Lebanon protests: Caretaker PM Saad Hariri withdraws candidacy

[...] He said on Tuesday that he hoped his decision would prompt parliamentary blocs to quickly agree a replacement.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (11/26)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Tehran hosts Taliban leaders for Afghan peace talks

Iran’s Foreign Minister Javad Zarif has hosted leaders of Afghanistan’s Taliban insurgency and discussed efforts aimed at finding a negotiated settlement to the Afghan war.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (11/27)

UN condemns deadly attack on one of its vehicles in Afghan capital

A UN worker was killed and two people were injured when their vehicle was attacked in the Afghan capital, Kabul, on Sunday.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/24)

Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan: tested by transition

A partial handover of political power through an orchestrated transition takes Kazakhstan into uncharted territory. Will it be able to pursue modernization and reform, and break from its authoritarian past?

Read full article: [Chatham House](#) (11/27)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Haiti

Haiti's president warns of humanitarian crisis, calls for support

Haiti needs international support to tackle an unfolding humanitarian crisis, President Jovenel Moise said in an interview, two months into anti-government protests that have exacerbated food insecurity in the Americas' poorest nation.

Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (11/17)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Global death toll of landmines rises due to mines laid by militants

The global casualty toll of landmines doubled in 2018 from a 2013 low due to conflicts in Afghanistan, Syria and Mali and mostly due to the increased use of improvised landmines set by militant groups such as Islamic State.

Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (11/27)