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EUROPE

Albania

EU ministers fail to approve official accession talks with Albania, North Macedonia

European Union ministers have failed to give the go-ahead to begin membership negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia, another blow to the Western Balkan nations' hopes of a speedy accession process. "It was not a moment of glory for Europe," Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn told reporters in Luxembourg on October 15 following a meeting of European affairs ministers.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (10/15)

Kosovo

Kosovar vote count halted after skin problems linked to Serbian ballot boxes

Vote counting has been suspended in Kosovo after several Central Election Commission officials reported health problems after opening five ballot boxes from Serbia.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (10/13)

Report of the Secretary-General on UNMIK

Read full report: [S/2019/797](#) (10/04)

Serbia

Protesters in Belgrade call for end to threats, violence against journalists

Dozens of journalists and media-freedom activists assembled outside the Serbian government headquarters on October 16 to demand that intimidation, threats, and violence end toward members of their profession.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (10/16)

Ukraine

Ukraine sees hope for 'last chance' peace summit in mid-November

The leaders of Ukraine, Russia, France and Germany could hold a summit in Paris in mid-November if Kyiv and pro-Russian rebels in eastern Ukraine can maintain a ceasefire, Ukraine's foreign minister said on Monday (14 October), warning of a "last chance" for Moscow.

Read full article: [EurActiv](#) (10/14) [RFE/RL](#) (10/14)

AFRICA

Burundi

Pressure builds on Burundian refugees in Tanzania amid threat of forced return

A plan to repatriate some 200,000 Burundian refugees living in Tanzanian camps has raised concerns that many who fled the country to escape violence may be forced back home, just as Burundi's 2020 elections increase the prospects of a new political crisis.

Read full article: [The New Humanitarian](#) (10/15)

Cote d'Ivoire

Former Ivory Coast rebel leader Soro to run for president

Soro, 47, led the rebels that tried and failed to oust former President Laurent Gbagbo in 2002, dividing the country for nearly a decade until a second civil war in 2010-11 installed Alassane Ouattara in the presidency instead.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (10/15)

Libya

UN mission in Libya condemns Haftar forces' airstrike that killed civilians

The UN Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) has condemned the airstrike on Monday that killed three children in Al-Fernaj neighborhood in Tripoli, deploring in the strongest possible terms the reckless disregard for the lives of innocent people, and calls for the immediate cessation of such indiscriminate attacks.

Read full article: [The Libya Observer](#) (10/14)

UN pushing to halt embargo violations in Libya

The UN envoy for Libya hopes an international conference next month will produce a Security Council resolution committing foreign powers to stopping an escalating proxy war and an accelerated mechanism to enforce an arms embargo. The conference, organised by Germany, is set to be the first major diplomatic push to end fighting that began when eastern-based forces led by Khalifa Haftar launched an offensive on Tripoli six months ago.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (10/14)

Mali

UN food depot in Mali vandalized

A demonstration in central Mali Saturday turned from protests about the deployment of Malian troops to **Burkina Faso to the looting of a nearby U.N. supply depot, VOA's French to Africa service and the United Nations said.** About 1,000 people had been protesting outside the U.N. peacekeeping force (MINUSMA) camp near Sévaré, the French news agency AFP reported Saturday.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (10/12)

Somalia

Al-Shabab mortar attacks hits area around Mogadishu airport

Seven people were wounded after a mortar attack by al-Shabab militants hit the area around Mogadishu airport on Sunday, Somali witnesses and officials say. The mortars landed on the heavily-guarded Halane area of the airport that houses the African Union and United Nations Mission in Somalia.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (10/13)

AU, UN agree on roadmap to steer activities

The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) and the UN ended their five-day meeting in Mogadishu on Monday by agreeing on a comprehensive roadmap to guide the AU mission's activities and operations from 2019 to 2021.

Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (10/09)

South Sudan

Nearly 200,000 civilians still seeking safety in PoCs: UNMISS

At least 194,954 civilians are currently seeking safety in six Protection of Civilians (PoC) sites located on United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) bases, the UN said.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (10/14)

Lobbies make clarion call for justice and crimes court in Juba

[...] Amnesty International and the Human Rights Watch said in separate reports this week that failure to constitute the hybrid court to try those who have committed war crimes and crimes against humanity, would have a negative impact on reconciliation and national healing.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (10/12)

South Sudan / Sudan (Abyei)

Security Council extends UNISFA's mandate till November 15

Read full resolution: [S/RES/2492](#) (10/15)

MIDDLE EAST

Yemen

Yemen government, separatists expected to announce Aden deal

A Saudi-brokered deal to end a standoff between Yemen's internationally recognised government and southern separatists in the port city of Aden is expected to be announced on Thursday, officials have said.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (10/16)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Afghanistan to miss Oct 19 deadline for presidential poll results: sources

Preliminary results in Afghanistan's presidential election will be delayed beyond Saturday's deadline, two officials from the independent election commission told Reuters, probably for more than a week, fuelling chances of political uncertainty.

Read full article: [Reuters](#) (10/17)

Election-related violence claims 85 lives in Afghanistan: UN report

Eighty-five people were killed and another 373 injured during attacks related to the recent presidential election in Afghanistan, a report by the UN Assistance Mission in the country, UNAMA, reveals.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (10/15) Download [report](#)

U.S. moves to restart Taliban peace process

U.S. officials and representatives of the Afghan Taliban have begun discussing ways to revive a peace process after talks fell apart last month, according to people familiar with the discussions.

Read full article: [The Wall Street Journal](#) (10/13)

Afghan forces retake Taliban-controlled district

Afghanistan's Defense Ministry says government forces have gained control of a district in the country's north from the Taliban. In a statement, the ministry said the Dash-e Archi district of Kunduz Province, along the border with Tajikistan, was retaken on October 12. ... The Taliban has maintained a strong presence in Kunduz, a strategically and economically important northern province.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (10/13)

Tajikistan

Tajikistan labels EU-based opposition alliance as terrorist group

Tajikistan's Supreme Court has labeled the National Alliance of Tajikistan (PMT) -- a group uniting several opposition movements and parties based in the European Union -- as a terrorist and extremist organization. ... Tajik authorities have been criticized for cracking down on dissent for years.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (10/14)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Haiti

Security Council marks transition from 15 years of UN peacekeeping in Haiti

Although 15 years of UN peacekeeping in Haiti have drawn to a close, the Organization's commitment to strengthening and stabilizing the country will continue, the Security Council heard on Tuesday. ... Effective on Wednesday, the United Nations Integrated Office in Haiti ([BINUH](#)) will begin work on strengthening political stability and good governance through support of an inclusive national dialogue.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (10/15)

Haiti's embattled president faces 5th week of protests

Haiti's embattled president faced a fifth week of protests on Monday as road blocks went up across the country after opposition leaders said they will not back down on their call for Jovenel Moise to resign.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (10/14)

Report of the Secretary-General on MINUJUSTH

Read full report: [S/2019/805](#) (10/09)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Burkinabes flee escalating violence

The number of people forced to flee their homes in two regions of Burkina Faso besieged by ethnic and jihadist violence increased more than six-fold since January to around 500 000, the United Nations and aid groups said.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (10/14) [New York Times](#) (10/15)