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 ...promoting conditions of stability and well-being” ...

**WEEKLY SECURITY READINGS SUMMARY**  
**Dates: From 25 to 31 Oct 2018 (part 2)**

| DATE      | SOURCE                                       | TITLE   | SUMMARY   |
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| 31-Oct-18 | Congressional Research Service               | <a href="#">Iran Internal Politics and U.S. Policy and Options</a>  | Since the Islamic Revolution in Iran in 1979, the United States and Iran have been at odds. During the 1980s and 1990s, U.S. officials identified Iran's support for militant Middle East groups as the primary threat posed by Iran to U.S. interests and allies   |
| 31-Oct-18 | Congressional Research Service               | <a href="#">Iran's Nuclear Program Tehran's Compliance with International Obligations</a>                                       | Several U.N. Security Council resolutions adopted between 2006 and 2010 required Iran to cooperate fully with the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA's) investigation of its nuclear activities   |
| 31-Oct-18 | Congressional Research Service               | <a href="#">Jordan Background and U.S. Relations</a>  | This report provides an overview of Jordanian politics and current issues in U.S.-Jordanian relations. It provides a brief discussion of Jordan's government and economy  |
| 31-Oct-18 | Baker Institute for Public Policy            | <a href="#">Lebanon A Consociational Model to be Refined</a>  | As conflicts continue to rage throughout the Middle East in the wake of the 2010 Arab uprising, divisions across ethnic and religious lines in several regional countries have brought consociational models of governance back into the spotlight  |
| 31-Oct-18 | MENARA Working Papers                        | <a href="#">The Libyan Security Continuum the Impact of the Libyan Crisis</a>   | This paper analyses the impact of the Libyan crisis on the regional environment in North Africa/ the Sahel. More specifically the paper shows that, despite international attempts to resolve the crisis  |
| 31-Oct-18 | MENARA Working Papers                        | <a href="#">Militarization and Militia-ization Dynamics of Armed Group Proliferation in Egypt and Libya</a>                     | This paper analyses the drivers behind some of the different types of proliferation of armed groups in power and politics that have taken place in the Middle East and North Africa after 2011  |
| 31-Oct-18 | MENARA Working Papers                        | <a href="#">New Trends in Identity Politics in the Middle East and North Africa and their Impact on State-society Relations</a> | State-society relations in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) have been deeply impacted by the dynamics around collective identities in the aftermath of the Arab uprisings and of other domestic and regional far-reaching developments   |
| 31-Oct-18 | MENARA Working Papers                        | <a href="#">Jihadist Groups in North Africa and the Sahel Between Disintegration, Reconfiguration and Resilience</a>            | This paper, based on extensive interviews and fieldwork conducted in North Africa and the Sahel, considers the recent evolution of jihadi organizations in this region, and offers analysis of patterns of competition and violence among different jihadi groups   |
| 31-Oct-18 | Center for Strategic & International Studies | <a href="#">Developing Country Trends and Insights from Four Country Case Studies</a>   | Helping developing countries prepare their workforces and create the conditions for job growth not only helps the United States and the world avoid the negative spillovers associated with inadequate employment, but will bring positive impacts, including increased purchases of U.S. goods and services. |
| 31-Oct-18 | Centre for European Reform                   | <a href="#">Premature Elections Won't Stabilize Libya</a>   | The push for elections in Libya risks deepening the country's divisions. Europe should agree on a common position, and work towards a settlement acceptable to key Libyan and regional players.   |
| 31-Oct-18 | homeland.house.gov                           | <a href="#">Terror Threat Snapshot</a>  | Cases of homegrown Islamist extremism in the U.S. continue to be an issue of concern. Since 2013, there have been 159 homegrown jihadist cases in the United States.  |
| 31-Oct-18 | Council on Foreign Relations                 | <a href="#">Global Governance to Combat Illicit Financial Flows</a>   | International efforts to curb illicit financial flows resemble post-Cold War collaboration in other issue areas that have risen on the global agenda: climate change, global health, internet governance, and cybersecurity.  |
| 31-Oct-18 | Economic Research Forum                      | <a href="#">Firm Productivity and Agglomeration Economies</a>   | Spatial agglomeration has always been the most important driver of industrial growth in developing countries. The linkage between spatial agglomeration of production and firms' productivity has received less attention, particularly in the Egyptian contexts.   |
| 31-Oct-18 | Economic Research Forum                      | <a href="#">Job Creation or Labor Absorption?</a>   | Creating jobs, especially good jobs, is one of the greatest challenges facing economies in the Middle East and North Africa and Egypt. A number of economic and demographic forces have aligned to create large increases in labor supply in Egypt.   |
| 31-Oct-18 | Economic Research Forum                      | <a href="#">Oil Price Volatility, Financial Institutions and Economic Growth</a>  | Theoretically, institutions of finance are supposed to promote economic growth via better capital allocation, the monitoring and influencing of firms' governance, the pooling of savings, and the promotion of specialization.   |
| 31-Oct-18 | Economic Research Forum                      | <a href="#">Structural Transformation in Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia</a>   | Egypt, Morocco and Tunisia are considered as "Middle income countries" by the World Bank. The economic growth rate in these countries averaged 4% between 1990 and 2010, which represents a good performance with regard to the MENA region.  |
| 31-Oct-18 | Economic Research Forum                      | <a href="#">Trade Policy and Input Liberalization</a>   | Trade policy has been widely used during different historical episodes and by different countries as a basis for a comprehensive development strategy. The contribution of trade policy to a country's development has long been investigated.  |
| 31-Oct-18 | IFRI   | <a href="#">U.S. Oil Embargo on Iran: A New Oil Shock?</a>  | The 14th July 2015 Vienna agreement on Iran's nuclear activities (Joint Comprehensive Plan of action - JCPOA) was a game changer on the geopolitics in the middle East and for the oil market.  |
| 31-Oct-18 | SWP Berlin                                   | <a href="#">Mission Impossible? UN Mediation in Libya, Syria and Yemen</a>  | The civil wars in Libya, Syria and Yemen are extremely complex in terms of the configuration of local actors, the military involvement of regional and great powers, and the dynamic formation of alliances.  |
| 31-Oct-18 | Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses   | <a href="#">Chemical Weapons Convention: Past, Present and Future</a>   | The modern age is witnessing the emergence and proliferation of several lethal and devastating technologies, all developed in the quest for the dominion of power.  |

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| 31-Oct-18 | MEDRESET Working Papers                                  | <a href="#">Agriculture, Water and Rural Development in Egypt</a>   | This paper is part of a series of MEDRESET working papers that investigate the effectiveness of EU policies in the southern and eastern Mediterranean countries from a bottom-up perspective.  |
| 31-Oct-18 | MENARA   | <a href="#">The International NGO Triangle in the MENA Region</a>   | The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region is increasingly embedded into the global ordering the transnational field, namely through the intra- and interregional interactions of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) with state actors.  |
| 31-Oct-18 | Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)                     | <a href="#">Realizing Youth Potential in the Mediterranean: Unlocking Opportunities, Overcoming Challenges</a>                          | This edited volume seeks to go beyond a narrow focus on hard security issues, particularly pronounced among Western audiences, to encourage local perspectives on some of the most pressing socio-economic and political challenges impacting on societies in the region, "youth" first and foremost.      |
| 31-Oct-18 | INSA   | <a href="#">A Framework for Cyber Indications and Warning</a>   | Malicious cyber activity continues to evolve rapidly, with an expanding set of tools available to a growing range of threat actors. While frameworks for indications and warning (I&W) – and "warning intelligence" – have matured in other intelligence domains,  |
| 31-Oct-18 | ICCT. International Centre for Counter Terrorism - Hague | <a href="#">Countering Terrorism Through the Stripping of Citizenship: Ineffective and Counterproductive</a>                            | According to the Global Terrorism Index 2017, there has been a worldwide decrease of deaths caused by terrorism in 2016. Yet, at the same time, terrorism has spread to more and more countries.   |
| 31-Oct-18 | GW Program on Extremism                                  | <a href="#">A Case Study in Lone Actor Terrorism</a>  | The terrorist attack at Fort Hood on November 5, 2009, left 13 killed, 32 injured, and countless other lives forever changed. In the aftermath, a range of analyses emerged about the attacker,  |
| 31-Oct-18 | Heinrich Böll Stiftung                                   | <a href="#">Sliding Towards Disaster: Migration in European-African Relations</a>   | The current public debate on African migration to Europe is largely fueled by visions of boats crossing the Mediterranean Sea, filled with desperate people in search of a better life.  |
| 31-Oct-18 | Strategic Studies Institute (SSI), U.S. Army War College | <a href="#">Assessing the Collective Security Treaty Organization: Capabilities and Vulnerabilities</a>                                 | The Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) consists of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Tajikistan. The CSTO's membership has been stable, with the exception that Uzbekistan, which joined the organization in 2006,   |
| 31-Oct-18 | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY                          | <a href="#">Treasury Sanctions Vast Financial Network Supporting Iranian Paramilitary Force That Recruits and Trains Child Soldiers</a> | The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) took action today against a vast network of businesses providing financial support to the Basij Resistance Force (Basij), a paramilitary force   |
| 31-Oct-18 | U.S. Chamber of Commerce                                 | <a href="#">Made in China 2025: Global Ambitions Built on Local Protections</a>   | MIC 2025 is a ten-year, comprehensive blueprint aimed at transforming China into an advanced manufacturing leader. In a broad sense, MIC 2025 targets ten strategic industries – including next generation information technology, aviation, rail,   |
| 31-Oct-18 | U.S. Institute of Peace                                  | <a href="#">Participatory Action Research for Advancing Youth-Led Peacebuilding in Kenya</a>  | Numbering 1.8 billion, today's generation of youth ages ten to twenty-four is the largest the world has ever known. One-third of them live in fragile or conflict-affected countries, including Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria.   |
| 31-Oct-18 | The Washington Institute                                 | <a href="#">Delicate Diplomacy in Western Sahara</a>  | In the coming weeks, the UN Security Council will vote on whether to extend the mandate of the Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO), the peacekeeping force that has been monitoring a buffer zone separating Moroccan-controlled Western Sahara from Algeria and Mauritania since 1991. |
| 31-Oct-18 | The Washington Institute                                 | <a href="#">Gaïd Salah and the Future of the Algerian Army</a>  | As the question of succession dominates public concerns in Algeria, divisions between Algerian President Bouteflika's supporters and opponents have deepened among political, military, administrative, and economic elites.   |

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