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WEEKLY SECURITY READINGS SUMMARY

Dates: 09 - 16 Mar 2018

| S/N | DATE | TITLE | SUMMARY |
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| 1 | 16-Mar-18 | Fueling Atrocities: Oil and War in South Sudan | South Sudan's leaders use the country's oil wealth to get rich and terrorize civilians, according to documents reviewed by The Sentry. |
| 2 | 16-Mar-18 | Iran at the heart of the Middle East | To many countries in the Middle East, Iran is a disruptive and difficult power. But Iran's goals are no different from those of other countries: it seeks to preserve its territorial integrity and secure its borders, ensure long-term development and expand ties with other countries |
| 3 | 16-Mar-18 | Egypt, Poised for a Comeback to the Mediterranean Region | On 6 February 2018, the Senior Officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Union for the Mediterranean member states confirmed the appointment of Egyptian Ambassador Nasser Kamel as the new Secretary General of the organisation. |
| 4 | 16-Mar-18 | Economic Fluctuations in Sub-Saharan Africa | In this paper we provide an overview of some of the structural features of the economies of sub-Saharan Africa (SSA), and a systematic characterization of economic fluctuations in the region |
| 5 | 16-Mar-18 | Mali: interpretations of the conflict shape the responses | In 2012, at the start of the crisis in Mali, violence appeared to be limited to the north of the country, in the Gao, Timbuktu and Kidal regions. Three years later, in 2015, the intensification of violence in the central regions has increasingly drawn the attention of the Malian authorities and international observers. |
| 6 | 16-Mar-18 | The Next Steps of North Africa's Foreign Fighters | North African countries are currently grappling with how to deal with returning and redeploying foreign fighters, as well as women and children coming back from formerly IS-held territories. How well they cope will have implications for both regional and European security. |
| 7 | 16-Mar-18 | G-5 CONVENTION | G-5 SAHEL, group of five countries from Sahel as follows: Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Chad. (Document in French) |
| 8 | 16-Mar-18 | The southern front line: EU counter-terrorism cooperation with Tunisia and Morocco | European countries have worked closely with Morocco and Tunisia on security, providing training and equipment for counter-terrorism and conducting some joint operations with Morocco. |
| 9 | 16-Mar-18 | Elections in Egypt 2018 Presidential Election | The 2018 Egyptian presidential election will be held over three days (March 26-28), as announced by the National Election Authority on January 8, 2018. This election takes place as scheduled at the end of the current four-year presidential term. |

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