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

## WEEKLY SECURITY READINGS SUMMARY

**Dates: From 31 January to 6 February 2019**

SOURCE	TITLE / SUMMARY
<b>READING OF THE WEEK</b>	
The Marshall Center	<a href="#">Shared responsibility and comprehensive security in the MENA region: conclusions based on Rome workshop deliberations</a> Insecurity in the MENA region has been growing significantly over the last two decades. Much has been done to counter this trend through direct military engagement, procurement of weapons, training, humanitarian and development aid, and engagement in security partnerships.
<b>NORTH AFRICA / SAHEL / SUB - SAHARA</b>	
Bonn International Center for Conversion	<a href="#">Energy planning towards sustainability: Anchoring Tunisia's energy transition to the local level</a> Tunisia faces three interconnected challenges: The first is overcoming its energy crisis and unsustainable fossil fuel dependency; the second is achieving economic growth to improve people's livelihood, and the third is moving forward with political reforms.
CIDOB	<a href="#">Tunisia's central bank steadies the ship of state</a> Likes previous other reports published by the World Bank, this document offers rich evidence on how politically connected firms capture the process of policy formulation and implementation, acquire rents and privileged access to resources and “tilt the playing field in their favour”.
International Peace Institute	<a href="#">Providing Healthcare in Armed Conflict: The Case of Mali</a> Three foreign military operations are currently supporting the government of Mali: the French Operation Barkhane, the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), and the European Union missions in the Sahel.
KKI Policy Brief	<a href="#">The Effect of Western Engagement on Libyan Peace Process</a> This analysis aims to present the engagement of Western powers in Libya and how it affects the peace process of the country following the Libyan Political Agreement.
German Development Institute	<a href="#">Towards a borderless Africa? regional organizations and free movement of persons in west and north-east Africa</a> Achieving the free movement of persons on the continent was a key aim of the 1991 Abuja Treaty, which established The African Economic Community (AEC).
International Peace institute	<a href="#">Providing Healthcare in Armed Conflict: The Case of Nigeria</a> Despite the humanitarian needs, the bulk of the humanitarian response and the only large-scale humanitarian structure are in the northeast. Therefore, this issue brief focuses on the humanitarian health response in the northeast.
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>	
Bayan	<a href="#">The 2018 Municipal Elections in Arab Localities: an Overview.</a> Elections in Arab localities in Israel were concluded on November 13, 2018, following a second round in some municipalities. This essay presents a general summary of the main political phenomena that characterized the elections in Arab localities.
MITVIN	<a href="#">Trends in Israel's Regional Foreign Policies</a> This document briefly outlines major trends in Israel's regional foreign policies over the past six months.
Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism	<a href="#">Access to Information in the Arab World “Focusing on Jordan, Tunisia and Yemen”</a> The public's right to knowledge and information is an important pillar in the democratic construction of any country. Information fuels dialogue among citizens, helping to bring about the most desirable agreement on political, economic and social issues
MENARA	<a href="#">Refugee movements in the Middle east: old crises, new ideas</a> The MENA region has been dealing with waves of refugee crises for decades. Addressing urban and protracted refugee crises in the region contributed to triggering reflection on the global governance of refugee protection.
The Arab Reform Initiative	<a href="#">The Syrian Diaspora in Lebanon: Between a Lack of Policy and a Policy of Alienation.</a> This paper is an attempt to monitor the situation of the Syrian diaspora in Lebanon from 2011 until today, without claiming full coverage of all aspects of the subject.
<b>TRANSNATIONAL ISSUES</b>	
Finnish Institute of International Affairs	<a href="#">Proposed Frontex Reform and Its Impact: Border Politics and the External Security Nexus in the EU</a> The EU Commission has proposed that the European Border and Coast Guard Agency, known as Frontex, should have a standing corps of 10,000 operational staff, who could be deployed anywhere in the world to willing host countries. Frontex would emphasize its focus on migration management and returns, and expands its tasks to countering terrorism.

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