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## ▲ EUROPE : incident transfrontalier entre le Kosovo et la Serbie

### *Serbian Forces "On Full Alert" After Kosovo Police Raids*

"We are aware of the hard and terrible consequences, and because of that we will continue to work on keeping the peace," Vucic said, but added that Serbian forces are ready to "protect people in the shortest possible time" if there is an attempt to attack them. [...] Vucic insisted that the raids were intended to scare Kosovo's Serb minority. [...] Kosovo Foreign Minister Pacolli accused Belgrade of exaggerating the situation for its own political ends. "A law enforcement operation conducted against organised crime networks in the whole of Kosovo should not be abused by Belgrade," Pacolli wrote on Twitter. He argued that the police operation was "not aimed against any specific ethnic group but against organised crime networks that function in a multi-ethnic manner".

*balkaninsight.com - article du 28/05/2019*

### *Kosovo : opération policière dans le Nord, la Serbie met son armée sur le pied de guerre*

La police du Kosovo menait une action dans tout le Kosovo sur ordre du tribunal de première instance de Pristina dans le cadre d'une enquête sur la corruption. « La KFOR confirme qu'il s'agit d'une action de la police et qu'aucun force militaire n'a été envoyée dans le Nord du Kosovo », a-t-il (Vincenzo Grasso, le porte-parole de la KFOR) déclaré. La KFOR a exhorté toutes les parties à « régler les différends de manière calme et responsable sans recours à la force », soulignant toutefois qu'elle était prête à intervenir selon le mandat qui lui a été confié par la résolution 1244.

*courrierdesbalkans - article du 28/05/2019 ACCÈS RÉSERVÉ*

### *Kosovo Police Operation Fans Tensions With Serbia, Russia*

"Kosovo and regional countries are familiar with the Russian agenda to destabilize our region." Haradinaj added. [...] In Moscow, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said that Kosovo "provoked" Serbia by sending its police force to enter Serb-populated regions of the former Serbian province. Zakharova said that the operation "aims to stoke fears into the non-Albanian population" and "seize control over those areas by force." The European Union, UNMIK, and KFOR, the NATO-led peacekeeping mission in Kosovo, called for calm.

*rferl.org - article du 28/05/2019*

## ▲ AMÉRIQUES : réplique de l'administration Trump face à l'affirmation de la puissance stratégique chinoise

### *Shanahan: China's militarization of South China Sea "excessive"*

A spokesman for the Navy's Seventh Fleet told Reuters earlier this month that operations in the area were necessary to "challenge excessive maritime claims and preserve access to the waterways as governed by international law." Two U.S. warships sailed near the islands in early May as part of one such maneuver, angering Beijing at the time and prompting a statement from China's government. "China urges the United States to stop such provocative actions," foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said in early May.

*thehill.com - article du 31/05/2019*

### *Tightening the Chain: Implementing a Strategy of Maritime Pressure in the Western Pacific*

In this report, the authors propose a strategy of maritime pressure to erode the Chinese leadership's confidence in its ability to present the United States and its allies with a fait accompli. The strategy, implemented in a new operational concept dubbed "Inside-Out," entails fielding precision-strike networks - particularly land-based anti-ship and anti-air capabilities - along the First Island Chain inside China's anti-access/area denial network, supported by air and naval forces outside it.

*csbaonline.org - article du 23/05/2019*

### *Trump Vs. Huawei: The World Is Watching*

President Trump's new Executive Order on imported technology bares sharp teeth at Huawei and other Chinese companies, but it doesn't have any teeth yet. The actual impact will depend on how the order is implemented over the next 150 days, giving the administration plenty of leverage. That timeline, combined with the wide discretion the order allows - it doesn't actually mention Huawei or any company by name - gives Trump plenty of leeway.

*breakingdefense.com - article du 17/06/2019*

## ▲ EURASIE : rencontre entre Vladimir Poutine et le secrétaire d'État américain Mike Pompeo à Sotchi en Crimée

### *Putin and Lavrov Rebuff Pompeo's Overtures in Sochi*

Pompeo and Lavrov held a press conference while waiting for Putin, which made little sense before the main event. When the head of state eventually arrived, Lavrov joined him in his talks with Pompeo; also present were the highly influential presidential foreign policy aide Yuri Ushakov and the Foreign Intelligence Service's (Sluzhba Vneshney Razvedki—SVR) chief, Sergei Naryshkin. No press briefing or conference was held after the meeting... Moscow is ready to talk to Trump but is not prepared to make a deal on anything of substance, believing the time is not right: If Trump agrees on something, he cannot or will not deliver, because of internal political problems, so there is no sense in making substantial concessions.

*jamestown.org - article du 16/05/2019*

### *Pompeo in Russia: good atmosphere, but no visible results*

In particular, the parties reiterated their principled positions on the issues of Venezuela, Syria, Iran, Ukraine and arms control. Among other matters, Lavrov urged the US to discuss the extension of the 2010 treaty on reducing strategic nuclear arms (New START) and to take Russian demands regarding the measures of its verification into account. Pompeo hinted that such a move should be part of a broader range of agreements, including with Chinese participation. Lavrov spoke about the need to implement the Minsk agreements with the new Ukrainian government; Pompeo called on Russia to release the Ukrainian sailors arrested during the incident in the Kerch Strait. Other critical topics have emerged; Lavrov accused the US of trying to interfere in Russia's internal affairs...

*osw.waw.pl - article du 16/05/2019*

### *Pompeo in Russia: Problems Remain*

Some of the other exchanges were more promising. Lavrov's tone on Iran was surprisingly measured, describing Moscow's goal as moderating tensions rather than defending Iran against the United States. Pompeo singled out Korea as an issue regarding which the two governments have worked well together. Neither party dwelled on the INF Treaty's demise—confirming my impression that the Russian government no longer wanted this treaty either. The mutual approval of the

Russian-US-China “troika” on Afghanistan is interesting—but only briefly discussed in the public session.  
*valdaiclub.com - article du 16/05/2019*

## ▲ ASIE — OCÉANIE : réélection de Narendra Modi et conséquences pour la politique étrangère indienne

*After Modi's election win, what's next for India in the Indo-Pacific?*

In the end, however, Modi succeeded, thanks to a well-funded campaign, a weak opposition, and his recent handling of national security challenges... Over the next five years, as over the last, it is likely that New Delhi will look to further strengthen its security partnerships with Washington, Tokyo, Singapore, Hanoi and Canberra. It's likely, too, that the Modi government will try to manage India's relationship with China much the same as before, oscillating between engagement and pushback when red lines are approached... Whether Modi can continue along these lines is not, however, completely clear. The international environment has become steadily more challenging since he first came to power.

*aspistrategist.org.au - article du 24/05/2019*

### *Indian Elections and U.S Ties: Time to Break Roadblocks*

The results of India's national election were released on May 23, and voters have given a fresh five-year mandate to the Narendra Modi-led Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)... Relations between the United States and India have been on relatively fragile footing for months. Leadership stability in India will help, but both nations must recall the long-term underpinnings of why this relationship matters and work hard to dodge a range of immediate dangers.

*csis.org - article du 24/05/2019*

### *Modi's Agenda 2.0 for the Middle East*

The resounding re-election of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a blessing for India's relations with the countries of the Middle East... During his first term, Modi had invested considerable political capital, time and resources in cultivating critical players in the Middle East, namely, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar and Iran in the Persian Gulf region, and Israel in the Levant. Through personal engagement and hardnosed economic interest-driven calculations, he managed to befriend leaders of these countries, who at times do not talk to one another. The second term should enable Modi to reap the fruits of his political investments and elevate his engagements to a higher level.

*idsa.in - article du 24/05/2019*

## ▲ AFRIQUE : implantation de l'État islamique en Afrique de l'Ouest confirmée par la revendication d'une embuscade au Niger

*Islamic State puts the Sahel in West Africa – for now*

Starting in May, Islamic State began to attribute insurgent activities in the Mali-Burkina Faso-Niger tri-border area to its West Africa Province affiliate. This region is far to the west of ISWAP's normal operational area around Lake Chad, but rather than a westward expansion by that Nigerian-led group, these claims appear to represent the promotion of the actions of the Islamic State in the Greater Sahara under the West Africa Province brand. ISIS finally recognized ISGS as a local affiliate years after its leadership first pledged bayat to Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

*thedefensepost.com - article du 30/05/2019*

### *What doesn't break Boko Haram in Niger makes it stronger*

Since the beginning of 2019, there's been a growing number of attacks in Niger's Diffa region, largely claimed by Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP), a faction of Boko Haram. Between January and April over 60 incidents were recorded. This already exceeds yearly numbers since Boko Haram first struck Diffa in 2015. ISWAP incursions into Niger are varied and strategic, targeting civilians as well as defence and security forces. A civilian death toll of 88 was recorded in March alone. The current surge of ISWAP incursions into Niger coincides with a recent change in the group's leadership. The attacks also raise concerns about the group's resilience and adaptability, despite national and regional responses.

*issaffrica.org - article du 29/05/2019*

### *L'État islamique a revendiqué l'embuscade qui a coûté la vie à 28 soldats nigériens*

Lors de sa deuxième apparition publique, via une vidéo diffusée le 30 avril, le chef de l'État islamique, Abou Bakr al-Baghdadi, a formellement reconnu l'allégeance [bay'ah] d'Abou Wali al-Sahraoui, le chef de l'État islamique dans le grand Sahara [EIGS] tout en demandant à ce dernier « d'intensifier ses attaques contre les 'croisés' français et leurs alliés ». En août 2018, l'un des principaux lieutenants d'al-Sahraoui, Mohamed Ag Almouner, a même été tué lors d'une frappe française. Or, ce chef jihadiste avait conduit l'assaut qui coûta la vie, près d'un an plus tôt, à quatre commandos américains près de la localité de Tongo Tongo, au Niger. Et c'est précisément dans ce secteur que 28 soldats de la 112<sup>e</sup> compagnie spéciale d'intervention de l'armée nigérienne ont perdu la vie, lors de combats intenses contre un groupe armé terroriste [GAT], le 15 mai.

*opex360.com - article du 16/05/2019*

## ▲ MOYEN-ORIENT : Golfe : intensification des attaques de drones revendiquées par les Houthis

*Yemen's Houthis attack Saudi Arabia's Najran airport again*

Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi group said today it had carried out another drone attack on Najran airport in south-western Saudi Arabia near the Yemeni border. “Houthis' Qasef K2 combat drones hit Saudi Arabia's Najran Regional Airport for the second time in 24 hours,” a military source told the group's Lebanon-based Al-Masirah. The source added that the airstrike was targeting a hanger at the airport containing warplanes. On Tuesday, Houthi drones hit an arms depot at the kingdom's Najran airport, causing a fire. The group said on Sunday that it would attack 300 vital military targets in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

*middleeastmonitor.com - article du 23/05/2019*

*Drone Attacks on Saudi Oil Infrastructure are a Calibrated Message from Iran*

The 14 May 2019 drone attack on two oil pumping stations in Saudi Arabia, allegedly carried out by Iranian-supported Houthi forces in Yemen, was a sophisticated operation. Coming at a time of increased tensions in the region, the attack represents a carefully calibrated response to the tightening of oil sanctions against Iran and the US Trump administration's policy of “maximum pressure” on Tehran. [...] This most recent attack represents a considerable upgrade in the sophistication of the Houthi's drone capabilities, suggesting the use of the 1,400 km range UAV-X drone. [...] By striking at oil export infrastructure that bypasses the Persian Gulf without inflicting serious damage, a calibrated message was communicated that these bypass routes are in fact vulnerable to attack.

*iai.it - article du 20/05/2019*

*In Yemen, the Houthis strategy has promise and risk*

The drone attacks on Saudi oil installations were clearly designed to increase the pressure on Riyadh. The range of the drones exceeded the previous confirmed cases of rebel missile and drone strikes significantly. The Iranians and Hezbollah almost certainly provided critical technical and operational assistance. The Houthis also said that they had local assistance from supporters in the Eastern Province which has a substantial Shia population. The rebels argue that they have every right to target Saudi installations given the Saudi air war against targets in Yemen, often civilian targets. They have claimed to strike targets in Abu Dhabi before, the drones used this week make it more likely the Emirates will be targeted again.  
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