

Press Review Jordan

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Foreign Affairs

- Jordan considers **sanctions against Qatar**. The diplomatic relations with the gulf state are supposed to be restricted and the influential Qatari TV-channel **Al-Jazeera** already **lost its licence** in Jordan. (June 6th, DeutscheWelle) > [Further information](#)

Domestic policy

- A **restaurant** in the town of Naour was raided for **servicing food** to students from the German Jordanian University. The security forces **arrested the owners** of the establishment and kicked the students out, raising the issue of the **freedom to eat in public during Ramadan**. (June 7th, AlMonitor) > [Further information](#)
- King Abdullah plans to **improve transport** in Jordan and to achieve the goals set for the **renewable energy sector**. During a meeting he emphasized the importance of **giving priority** to taking all needed executive measures, as well as making the necessary **legislative changes** to reform the sector. (June 8th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

Military

- The **German police** investigates against a number of **Jordanian soldiers** about the suspicion of **grievous bodily harm**. Within the military operation of the **International Security Assistance Force**, soldiers of the German Bundeswehr were attacked by Jordanians. The incident occurred already in **2014**. (May 31st, ZeitOnline) > [Further information](#)
- The **German military** is going to leave Turkey and **move to the Al Asrak airbase in Jordan**. Members of the German Parliament will have – in contrast to the current situation in Turkey – the **right to visit** the German soldiers there. (June 6th, Der Tagesspiegel) > [Further information](#)

Economy

- **Thirty-three refrigerated trucks** of fruits and vegetables destined for **Qatar returned to Jordan** as Saudi Arabia closed its land borders with the Gulf state. The trucks were carrying **over 600 tonnes of fruits and vegetables** worth hundreds of thousands of dinars. A **quarter** of the Jordanian exports usually go to Qatar, which means a **great loss** to the agricultural sector. (June 8th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

Education

- According to a recent **World Bank report**, switching to a **performance-based pay system** has the potential to improve the quality of **services** in Jordan in **education and health**. The report also noted that Jordanian children are not performing as well as their peers globally in math, language and science. (June 6th, JordanTimes) > [Further information](#)

Sport

- After the **lifting of the banning** by the soccer-world association FIFA, the **Iraqi national team won** its first game **since four years**. The play against the **Jordanian** national team ended 1:0. (June 2nd, ran) > [Further information](#)