

Press Review Jordan

16 to 22 June 2017

Foreign Affairs

- From June 20 until October, Palestinians in the West Bank will be **allowed to travel to Jordan around the clock** on weekdays. Starting in **early 2018**, travel will be allowed all year long. The **agreement to open the crossing** was concluded in coordination between the **Palestinian, Israeli and Jordanian authorities**. (June 16th, Al-Monitor) > [Further information](#)
- **King Abdullah and French President Emmanuel Macron** focused during their talks in Paris on the latest developments and means to enhance cooperation between the two countries. The discussions especially addressed **the Syrian crisis and the peace process** between Israelis and Palestinians, where both stressed the need of a **two-state solution**. (June 20th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

Domestic Policy

- On June 20 King Abdullah received the **annual government performance report**. The government will continue to focus on three policies. These include **reduced spending**, the **promotion of growth**, and a more efficient utilization of the **domestic tax base** in combination with the **cessation of subsidies** for non-basic commodities. (June 20th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

Economy

- The Agriculture Ministry **refused in May the entry of 107 tonnes of food imports**. Before, the ministry urged importers of fruit and vegetables to abide by its **import requirements**, warning that shipments which fail to meet local specifications will either be rejected or destroyed. (June 19th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)
- According to the World Bank report Jordan has embarked on a package of measures to **encourage green growth in the environment** aimed at benefiting from **local energies and reducing dependence on costly imports**. The ultimate goal is to create decent jobs and to implement reforms in the water and energy sector. (June 20th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

Culture

- After **Lebanon had banned the movie 'Wonder Woman'** because of the actress Gal Gadot who has served in the Israel Defence Forces there has been a **controversy in Jordan**, too. A Committee in the Communications Commission decided that the **movie will not be banned in Jordan** after all, and is scheduled to hit theaters throughout the country within the next month. (June 15th, Newsweek) > [Further information](#)