

## Press Review Jordan

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### Foreign Affairs

- King Abdullah has met with **US Vice President Mike Pence** and a number of other senior US administration officials during his **private visit to the US**. Discussions at the meetings covered the latest developments in the Middle East and means to boost **Jordanian-US strategic cooperation**. (July 1st, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)
- The Jordan government has announced that the **UNESCO decision to nullify** Israel's legislative and administrative efforts concerning **Jerusalem's East** and especially the **old city**, can be attributed to diplomatic efforts by Jordan. The government sees itself as responsible for the **preservation** of these parts of Jerusalem, making the decision a "big gain". (July 5<sup>th</sup>, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

### Domestic Policy

- In preparation for the **August 15 local elections** the filing of candidacy applications was conducted this week. Those interested in assuming posts as heads or members of municipal or local councils must have **completed 25 years of age** on July 3. (July 1st, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

### Economy

- The government decided to **lower the prices** of 90-octane gasoline, kerosene and diesel by 0.015 JD and the price of 95-octane gasoline by 0.025 JD. Under the decision, kerosene and diesel will be sold at 0.465 JD per litre, down from 0.480 JD, marking a **3.1 per cent drop**. (July 1st, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

### Military

- According to Syrian activists and Jordan's military, **missiles have fallen inside Jordan** amid intense fighting between Syrian forces and rebels near the border. **Three missiles** fell inside Jordanian territories, causing a small fire and slightly **injured a Jordanian doctor**. (July 1st, Al Arabiya) > [Further information](#)

### Tourism

- According to Tourism Minister Lina Annab during the 41st session of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee **Salt's historical town** will be nominated as a **world heritage site**. The city is located 35km northwest of Amman and would be **Jordan's sixth** world heritage site. (July 3rd, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

### Education

- Jordan will introduce a **new system** to compare and **rank its universities** in order to ensure a higher quality of education. The main

focus of the new metrics will be on **scientific researchers** as well as the **internationalisation** of student personnel. (July 6<sup>th</sup>, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)