

Press Review Jordan

07 July to 16 July 2017

Foreign Affairs

- Jordan has joined 122 nations in favour of a **treaty banning nuclear proliferation** in a vote held at a United Nations conference in New York. The treaty prohibits a full range of nuclear weapon-related activities. **No nuclear power** took part in the process and vote. (July 9th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)
- In a joint press conference, **High Representative Federica Mogherini** and **Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi** talked about Jordan's efforts against terrorism which are highly appreciated by the EU. A **soft loan** of EUR 200 mil. by the EU to Jordan was extended in the light of continuing **challenges due to refugees** and security concerns. (July 11th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)
- The decision by the **Israel government to close access** to the **Al Aqsa Mosque** after a shooting carried out by three Palestinians has sparked protests in Jordan. The **last time** the Israel government closed off access was **in 1969**. The Jordan government as well as the King are engaged in **diplomatic efforts** while **radical organizations** in Jordan have incinerated the discourse. (July 16th, Jordan Times) > [Further Information](#)

Domestic Politics

- The **Royal Court** has adopted a **code of conduct** for its senior officials in order to improve performance and transparency. Rules regarding nepotism, **financial disclosure** as well as regulations on conflict of interests are intended to provide stronger system of professional conduct. (July 9th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)
- The **lower house** has approved three bills concerning **judicial procedures** in Jordan. The new laws aim to set timelines for litigation and remove unnecessary procedures during the judicial process. There was **debate** about whether lawmakers had proper **input** as the government's proposals were adopted without much debate. (July 12th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

Economy

- Jordan has improved its ranking in combating **money laundering** and terrorist financing. Jordan now ranks 4th in the region and 35th internationally. The annual **Basel AML Index** currently holds Jordan as a medium-risk country. (July 11th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

Education

- Jordan's education ministry, with the help of UNICEF, has launched an executive plan to **universalize kindergarten** access in the Kingdom. With a rate of around 59% of children in pre-elementary education, a positive trend is visible but **socioeconomic and geographic disparities** are prevalent. > [Further information](#)