

## Press Review Jordan

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### Foreign Affairs

- Jordan continues to try to mitigate tensions in the ongoing **escalation in Jerusalem**. In discussions with other **Arab League** Foreign Ministers, FM Safadi stressed that Al Aqsa needs to be accessible “completely and immediately”. It was also discussed to hold an **emergency meeting** of FMs of the Arab League member states. (July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)
- Meanwhile the situation in **Jerusalem** does not seem to calm down. Two Palestinians have died while many protestors as well as security personnel have been wounded. **Palestine** has **frozen** its **diplomatic relations** with Israel; the **U.N.** will discuss the matter this Monday. (July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Aljazeera) > [Further Information](#)

### Domestic Politics

- During a meeting at the Finance Ministry, Prime Minister Hani Mulki outlined plans to allocate **budget positions** to the **newly elected governorate councils** in the new budget of 2018. This will be part of the comprehensive **decentralisation process**. The allocation process aims to be transparent but it seems that decisions to allocate positions will still remain with central government.(July 19th, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)
- Jordan has seen a number of **protests** this week due to the new security measurements imposed by the Israeli government after the shooting of Israeli security forces. In downtown Amman as well as in other city centres, protestors voiced their **opposition to the restrictions** and the occupation. (July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)
- Following the **sentencing** of a **Jordanian soldier** to life in prison after **killing 3 US soldiers**, the Huwaitat tribe (to which the soldier belongs to) has condemned the sentence as being “purely political”. The tribe organized **protests in Amman and Maan** and temporarily erected street blockades on the desert highway. (July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)

### Economy

- The **Chinese Ambassador** to Jordan has hailed **Jordan’s stability** as an important factor in **attracting investment** by Chinese firms. More specifically, the garment sector continues to promise good investment opportunities. In the sector of (clean) energy the Ambassador noted **potential for cooperation**. (July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jordan Times) > [Further information](#)