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ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Hamas: Toward Palestinian Reconciliation, or Abdication of Governmental Responsibility?
Gilead Sher, Kobi Michael and Liran Ofek
INSS – Institute for National Security Studies
24 September 2017

Despite the announcement by Hamas that it was willing to dissolve its *de facto* government in the Gaza strip, created as an act of defiance to the President of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, the reconciliation between both Palestinian parties still seems remote. According to the author, the decision of Hamas is suspicious and it could be analysed as a maneuver of distraction in order to divert international attention from Gaza to the West Bank. For its part, Israel has no substantive influence on the current maneuvers for reconciliation and should not intervene in this confrontation.

LIBYA

Quick Fixes Won't Block Libya's People Smugglers for Long
Claudia Gazzini
Crisis Group
14 September 2017

The recent decrease in migrants reaching Europe may be partly explained by payoffs to armed groups in Libya. In this Q&A, Crisis Group's Senior Analyst for Libya, Claudia Gazzini, warns about the risks associated with this policy, arguing that while working with armed groups may be necessary in the short term, any durable solution requires putting Libya's economy and politics back on track.

Tackling Radicalization among the Youth in Libya
Michael Asiedu
GPoT – Global Political Trends Center
September 2017

Young people have been one of the most relevant actors of Libyan revolution. They fought against Gadhafi and they defeated him. However, in post-Gadhafi Libya, they have been marginalised from public space. The under representation in Libya's political institutions is, as the author points, one of the main reasons of youth radicalisation. Indeed, this is one of the main reasons of instability in modern Libya, a country with three competing governments. In this text, it is suggested that youths should have a major public role and that this goal can be reached through inclusive policies and the creation of public fora where their voice could be heard.

MOROCCO

The Evolution of Morocco's Human Rights Movement
Mohamed Kadiri
ARI – Arab Reform Initiative
5 September 2017

This paper analyses the evolution of human rights movement in Morocco, through the study of its social, economic and political context. The number of these movements has increased over the last years. Despite the progressive openness of the state since the 1990's, the Moroccan government is still suspicious of the real intentions and ambitions of this movement. In fact, the