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CFC Afghanistan Weekly News Review, 01 May 2012

This document provides a weekly overview of developments in Afghanistan from 24 to 30 April 2012, including the following:

- Pakistan, Afghan and US officials meet to discuss peace and reconciliation process.
- Afghan government to outline plan at NATO Summit to combat corruption. Afghan cabinet minister & ANP under investigation.
- Afghan special forces member kills US soldier.
- Poppy harvesting season begins. Afghanistan reportedly produces 90% of world's opium.
- Afghan decree aims to reduce religious leaders expressing pro-insurgent messages in their mosques. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Afghanistan Weekly News Review, 08 May 2012

This document provides a weekly overview of developments in Afghanistan from 01 to 07 May 2012, including the following:

- "Afghan First" policy for procurement of military supplies may not continue after withdrawal of international forces.
- Afghanistan and Iran sign agreement to allow use of Iranian ports.
- US and Afghan governments sign Strategic Partnership Agreement outlining relations after 2014.
- ISAF admits responsibility for airstrike that killed family in Helmand.
- India withdraws from Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project. PRT in Laghman province closing. [Read full Review.](#)



AFG Monthly Thematic Report: Security Aspects of Peace & Reintegration

This is the final report in a four-part series addressing peace and reintegration in Afghanistan. The document reviews security aspects of the reintegration process in Afghanistan with particular regard to verifying, monitoring and protecting former insurgents, and discusses some of the benefits of successful reintegration. [Read full Report.](#)



CFC Med Basin Weekly News Review, 01 May 2012

This document provides an overview of developments in the Mediterranean Basin and other regions from 24 to 30 April 2012, including the following:

- Major refugee camps in Ethiopia and Kenya affected by heavy rains. African Union claims Somali military defeated al Shabaab in Mogadishu. Somali pirate negotiator convicted in landmark trial for involvement in several highjackings.
- Libya's National Transitional Council passes legislation on political parties leading up to elections. Ansar Dine leader gains power in Mali. African Union calls for end to hostility between Sudan and South Sudan. Sudanese president declares state of emergency.
- UN and EU condemn violence in Syria. Opposition calls on UN to deploy observers. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Med Basin Weekly News Review, 08 May 2012

This document provides an overview of developments in the Mediterranean Basin and other regions from 01 to 07 May 2012, including the following:

- US president invites African leaders to participate in food security session at G8. Mali's military junta remains in control after counter-coup. Chad calls for regional force to assist Nigeria in fighting Boko Haram. Protestors take to streets of Cairo to denounce military rule. UN backs US resolution calling on Sudans to withdraw troops to their territories. World Bank says South Sudan headed for financial collapse.
- Syria prepares for elections. Syrian and opposition forces not complying with ceasefire, but UN observers having some effect. Six-point peace plan being tested. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Med Basin In Focus: "Northern Mali & the Humanitarian-Security Nexus", 01 May 2012

This piece highlights escalating sectarian violence in Mali and its effects on civilians. Over the course of the last three and a half months Mali has experienced the rise of a separatist movement in northern Mali, a coup by military officers, the growth of armed Islamist and Arab groups, the self-declared independence of Azawad in northern Mali, and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Malians within the country and the region. All this at a time of drought and food insecurity. [Read full In Focus.](#)



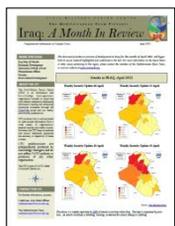
CFC Med Basin In Focus: "The Prosecution of a Somali Pirate", 08 May 2012

This piece highlights trial in which Somali Mohammad Saali Shibin, the lead negotiator for the pirates on the MV Marida Marguerite and the yacht Quest was convicted on 15 counts of piracy-related charges in a US federal court on 27 April. These charges included hostage taking, kidnapping and conspiracy. Shibin's conviction marks the successful prosecution of the highest-ranking Somali pirate ever brought to the United States. [Read full In Focus.](#)



Med Basin Monthly Thematic Report: Human Trafficking in Iraq: 2003 & Beyond

This document discusses the issue of human-trafficking in Iraq from 2003 until present. In addition, this report will explore the country of Iraq as a source and destination country for human-trafficking of men, women and children. Iraq has been host to an international presence from early 2003 to late 2011. An overwhelming amount of evidence suggests that a link exists between trafficking and post-conflict regions. [Read full Report.](#)



Iraq: A Month in Review (April 2012)

This document provides an overview of developments in Iraq for the month of April 2012, including the following:

- Kurdish authorities halt oil exports to Baghdad. ExxonMobil signs oil agreement with Kurdistan.
- President Barzani calls for deadline to reach power-sharing agreement between al Maliki's government and opposition parties.
- Sunni and Shi'ite regions pressing for autonomy.
- Iraq accepts Libya's request to assist its disposal of chemical weapons. [Read full Report.](#)



Kosovo: A Month in Review (April 2012)

This document provides an overview of developments in Kosovo from 01—30 April, including the following:

- Serbia's president announces his resignation ahead of May elections. Kosovo plans to prevent "illegal" Serbian elections.
- Serbia calls on UN mission in Kosovo for clear answer on administering elections.
- European Parliament calls of five remaining member states to officially recognise Kosovo as sovereign nation.
- KFOR steps up security in Serb-dominated north. Serbia and Kosovo police conducting arrests. [Read full Report.](#)



Upcoming CFC Thematic Reports:

- Peace & Reintegration in Afghanistan: A Compendium
- An Introduction to Counter-Narcotics in Afghanistan
- Human Trafficking in Iraq;
- Sudan & South Sudan Oil Dispute;
- Humanitarian Consequences of Piracy; and
- *Continued responses to RFIs*

Engagements and Events:

- 18-20 May Sudan Studies 31st Annual Conference
- 29 May Joint Forces Staff College – Purple Solace
- 30 May MGEN Lilland visits the CFC
- 12-13 June Humanitarian Space & Security in the Med, Italy (JFC Naples)

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