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CFC Afghanistan Weekly News Review, 01 February 2012

This document provides a weekly overview of developments in Afghanistan from 25 January –31 January, including the following:

- Taliban negotiators travelled to Qatar in order to begin preparing for talks
- Progress on the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India natural gas pipeline has been reported
- The French government announced its intent to depart from Afghanistan earlier than previously planned. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Afghanistan Weekly News Review, 07 February 2012

This document provides a weekly overview of developments in Afghanistan from 01 February –06 February 2012, including the following:

- The US Defense Secretary announced the US government's plan to shift to a training and advisory role in mid-2013
- NATO members discussed how to pay for the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) in the coming years, and discussions concerning the size of the ANSF were re-opened
- The World Bank predicts that Afghanistan's "bubble economy" will deflate, making life more difficult for Afghans, as aid declines in the future. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Afghanistan Weekly News Review, 14 February 2012

This document provides a weekly overview of developments in Afghanistan from 07 February–13 February 2012 including the following:

- A report indicates that the Afghanistan Peace and Reintegration Programme (APRP), which aims to demobilize and reintegrate insurgents, had attracted only 19 insurgents in Helmand province over the preceding 18 months
- US Special Operations Command is preparing for an increased role in Afghanistan as the presence of conventional forces declines over the next few years
- Carpet exports from Afghanistan have declined by as much as 70% in the past two years, thus undermining one of the country's longest-standing export-focused industries. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Afghanistan Weekly News Review, 22 February 2012

This document provides a weekly overview of developments in Afghanistan from 14 February – 21 February 2012, including the following:

- Afghanistan's Ministry of Mines launched the tender for rights to a portion of the Afghan-Tajik basin, one of the country's largest oil and gas deposits
- The leaders of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran met in Islamabad for a tri-partite summit, at the end of which they agreed to cooperate more closely in pursuit of stability and prosperity
- Afghan soldiers who have relatives living in Pakistan have been told to move their families to Afghanistan, cut relations with them or leave the Afghan National Army. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Afghanistan Weekly News Review, 28 February 2012

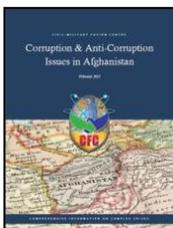
This document provides a weekly overview of developments in Afghanistan from 22 February – 27 February 2012, including the following:

- The accidental burning of Qurans at an international military base spurred violent protests which resulted in the deaths of Afghan civilians and members of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)
- The killing of two ISAF advisers at the heavily-guarded Ministry of Interior, reportedly in response to the Quran burning, led the Commander of ISAF to withdraw advisers from Afghan government ministries
- Afghanistan's Central Bank indicated that at least USD 4.6 billion was shipped out of Afghanistan in 2011 as part of "capital flight" motivated by concerns regarding future security in the country. [Read full Review.](#)



TAPI Natural Gas Pipeline: Source of Delays, February 2012

This report addresses the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) natural gas pipeline project and, based upon open-source information, identifies factors which have previously and could, in the future, delay progress on this key piece of regional energy infrastructure. It shows that, despite benefits for the four countries involved, the TAPI pipeline has been held up as a result of factors such as gas pricing, financing for the pipeline's corruption and security. [Read full Report.](#)



Special 6-Part Series: Corruption & Anti-Corruption Issues in Afghanistan

This volume combines the outputs of a series concerning corruption and anti-corruption efforts in Afghanistan produced by the CFC. The reports address issues such as the extent of corruption, anti-corruption institutions and the role of corruption in relation to education, infrastructure, investment and the Afghan security services. Each of the reports in this series – and in this compendium – highlight not only the problem posed by corruption but also the steps being taken to detect, discourage, penalise and prevent it. [Read the full Compendium.](#)



CFC Med Basin Weekly News Review, 01 February 2012

This document provides an overview of developments in the Mediterranean Basin and other regions, from 25 to 31 January 2012:

- Lino Cardarelli will act as interim general secretary of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) until a new secretary is appointed.
- The Algerian government authorised the establishment of 10 new political parties for the first time in more than 10 years.
- Medecins Sans Frontieres is suspending operations in detention centres in Misrata due to detainees being tortured and denied urgent medical care.
- Algeria, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Nigeria con-firmed the link between AQIM and the Nigerian terrorist group Boko Haram. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Med Basin Weekly News Review, 07 February 2012

This document provides an overview of developments in the Mediterranean Basin and other regions from 01 to 06 February 2012:

- In Focus: Sudan Oil Dispute
- The United Nations (UN) declared an end to the famine in Somalia on 03 February.
- Somali pi-rates are holding 159 hostages and 10 vessels.
- Tuareg rebels who fought in Libya's former Gaddafi army are now re-turning to Mali with Libyan weapons including anti-tank, anti-aircraft and machine guns.
- Boko Haram's recent escalation and change of tactics shows a growing link between the group and AQIM.
- The European Commission warned that a food crisis in the Sahel is imminent.
- The UN will investigate reports of a massacre in South Sudan of nearly 80 people by unidentified, uniformed armed men. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Med Basin Weekly News Review, 14 February 2012

This document provides an overview of developments in the Mediterranean Basin and other regions from 08 to 13 February 2012.

- *In Focus: The Emerging Role of the Arab League*
- *A new state called Khaatumo was created by leaders of the Sool, Sanaag and Cayn (SSC) regions of Somalia in January.*
- *Ayman al-Zawahri, leader of al Qaeda, announced that al Shabaab has officially joined the al Qaeda global network.*
- *In the most recent hijacking incident, pirates attacked the Greek-owned MV Free Goddess and its crew of 21 Filipinos in the Arabian Sea on 07 February.*
- *The French company Renault has opened North Africa's largest car plant in the town of Meloussa near Tangiers. [Read full Review](#)*



CFC Med Basin Weekly News Review, 22 February 2012

This document provides an overview of developments in the Mediterranean Basin and other regions from 14 to 21 February 2012.

- *In Focus: One Year Later: the Libyan Revolution.*
- *Renewed clashes have taken place in the Afgooye corridor in Somalia.*
- *Shipping companies will hire armed guards for additional security while traveling through Somali pirate-prone areas.*
- *Residents of Misrata cast their ballots for local council members.*
- *An attack on Bagafish market in the Nigerian city of Maiduguri is said to have killed at least 30 people.*
- *Egypt's prosecution of human rights and civil society organisations is "a serious violation of the right of forming associations"*
- *Approximately 330,000 South Sudanese living in Sudan have returned to South Sudan since October 2010. [Read full Review](#)*



CFC Med Basin Weekly News Review, 29 February 2012

This document provides an overview of developments in the Mediterranean Basin and other regions from 22 to 27 February 2012.

- *In Focus: The London Conference on Somalia*
- *The world's largest refugee camp is turning 20 years old.*
- *British government is standing up the Regional Anti-Piracy Prosecutions Intelligence Coordination Centre (RAPPICC).*
- *A new round of talks between Moroccan officials and Frente Polisario members will take place in New York on 11 March.*
- *The European Court of Human Rights ruled in favour of 13 Eritreans and 11 Somalis.*
- *In the trial of former President Hosni Mubarak, the verdict will be delivered on 02 June.*
- *UN, AU, Arab League, the Sudanese government and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement-North (SPLM-N) signed an accord.*
- *World leaders gathered in Tunisia to demand Syrian authorities end violence. [Read full Review](#).*



CFC In Focus – Sudan Oil Dispute, 07 February 2012

Details the South Sudanese and Sudanese dispute over the two countries' oil resources and the resulting economic and political repercussions. [Read full In Focus](#).



CFC In Focus – The Emerging Role of the Arab League, 14 February 2012

Provides information on the role the Arab League has played throughout the Arab Spring. Specific attention is given to the Arab League's involvement in Syria and Libya. [Read full In Focus](#).



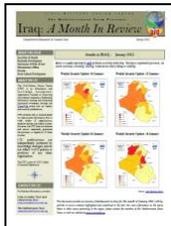
CFC In Focus – One Year Later: The Libyan Revolution 22 February 2012

Examines Libya's standing one year after the beginning of the revolution that led to the overthrow of former leader Moammar Gaddafi. [Read full In Focus](#).



CFC In Focus – The London Conference, 29 February 2012

Covers the London Conference on Somalia, which was held on 23 February and brought together influential stakeholders to discuss the future of Somalia. [Read full In Focus.](#)



CFC Iraq – A Month in Review (January)

This document provides an overview of developments in Iraq for 01 – 15 February 2012. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Kosovo Bi-Monthly Review, 15 February 2012

This document provides a compilation of notable news events reported on Kosovo for 01-15 February 2012.

- Kosovo's parliament approved a resolution on 31 January to close the International Civilian Office (ICO) in Kosovo and to finalise the provisions laid out in the Comprehensive Status Proposal (CSP) to end supervised independence by the end of 2012.
- NATO has identified 2012 as the year of a possible drawdown in Kosovo, reports Aviation Week.
- The first European Youth Parliament (EYP) Kosovo was held in Pristina between 9- 14 February. [Read full Review.](#)



CFC Kosovo Bi-Monthly Review, 29 February 2012

This document provides a compilation of notable news events reported on Kosovo for 01-15 February 2012.

- Kosovo and Serbia reached agreement on two important issues during European Union (EU)-mediated talks in Brussels.
- Kosovo Serbs north of the Ibar River cast ballots in a referendum on 14-15 February, voting overwhelmingly to reject the authority of the Pristina government. [Read full Review.](#)

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