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New Lines has spent the month of May focused on issues as diverse as Russia's genocidal intent in Ukraine, Pakistan's Baloch separatist insurgency, Lebanese elections, and the captagon trade.

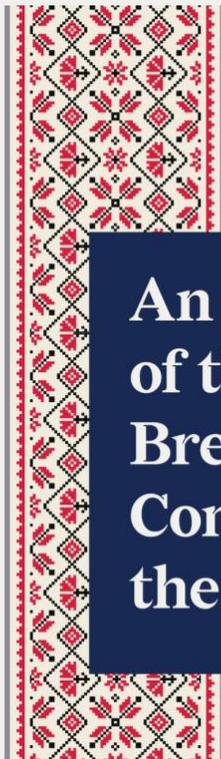
This week, the New Lines Institute released a [landmark report](#) with the [Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights](#) in an urgent response to the ongoing atrocities occurring in Ukraine. New Line's Dr. Azeem Ibrahim, Emily Prey, and Aram Shabanian spearheaded the efforts to produce the **first report of its kind**, featured on [CNN](#), [The New York Times](#), and other leading media outlets. The New Lines-Wallenberg report is an independent inquiry into Russia's breaches of the Genocide Convention.

Uzair Younus and Suleman Ahmed penned a Net Assessment, "[Attacks on Chinese Nationals in Pakistan Risk Creating Rifts](#)," where they discussed the rise in violent attacks targeting Chinese nationals in the western province of Balochistan. Heiko Wimmen's Terrain Analysis, "[Lebanon's Vicious Cycles](#)," explores how the May 15 parliamentary elections will sustain the ruling elites responsible for Lebanon's current economic crisis. And Senior Analyst and Head of the Power Vacuums program Caroline Rose moderated [a panel discussion on the captagon trade](#) with distinguished experts and officials.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter, and we thank you for reading and sharing.

An Independent Legal Analysis of the Russian Federation's Breaches of the Genocide Convention in Ukraine and the Duty to Prevent

Intelligence Briefing, May 26, 2022



An Independent Legal Analysis of the Russian Federation's Breaches of the Genocide Convention in Ukraine and the Duty to Prevent

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The New Lines-Wallenberg report is an independent inquiry into Russia's breaches of the Genocide Convention following its invasion of Ukraine. In this landmark report, 30 leading global experts conclude that Russia is in breach of the Genocide Convention. "We conclude that Russia bears State responsibility for breaches of Article II and Article III (c) of the Genocide Convention to which it is bound" writes Dr. Azeem Ibrahim.

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Attacks on Chinese Nationals in Pakistan Risk Creating Rifts

Net Assessment, May 18, 2022



As projects related to the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor continue in the southwestern Pakistani province of Balochistan, separatist militants are intensifying attacks on Chinese nationals in Balochistan and across the country. Uzair Younus and Suleman Ahmed look at the causes of unrest in Balochistan and the steps Islamabad can take – especially with support from the United States – to

handle Baloch unrest more effectively.

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Lebanon's Vicious Cycles

Terrain Analysis, May 13, 2022



Lebanon's May 15 parliamentary elections will likely keep in power the ruling elites that led the country into the economic crisis it faces today. Heiko Wimmen explores the potential domestic and regional ramifications if Lebanon becomes the next failed state in the Middle East and argues for the importance of foreign

aid and monitoring of domestic actors to spur the growth and recovery of Lebanon's economic and social wellbeing.

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Putin's Annexation Push in the Post-Soviet States

Countours Podcast, May 26, 2022



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In this segment of the Contours podcast series, Nicholas Heras is joined by Eugene Chausovsky, Senior Analyst at the New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy and a globally recognized expert on Russia, the post-Soviet states, and Eurasia, to discuss Russia's potential emerging strategy to annex breakaway territories in several post-Soviet states. Heras and Chausovsky deep-dive into a discussion on what the U.S. policy response should be to countering Russia's annexation approach.

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Featured Publications



Amid Grief, A Ridiculous Discussion

By: Ola Salem

May 23, 2022

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Afghan Women Deserve to Be Respected

By: Fazelminallah Qazizai

May 16, 2022

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The Suffering of Crimea's Tatars

By: Riada Asimovic Akyol

May 12, 2022

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New Lines in the Media

New Lines' staff have been sharing their informed analysis of current geopolitical events with other media outlets. Read these highlights of their recent interviews and publications.

[New Lines Media Center](#)

["Russia May Be Ready to Annex Breakaway Territories" in Foreign Policy](#)

By Eugene Chausovsky

May 24, 2022

As Russia's invasion of Ukraine hits the three-month mark, an important shift in Moscow's strategy may be emerging, writes Chausovsky.

["The Case for Scottish Independence Is Weaker Than Ever" in the National Interest](#)

By Dr. Azeem Ibrahim

May 16, 2022

Scottish Independence would damage the security interests of the United States and NATO, writes Ibrahim.



["By transporting the drugs from Beirut, the Syrian regime is trying to hide its direct involvement" in Mondiaal Magazine](#)

Quoted – Caroline Rose

May 2, 2022

An analysis on the social and political ramifications of the captagon trade in the Middle East.





Featured Video

NEWLINES INSTITUTE
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The Captagon Trade

A New Lines Institute Conference
Wednesday, May 25

10:00-11:30 AM EST:
Captagon's Participants

- This first panel will focus on the captagon trade's major state and non-state facilitators involved in production and smuggling, such as actors aligned with the Syrian regime, Hezbollah, and other organizations, and will discuss the trade's security and geopolitical ramifications.

11:15 PM EST:
Regional Response to Captagon

- This second panel will focus on the trade's implications for regional public health systems, national law enforcement and border security, and how regional governments are seeking to counter the captagon trade.

1:30-3:00 PM EST:
A US Strategy on Captagon:

- This third panel will discuss how the US perceives the captagon trade and the policy avenues it can take to address the trade's implications for health, law enforcement, and human security.

Zoom ID: 822 9016 4877



During a three-part panel conference with regional experts, Caroline Rose moderated a discussion on the [captagon trade](#) in the Middle East and beyond. From the Mediterranean to the Persian Gulf, the illicit trade of captagon has raised new concerns about regional health, law enforcement, and security.

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