

Dear Reader,

Over the last two weeks, our expanding team of experts has focused on topics of global relevance, from the ambiguous status of American hostage Austin Tice to the threat Hindu nationalism poses to democracy in India.

With the global spotlight on Russia's on-the-ground military capabilities, Brandon Weichert redirects the focus toward Russia's ambitions in space. Russia has spent the past decade organizing its military to win a war in space, which plays a critical – and often unrecognized – role in U.S. military operations.

Why are nearly a third of Ukrainian refugees returning home, choosing to live in danger in Ukraine? Alice Hickson argues that to prevent premature repatriation, host countries must be better equipped to offer refugees employment opportunities and essential services to remain grounded.

As the Levant region faces its own refugee-related concerns, Jordan buckles under the pressure of housing the second-largest Syrian refugee population. As the question of refugee repatriation becomes more prevalent and politically charged, midsize NGOs in Jordan, especially in cities such as Amman, can play a larger role in the refugee space to ensure that return succeeds.

The growing threat of “Hindutva” has severely undercut India's commitment to democracy, introducing the question of how this may impact historically strong U.S.-India relations. If the steady rise of Hindu nationalism is not halted, the theocratic India that emerges will destabilize the entire region – and the country itself may become ripe for genocide.

The New Lines institute is proud to present a new offering, Practitioner's Perspective, where thought leaders with distinguished careers in foreign policy impart their wisdom from years of experience in the field. In the inaugural entry, former Ambassador Frederic Hof focuses on the ten-year-old case of Austin Tice, an American journalist kidnapped in Syria. Hof details “the enormous

difficulty this or any administration faces in trying to free Austin Tice from the clutches of people unencumbered by ethics, morality, or decency.”

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How Jordan's Midsized NGOs Can Help Syrian Refugees

Gabriel Davis

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Frederic Hof

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Russia's Space War for Ukraine is Just Getting Started

Brandon Weichert

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Featured "New Lines Reads" Episode

Jordan is Far From Normalization with Syria



In this episode, Jesse Marks and Caroline Rose explain the ongoing security situation and describe how Washington can help Jordan constructively engage with the regime over illicit narcotics streams, border clashes, and other security concerns – short of normalization. Recent overtures between the Jordanian and Syrian governments have prompted concerns from the United States that Amman is seeking to normalize relations with the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, but the security situation in southern Syria is still far too unstable for Jordan to consider resuming its ties with its northern neighbor.

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L'Orient Today

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The United Nations Is Scared of Calling Out China's Genocide

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CNN

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September 2, 2022

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