

CONIAS Newsletter September 2018

Dear Reader,

it's September now, so here is our Newsletter № 9, which will give you an overview about what kept us busy and up at night the last weeks. If you don't want to wait another four weeks for new insights from our CONIAS work or have comments and suggestions, please engage with us directly via Twitter and Linkedin.

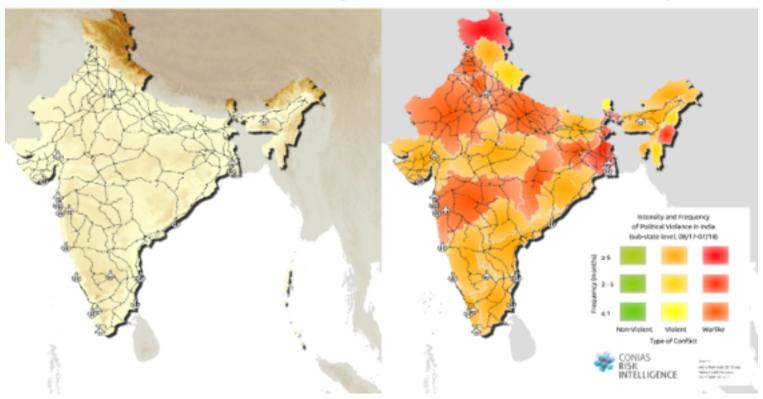
Hinweis: Ab sofort gibt es den monatlichen CONIAS Newsletter auch in deutscher Sprache. Eine Anmeldung hierfür ist ab sofort möglich und benötigt nur einen <u>Klick</u>.

For now, we hope you enjoy the read and look forward to further exchanges!

Your CONIAS-Team

CONIAS Blog: What made us think last month

India: Infrastructure Through the Lens of Political (In-)Stability



The routes to, from and through India have been central to world trade for centuries. Today, effective connectivity requires above all a functioning and resilient infrastructure. As especially container traffic has been rising significantly over the past years at India's major ports, the government launched the €110 billion project Sagarmala, aiming at modernizing or establishing dozens of ports. Moreover, India's aviation sector is one of the fastest growing in the world and also its rail network is considered to be very well developed - after all, 23 million passengers use trains daily. However, companies seeking to capitalize on India's advancing infrastructure and to integrate it in their supply chains should also be aware of political risks: Strikes, protests, and even terrorist attacks as well as regulatory risks might negatively affect or even disrupt production and deliveries. The political unpredictability of India remains a "permanent challenge" for many of the approximately 1,800 German companies active in the country.

CONIAS Insight: What you might have missed

Last month, we published the final batch of <u>nine issues</u> of our Risk Reports series, providing in-depth analysis of a wide range of political and economic trends in G20 and emerging market economies. One of them is

<u>Turkey</u>, whose economic troubles as well as a presidential feud with the US dominates headlines these days. As our authors did not only assess the status quo but also used scenario building methods to grasp future developments, they are also sought after experts and commentators. For example, <u>our analyst</u> Dr. Magdalena Kirchner had been interviewed on the state of Turkish Affairs by international (<u>Newsweek</u>) and German Media outlets such as <u>SWR2</u> and Deutsche Welle. Last but not least, we were featured in the



latest <u>blog post</u> of esri startup, one of our key partner for <u>digital solutions</u>. We are curious to find out what awaits us next month.

About CONIAS

In our daily business, we combine hands-on consulting on political landscapes with the steady and research-based improvement of our <u>methods</u>. We think that learning from <u>partners</u> and customers alike and growing with challenges is essential for start-ups like us, seeking to stay agile and customer-oriented. Curiosity and open-mindedness also drives the way we develop our products - the digital solutions from CONIAS help clients to evaluate and monitor suppliers in real-time. Our <u>maps and charts</u> support our partners in presentations for target audiences, customers and co-workers alike. Last but certainly not least, we provide deeper insights and understandings through background <u>reports</u>, webinars and <u>workshops</u>.

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