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Dear Reader,

The longest government shutdown in US history appears to be over for now but with new crises in Venezuela and on the future of the INF treaty, political risks loom large also in 2019! Like its predecessors, our Newsletter No. 2 aims at giving you an overview of what kept us thinking and our work of the past weeks. You don't want to wait another month for new insights from our CONIAS experts or have comments and suggestions? Then 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 [Klick](#).

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

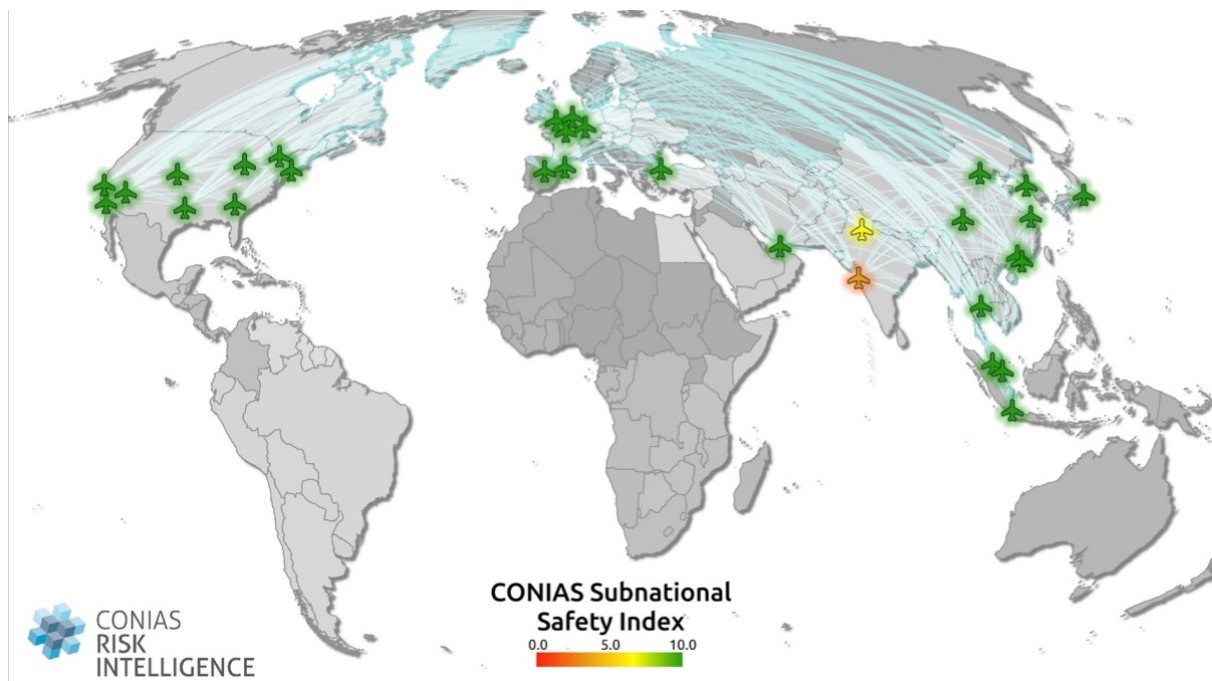
[Al-Shabaab Terrorism in Kenya](#) [What it means for Political Stability](#)



At least 21 people were killed earlier this week when [a group of al-Shabaab fighters attacked a hotel complex](#) in Kenya's capital Nairobi. The group itself, affiliated with Al-Qaida, has claimed that the attack was in reaction to U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. While this is not the first time that Kenya was attacked by the group, it comes as a shock to those seeing Kenya as an island of relative stability in East Africa. Why was Kenya attacked in the first place? What could be the consequences for local stability? And what should the Kenyan government do to restore order and mitigate the situation?

In our [#ExpertInsight](#) Interview, [Fabio Sälzler](#), Africa Expert at CONIAS, provides more information on why it's worth keeping an eye on Kenya in the following weeks.

CONIAS Insight: What you might have missed



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- Whether, to what extent, and where employees of your company can travel safely to and within any country of interest - especially when it comes to first site visits and delegation trips.
- How to assess the current security situation at production and supplier locations as well as important traffic junctions.
- Which areas could be safe zones for employees in case of a crisis and which alternative routes have remained uninterrupted so far

This month, we have two further reading recommendations authored by our CONIAS experts for you. First, the [Federal Agency for Civic Education](#) (Bundeszentrale für Politische Bildung/bpb) published a contribution by our CEO [Dr. Nicolas Schwank](#) on the development of intrastate conflicts, wars and violent crisis as part of its comprehensive dossier [Intrastate Conflicts](#) (in German). Second, [Dr. Magdalena Kirchner](#) contributed to a special issue on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Zeitschrift für Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik (ZfAS) with the article "A Decade of Turbulence: Turkey 2008–2018" ([Abstract](#)). On January 15, she was also interviewed by [Arab News](#) about the implications of US President Trump's announcement to withdraw troops from Syria and the possibility of a buffer zone in the country's north. Nicolas Schwank spoke at a conference on [forgotten conflicts](#) organized by the [Friedrich-Ebert Foundation's](#) Office in Sachsen Anhalt on January 31. The question, how and under which conditions, conflicts lose the attention and interest of the public eye, has been of great importance to us since our very first steps as a company with an [eponymous project](#) in 2014.

In the following months, we look forward to meeting you in person on several occasions and discuss further cooperation! Until February 7, you can still [register](#) for the conference "[Eine Welt in Unordnung - Strategien zur Absicherung politischer Risiken](#)", which will take

place on February 21, 2019, in Bonn. Nicolas Schwank will be there and talk about how to use [forecast and scenario methods to identify and understand political risks](#). For those interested in our [Risk Report Series](#), we recommend a visit to the [Hamburg Risk management Forum](#), on March 28. Also here, Nicolas Schwank will represent CONIAS and deliver a talk on [political risk analysis and our 25 country studies](#) as well as main takeaways and developments. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

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