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International

Refugee crisis

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban has announced that Hungary will stop taking back asylum seekers who registered in Hungary but moved elsewhere in Europe. The move is a violation of the Dublin Regulation, which stipulates that people are to seek refuge in the European country where they first set foot. This decision will also strongly impact on neighbouring countries including Austria, writes *Heute*. (**Der Standard, Die Presse, Heute, Kleine Zeitung, Kurier, Wiener Zeitung**)

In his comment in *Der Standard*, Vedron Dzihic, writes that Hungary's decision to suspend the Dublin Regulation is not only a "defeat for European refugee policies but also a defeat for the European concept as a whole". (opinion in **Der Standard**)

IAEA conference on nuclear safety started in Vienna

Four years after the disaster at the Fukushima nuclear power plant in Japan, a four-day conference on nuclear safety has started at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna on Tuesday. The conference will discuss developments and improvements in nuclear safety since the Japanese disaster. Around 200 international participants are due to take part, including representatives from Tepco, the operator of the Fukushima power plant. (**Die Presse**)

Allegations against UN Peacekeepers

New allegation have surfaced about UN Peacekeepers in the Central African Republic who are accused of having abused street children in the capital of Bangui. The UN said that the troop-contributing Member State had been informed about the allegations. (**Die Presse**)

UNICEF report

According to a report by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), 68 million children under five will die of preventable causes by 2030. Furthermore, 119 million children under five will suffer stunted development. (**Der Standard, Kleine Zeitung, Kronen Zeitung**)

Hinkley point

The Austrian government has decided to file a legal complaint against the construction of Hinkley Point, a British nuclear power station which was recently approved by the European Union (EU) commission and will be subsidized with 23 billion euros. In a commentary for the *Salzburger Nachrichten*, Martin Stricker criticizes the EU's decision to subsidize Hinkley Point, arguing that it interferes with a common European interest in a healthy environment. (**Salzburger Nachrichten, Der Standard, Wiener Zeitung**)

National

Refugee crisis

Most Austrians believe that the problems with finding accommodation for refugees are the result of bad management and organization, not to a lack of space, a new study has found. The fact that hundreds of refugees are forced to sleep in tents was a contentious issue. Forty five per cent of respondents said it was a disgrace, while 32 per cent said it was okay. (**APA**)

Donations for humanitarian crises

Austrians are more likely to donate money after natural catastrophes than manmade disasters such as refugee crises, writes *Wiener Zeitung*. According to the Austrian Fundraising Association only 2.3 per cent of Austrians donated money to help refugees. (**Wiener Zeitung**)

Climate Protection

Austria is heading straight for the scenario where droughts and floods will be the rule rather than the exception, Günther Strobl writes in *Der Standard*. Austria could lose control over its CO2 emissions; a combined strategy for energy and climate matters is needed. (**Der Standard**)

Referendum on Austrian EU exit

In a comment for *Kleine Zeitung*, Michael Jungwirth argues that while things do go wrong in the European Union (EU), the current campaign for a referendum on an Austrian EU exit cannot be the solution. Only within the European Union can Austrians face the great challenges of our time, such as climate change, the stabilization of Austria's neighbourhood (the Balkans, Ukraine and the Middle East) or the refugee crisis. (comment in **Kleine Zeitung**)

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