ethics, norms and identities; security programme. Two research centres: Centre for the Study of Civil War; Cyprus Centre.

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Transparency International

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Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

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