

## THE EFFECTIVENESS OF KAZAKHSTAN'S SECURITY POLICY

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**Introduction.** A condition for a sound and constructive public policy of a state is security. If a nation is under attack, internally, by a civil war such as in Syria, or externally, when Iraq and Iran waged a war, such violence prevents a country from conducting a solid public policy. Therefore, for the execution of - for example - economic policy and an effective political system, the condition is that internal and external security are guaranteed. This research focuses upon the effectiveness of the security policy of Kazakhstan.

**Materials and methods.** The project started with an analysis of Kazakh security policy, solely based upon its major security documents: the Constitution (1995/2007); the Military Doctrine (2011); the Law on National Security (2012); the Kazakhstan-2050 Strategy (2012) and the Foreign Policy Concept (2014). Next, statements of Kazakh security actors (departments, organs, ministers) will be studied. Subsequently, the impact of the Kazakh security policy abroad, its input in international organizations and the response to that by other actors in the international arena will be analysed.

**Results and discussion.** The Law on National Security fulfils the public role of the all-encompassing political strategy, considering that the National Security Strategy is classified. The Law on National Security, the Military Doctrine and the Foreign Policy Concept are the three basic documents of Kazakh security policy. The basic security documents rightly recognize that security is more than politics and the military; by also describing public, information, economic and environmental security. The emphasis on interaction and a joint approach of all actors involved in national security affirms modern security thinking, corresponding with Russian and Western policy thought.

**Conclusions.** The result of the preliminary analysis of security documents shows that Kazakhstan has a solid security policy with concurs with modern security thinking, in the East (Russia) as well as in the West (NATO, EU). But that does not say anything yet on its effectiveness. That has to be measured by its input in the international realm and by the feedback on Kazakh security policy by other international actors.

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