

## EDITORS' NOTE

Health security is nowadays defined as one of the components of state security. It is also an important sphere of human life and a public good subject to institutional protection. The concept of health security concerns the diagnosis of various health threats, but also (or perhaps above all) developing the ability to respond to these threats and shaping prevention in the field of health protection in the individual and collective dimension.

The COVID-19 pandemic, in particular, has highlighted how big a connection there is between the issue of public health and the issue of state and social security. But the epidemiological threat is only one of many aspects of health security. There is no doubt, however, that the pandemic and the risks associated with it have highlighted how important health security remains as an important component of national security.

The above issues definitely fit into the profile of the journal "Ante Portas - Security Studies", the latest issue of which was devoted to broadly understood issues related to health security. The current issue opens with an article by Jacopo Frassini and Zoltan Toth - two experienced experts in the field of military medicine. The article is dedicated to Healthcare in Allied Military Operations. Security aspects of public health issues are the content of most of the articles in this issue - Tomasz Gajewski discusses the subject of US intelligence forecasting health threats on the example of the COVID-19 pandemic, Svetlana Cebotari and Carolina Budurina-Goreacii analyze NATO's Role in Covid-19 Pandemic Management. Gela Giorgadze and Alike Guchua analyze The Asymmetric Threats in Global Security and the Military-Political Aspects of Biosecurity. Muhammad Maigari Abdullahi and Mu'ammar Bello take up the interesting topic of the role of the Nigerian army in ensuring medical security. The article by Monika Borek, Stefan Suska and Dorota Maciąg entitled *Emergency Medical Services in the National Security System of the Republic of Poland* deals with the subject of a structural discussion of the functioning of the emergency medical system in Poland. The article by Davit Kukhalashvili from the Georgian National Center for Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases is of a different nature. This text focuses on matters in the field of occupational health and safety. The issue is supplemented by an article by Muhammad Maigari Abdullahi and Mustapha Abdullahi, not related to the subject of medical security, devoted to the affairs of the political situation and international security problems in West Africa. A separate category is the analysis by Birta Cosmin Florin regarding cyber risks and threats for e-health portals.

We hope that the articles of researchers from Poland, Georgia, Nigeria, Romania and Moldova will be an interesting look at the sensitive problems

of security in the modern world - security considered on various levels, but referring to the most important social threats in the modern world.

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