

# TIMEP Monthly Briefs: March 2019

**March 2019:** At the Tahrir Institute for Middle East Policy (TIMEP), we strive to produce rigorous research, data-driven analysis, and policy tools that advance more effective policies toward the Middle East and Africa.

This monthly compilation of TIMEP briefs offers succinct, policy-relevant information on regional issues, laws, and policies, highlighting the context in which developments occur, their trajectories, and implications. Our law briefs provide insights into legislation produced by regional governments, with descriptions of the laws, analysis on their adherence to national and international legal norms and obligations, and information tracking their implementation. Issue briefs track and analyze ongoing, policy-relevant issues as they unfold, highlighting trends and implications on the ground. Finally, our policy briefs cover the policies and actions toward the region from the United States, Europe, and other relevant actors, offering greater clarity into the processes by which these policies are created and the anticipated impact on the countries toward which they are geared. These TIMEP Briefs are published and updated regularly, incorporating relevant developments as they happen.

TIMEP released the following briefs in March, all of which are found in this month's publication: 

- An issue brief on the **Return of Refugees** explores the data, stories, and international legal and policy considerations of Syrian refugees beginning to return home despite evidence of harm to returnees.
- A law brief on the **Terrorist Entities Law** explains how the law, which systematizes the process to designate an individual or entity as a terrorist or terrorist entity, fits into Egypt's counter-terrorism legal scheme and provides examples documenting how the law has been implemented since its ratification in 2015.
- A law brief on Egypt's **Investment Law** describes the legal and political contexts and implementation of the law, which offers tax breaks and other benefits for investment in underdeveloped regions in an attempt to revitalize the economy by attracting foreign investors.