

Food Crisis in the Middle East under Russia-Ukraine Conflict



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Russia and Ukraine, as important grain exporters in the world, are related to the stability of the international grain market. With the escalation of the Ukraine crisis, the global food supply has tightened and food prices have risen, causing food panic in many parts of the world. The shock to the food system caused by the Ukrainian crisis is a geoeconomic problem triggered by geopolitical confrontation, which has a wide range and deep impact, and has aroused the attention of the international community on the security of key resources such as food transportation and chemical fertilizers. Due to the heightened sense of crisis, countries in the Middle East have adopted risk management and control measures to ensure domestic food security. However, the share of Russia and Ukraine in the global grain trade cannot be replaced by other grain exporting countries. In addition, due to the impact of the Russia-Ukraine crisis, the number of people affected by food insecurity continues to increase, and the willingness and ability of the country to participate in global food security governance has declined. The growing politicization of food will make it more difficult to transform the global food system.

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