



# Peace Operations Update

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## EUROPE

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### Cyprus

#### Ban calls for decisive steps towards final settlement after intensive talks

Mr. Ban, who attended the talks between Greek Cypriot leader Demetris Christofias and his Turkish Cypriot counterpart, Dervis Eroglu, on Monday and Tuesday, said “limited progress” was achieved during the meeting.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (01/25)

### Kosovo

#### North Kosovo Serbs dismiss Tadic plan

Serbian President's "four-point proposal" to resolve the stalemate in ethnically riven North Kosovo has received the thumbs down from local Serbs and from the nationalist opposition in Serbia.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (01/26)

#### OSCE: Political interference hampers Kosovo judiciary

Kosovo's judiciary still fails to meet European and international standards, since it is not fully independent from the executive branch, a newly released OSCE report finds.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (01/25)

## West tells Serbia to pull police from Kosovo

Western powers overseeing Kosovo's independence called on neighbouring Serbia on Tuesday to quit "interfering" in the country and withdraw clandestine security forces.

Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (01/24)

## CAUCASUS

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### Georgia

#### New South Ossetian crisis averted?

The protracted standoff in Georgia's breakaway republic of South Ossetia between Alla Dzhioyeva, the opposition candidate whose victory in a presidential runoff ballot last November was annulled by the republic's Supreme Court, and the republic's leaders may be close to an end. Artikeltext

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (01/24)

### Nagorno-Karabakh

#### Armenia, Azerbaijan see progress on Karabakh dispute

The presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan have agreed to accelerate talks aimed at settling the conflict over the Nagorno-Karabakh region.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (01/23)

## AFRICA

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### Cote d'Ivoire

#### Security improving but root causes of unrest remain – UN envoy

Mr. Koenders underscored that the Ivorian Government still needed UNOCI's support, to restore stability, through the reform of institutions, facilitating disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants, protection of civilians and aiding in the return of refugees and internally displaced persons.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (01/26)

### Democratic Republic of the Congo

#### DR Congo election results show no majority for Kabila

With 432 of the 500 seats declared, President Joseph Kabila's PPRD party came first with 58 seats, followed by opposition leader Etienne Tshisekedi's UDPS with 34.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (01/26)

## **Guinea-Bissau**

### **Beyond compromises: reform prospects in Guinea-Bissau – new ICG report**

The successful resistance of the Bissau-Guinean authorities to an attempted coup on 26 December 2011 is encouraging. It confirms the stabilisation the country has been experiencing since the political and military turmoil of 1 April 2010.

*Read full article: [International Crisis Group](#) (01/23)*

## **Liberia**

### **UN steps up preparation of Liberia security agencies**

The outgoing head of the UN Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) Ellen Loej said Wednesday that efforts to prepare national security agencies to take over from the mission were being intensified.

*Read full article: [Reliefweb](#) (01/25)*

## **Libya**

### **Libya facing challenging transition, but authorities striving to succeed – UN**

Libya is going through a difficult transition, having inherited weak state institutions and an absence of political parties, the top United Nations envoy in the country told the Security Council today, adding that the interim Government is committed to addressing the challenges.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (01/25)*

## **Somalia**

### **Return of UN political presence to Mogadishu “historic” step, says envoy**

On Tuesday Augustine P. Mahiga, the Secretary-General’s Special Representative, moved to the capital of the Horn of Africa nation from Nairobi along with a number of his core staff from the UN Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS).

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (01/26)*

### **Somali and African troops hit rebel posts in Mogadishu**

Government and African Union forces began a heavy offensive early on Friday against insurgent strongholds on the outskirts of the capital, Mogadishu, trying to drive the Islamic militants they have long battled out of the city, officials and witnesses said.

*Read full article: [New York Times](#) (01/20)*

## **South Sudan**

### **Sudan and South Sudan leaders bid to defuse oil dispute**

The presidents of Sudan and South Sudan are to meet in the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa to discuss a deepening crisis over sharing their oil wealth.

*Read full article: [BBC](#) (01/26)*

## South Sudan shuts off oil in dispute with Sudan

South Sudan said Monday that it had started shutting down oil production and accused Sudan of seizing \$815 million worth of crude.

Read full article: [New York Times](#) (01/23)

## Sudan (Darfur)

### Darfur rebels split after leader's death: peacekeepers

A rebel movement that was once the most powerful in Sudan's war-ravaged Darfur region appears to have split into factions since the death of its leader last month, the head of the peacekeeping mission to the region said on Wednesday.

Read full article: [Reliefweb](#) (01/25)

## MIDDLE EAST

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### Lebanon

#### Ban appoints new force commander for UN operation in Lebanon

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has appointed Major General Paolo Serra of Italy as the new head of the United Nations mission responsible for helping foster stability in southern Lebanon.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (01/23)

### Syria

#### Arab League awaits Syria reply on monitor extension

Arab monitors will not stop working in Syria because of a decision by Gulf states to pull out their observers but the Arab League is still waiting for Damascus to respond to a request to formally extend the mission.

Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (01/24)

## CENTRAL ASIA

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### Afghanistan

#### Karzai meets Sarkozy as French threaten early pullout

The French president last week suspended all French training and support operations on the ground and sent his defence minister and armed forces chief to Kabul after four of their soldiers were killed by a rogue Afghan soldier.

Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (01/26)

### Talks with Taliban a long way off, American envoy says

No peace talks with the Taliban this week: That was the short message on Sunday from the American envoy charged with starting those negotiations.

*Read full article: [New York Times](#) (01/22)*

## OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

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### Four Kenyans to go on ICC trial over poll violence

The much awaited verdict confirmed charges of crimes against humanity against four suspects including Uhuru Kenyatta, the country's finance minister and deputy prime minister, and William Ruto, a former minister of education. Both suspects, who will stand trial at The Hague, intend to run as presidential candidates in the country's next elections.

*Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (01/23)*