



# Peace Operations Update

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## EUROPE

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### Kosovo

#### Pristina wants UN mission in Kosovo shut down

The Kosovo government is demanding from the international community to change the mandate of UNMIK, UN's mission in Kosovo.

*Read full article: [B92](#) (04/14)*

## AFRICA

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### Boko Haram affected areas

#### The region in Niger quietly piloting a Boko Haram amnesty

The bold experiment is proving attractive, but comes fraught with dangers.

*Read full article: [African Arguments](#) (04/20)*

## **Burundi**

### **UN concerned about surge in killed and forced disappearances in Burundi**

Dozens of unidentified bodies have been found across Burundi and incidents of torture by security forces and night raids on opposition homes by militias have surged, a top UN human rights official said.

*Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (04/19)*

### **Grotesque rape chants expose 'campaign of terror' in Burundi – UN rights chief**

Raising alarm over an apparent “widespread pattern” of rallies in many places across Burundi where young men from the Imbonerakure militia – the youth wing of the ruling political party – repeatedly chant a call to impregnate or kill opponents, the top United Nations human rights official has called on the authorities to promptly act to stop such incitement to violence.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/18)*

## **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

### **New divisions threaten stability in the DRC**

Two political accords and three prime ministers later, and four months after Congolese President Joseph Kabila was due to leave office at the end of his second mandate, credible elections and political stability in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) appear more elusive than ever.

*Read full article: [ISS Today](#) (04/19)*

### **Discovery of more mass graves reveal 'unfolding horror' in DR Congo – UN rights chief**

Raising alarm over increasing reports of serious human rights violations in the Kasai Central and Kasai Oriental provinces of Democratic Republic of the Congo, the United Nations human rights chief underscored that the scale and nature of the allegations could warrant an investigation by an international mechanism, such as the International Criminal Court (ICC).

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/19)*

### **Refugees free UN staff held hostage in DRC camp**

Unarmed South Sudanese refugees demanding to be moved to a third country had captured 16 MONUSCO staff.

*Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (04/19)*

### **Congo arrests two suspected of killing UN experts; one escapes**

Authorities in Democratic Republic of Congo arrested two suspects in last month's killing of two U.N. investigators in central Congo, but one of them escaped, the military's top prosecutor said on Friday.

*Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (04/14)*

## Libya

### Political momentum must be renewed if Libya's challenges are to be addressed – UN envoy

It is more important than ever to forge unity within Libya, the United Nations envoy for the country told the Security Council today, while he called on Libyan stakeholders to regain the optimism generated by the 2015 Political Agreement, which has faded and is being replaced by “frustration and disappointment.”

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/19)*

### Report of the Secretary-General on UNSMIL

*Read full report: [S/2017/283](#) (04/04)*

## LRA affected areas

### Uganda ends hunt for LRA leader Joseph Kony

Ugandan troops have pulled out of the hunt for rebel leader Joseph Kony in the Central African Republic (CAR), the army has said. He and his Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) group had become "weak", and no longer threatened Uganda, it added.

*Read full article: [BBC](#) (04/19)*

## Mali

### Bundeswehr kämpft in Mali mit der Hitze

Die Bundeswehr stößt bei ihrem Einsatz in Mali wegen des dortigen Klimas auf Schwierigkeiten mit militärischem Gerät. Das Verteidigungsministerium erklärte, die Einsatzbereitschaft der Gerätschaften sei derzeit nicht zufriedenstellend. Drohnen und Kampfhubschrauber bräuchten aufgrund von Staub und Hitze zusätzliche Kapazitäten für Wartung und Instandsetzung. Es seien bereits Maßnahmen ergriffen worden.

*Read full article: [Deutschlandfunk](#) (04/19)*

*Related coverage: [Mali too hot for half of Bundeswehr MINUSMA vehicles](#) [DW](#) (04/19)*

### UN blue helmets and Malian forces targeted in ‘cowardly’ terrorist attacks

The head of the United Nations peacekeeping mission in Mali today strongly condemned the “cowardly” attacks that took place against its personnel as well as members of the national armed forces, and voiced deep concern at ongoing insecurity in the northern and central parts of the country.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/18)*

## Somalia

### Dozens more US troops deployed to Somalia

Dozens of American soldiers have deployed to Mogadishu to train and equip Somali and AMISOM (African Union Mission in Somalia) forces fighting extremism in Somalia, U.S. military officials told VOA.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (04/14)*

## **Somalia (Gulf of Aden) /Horn of Africa**

### **Why Somali piracy is staging a comeback**

After a five-year hiatus, hijackers have taken five vessels in the past month.

Read full article: [The Economist](#) (04/18)

## **South Sudan**

### **Peacekeepers in South Sudan working to strengthen protection of civilians – UN chief**

The United Nations peacekeeping mission in South Sudan has done “significant work” to more effectively protect civilians and respond in case of a crisis, Secretary-General António Guterres has said in a letter to the President of the UN Security Council. The letter summarizes the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the independent special investigation into the violence in Juba in July 2016 and the actions of the UN Mission, known as UNMISS.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/19)

### **UN says 82 aid workers killed in South Sudan's three-year war**

A United Nations official said on Wednesday 82 aid workers had been killed in South Sudan's civil war and the number of its citizens displaced by the fighting now stands at 3.5 million.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (04/19)

### **Japan withdrawal from UN South Sudan mission starts**

[...] The 350-strong Japanese military contingent, based in South Sudan's capital Juba for the past five years, has mostly been assisting with infrastructure construction.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (04/18)

## **South Sudan / Sudan (Abyei)**

### **Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abyei**

Read full report: [S/2017/312](#) (04/11)

### **Special report of the Secretary-General on the review of the mandate of UNISFA**

Read full report: [S/2017/293](#) (04/05)

## **Western Sahara**

### **Ex-Bundespräsident Köhler soll Sonderbeauftragter der UNO werden**

Auf den früheren Bundespräsidenten Horst Köhler kommt eine neue Aufgabe zu: Er soll nach SPIEGEL-Informationen Uno-Sonderbeauftragter für den Westsahara-Konflikt werden. Köhler gilt als Afrikakenner.

Read full article: [Der Spiegel](#) (04/11)

### **Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara**

Read full report: [S/2017/307](#) (04/10)

## MIDDLE EAST

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### Lebanon

#### Strategic review of UNIFIL

Letter from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council.

Read full document: [S/2017/202](#) (03/09)

## CENTRAL ASIA

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### Afghanistan

#### Russia hosts Afghanistan meeting boycotted by Washington

Russia opened meetings with top diplomats from Afghanistan, China, and several Central Asian countries in talks that are aimed at bringing peace to Afghanistan but are being boycotted by the United States.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (04/14)

## SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

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### Colombia

#### Colombia's armed groups sow seeds of new conflict as war with Farc ends

Last year's deal with the guerrilla group left a power vacuum, putting authorities and residents on edge amid new violence: 'Everyone's nervous'.

Read full article: [The Guardian](#) (04/18)

### Haiti

#### UN peacekeepers ran a child sex ring in Haiti

United Nations peacekeepers in Haiti sexually abused nine children over a period of three years, an Associated Press investigation has found. It's the latest in a long series of sex abuse scandals to plague U.N. peacekeeping missions worldwide.

Read full article: [Foreign Policy](#) (04/14)

#### MINUSTAH will close by October, Security Council approves smaller follow-on operation

[...] Acting on the recommendations of the Secretary-General, the Council also decided to establish a successor operation, the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH), which would be mandated to assist the Haitian Government to strengthen rule of law institutions; further support and develop the National Police; and engage in human rights monitoring, reporting, and analysis.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/13)

## OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

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### UN, AU sign enhanced cooperation pact

The United Nations and the African Union took a step toward increasing cooperation and coordination between their organizations Wednesday, signing a Framework for Enhanced Partnership in Peace and Security. The agreement is intended to boost cooperation in preventing and responding to conflict in Africa.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (04/19)*