



# Peace Operations Update

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## EUROPE

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### Kosovo

#### Kosovo Serb MPs to support PAN coalition candidate

Srpska Lista (Serbian List), the main coalition representing the Serb community in Kosovo, said that it will back the candidate for speaker proposed by the PAN coalition, led by the Democratic Party of Kosovo, PDK, at the constitutive session of the parliament on Thursday. ... Kosovo's parliament has so far twice failed to vote for a new speaker because the parties comprising the PAN coalition were in disagreement over who should be the candidate.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (08/08)

## CAUCASUS

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### Georgia

#### Putin visits Abkhazia on anniversary of Russia-Georgia war

Russian President Vladimir Putin has visited Georgia's breakaway region of Abkhazia and reiterated Russia's support for the separatists. The Georgian government condemned the August 8 visit, which coincided with the ninth anniversary of the five-day Russia-Georgia war, as a "cynical action."

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (08/08)

## AFRICA

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### **Boko Haram affected areas**

#### **US military probing torture claims at Cameroon base**

The US military has opened an inquiry into allegations of torture and murder of suspected Boko Haram militants at a Cameroonian army base used extensively by American troops, a spokesman said.

*Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (08/07)*

### **Central African Republic**

#### **UN warns of genocide in Central African Republic**

The Central African Republic risks plunging deeper into a humanitarian crisis if the international community fails to respond to growing violence, said UN aid chief Stephen O'Brien on Monday. "Violence is intensifying, risking a repeat of the devastating destructive crisis that gripped the country four years ago," O'Brien told a special UN briefing. "The early warning signs of genocide are there. We must act now."

*Read full article: [Deutsche Welle](#) (08/08)*

### **Democratic Republic of the Congo**

#### **DR Congo protest to oust Kabila**

The opposition in the Democratic Republic of Congo is on strike. President Kabila's opponents hope to force him to announce a date for elections. But the government won't budge and it still has some aces up its sleeve.

*Read full article: [Deutsche Welle](#) (08/09)*

#### **UN report indicates Government participation in ethnic massacres in Kasai**

Violence in the Kasai provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) appears to be taking on an increasingly disturbing ethnic dimension, a United Nations human rights wing has warned, citing testimonies that Government forces have led ethnicity-based attacks.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (08/04)*

### **Liberia**

#### **New UN human rights office to open in Liberia in early 2018**

Although Liberia has made significant progress since the civil war ended, precarious human rights conditions have prompted the United Nations to open an office there early next year to monitor and report on the situation.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (08/04)*

## Libya

### Can the UN's new Special Representative make progress in Libya?

The meeting convened by French President Emmanuel Macron to find common ground on a solution to Libya's crisis may prove to be a platform to relaunch a political process, or it may be a road to nowhere. The efforts of Ghassan Salamé, who officially took up his post last week as the UN's new special representative for Libya, will have a significant say in determining which.

*Read full article: [Chatham House](#) (08/09)*

## Mali

### Escalating violence hinders aid operations in northern Mali

Aid operations have been disrupted about 70 times so far this year - with agencies hit by arrests, assaults, thefts and break-ins - surpassing a total of 68 incidents in 2016, according to the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (08/07)*

### European Union supports the stabilisation in the central regions of Mopti and Segou

In response to the invitation from the Malian authorities, the European Union (EU) will deploy a team of experts to support Malian national plans and policies, in order to counter the growing insecurity and to re-establish and expand the civilian administration in these regions.

*Read full article: [Council of the European Union](#) (08/04)*

## Niger

### Seeking alternatives for Niger's people smugglers

Niger is cracking down on smugglers, although those caught up in transporting people across the Sahara need real economic alternatives.

*Read full article: [UNHCR](#) (08/09)*

## Somalia

### 19 killed in clashes between Somali militias

The clashes Wednesday took place between al-Shabab militants and fighters loyal to former al-Shabab leader Mukhtar Robow. ... The former leader defected from the terrorist group in 2013. Since then the Islamist militia has been giving Robow ultimatums to leave the area and surrender.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (08/09)*

### Al-Shabaab holds its ground against Somalia's amnesty deal

Somali President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed (Farmajo) has employed a classic carrot-and-stick approach to al-Shabaab since taking office in February. In early April, Farmajo announced a 60-day amnesty for al-Shabaab militants, while also offering to open discussions with the movement's leadership.

*Read full article: [ISS Africa](#) (08/04)*

## South Sudan

### Deployment of UN-mandated regional protection force begins

The phased deployment in South Sudan of the United Nations-authorized regional protection force has begun, freeing existing peacekeepers to extend their presence to conflict-affected areas beyond the capital, Juba.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (08/08)*

## South Sudan / Sudan (Abyei)

### Tripartite delegation visits Khartoum to discuss Abyei

The Sudanese committee for the administration of Abyei area said a tripartite delegation from the African Union, United Nations and the UN Security Council would visit Khartoum on Wednesday to discuss the Abyei file.

*Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (08/08)*

## Sudan (Darfur)

### UN appoints Kenyan general to head Darfur joint force

Lieutenant General Leonard Muriuki Ngondi, a Kenyan national, has been appointed force commander for the African Union United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID).

*Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (08/08)*

## MIDDLE EAST

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### Iraq

#### U.N. warns of new wave of displaced Iraqis as fight against ISIS continues

The United Nations said on Tuesday that it was bracing to cope with hundreds of thousands of civilians likely to flee their homes as Iraqi security forces begin operations to drive Islamic State forces from their last remaining strongholds in Iraq.

*Read full article: [New York Times](#) (08/08)*

### Lebanon

#### US urges UN force in Lebanon to prevent Hezbollah weapons

U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley urged the U.N. peacekeeping force in Lebanon on Monday to step up efforts to prevent the spread of illegal arms in the south, which she said "are almost entirely in the hands of Hezbollah terrorists."

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (08/07)*

## CENTRAL ASIA

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### Afghanistan

#### Hundreds of hostages freed after rare joint IS-Taliban attack in Afghanistan

The Taliban released 235 hostages from a remote village in northern Afghanistan where it allegedly massacred as many as 50 mostly Shi'ite civilians in a rare joint assault with Islamic State insurgents, officials said on August 8.

*Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (08/08)*

### Kazakhstan

#### CSTO rift grows between Moscow and Astana

Kazakhstan's emphatic refusal to deploy peacekeepers to Syria contrasted markedly with Kyrgyzstan's openness to a potential deployment, and reveals a growing rift between Astana and Moscow over the mandate of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO).

*Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (08/06)*

### Kyrgyzstan

#### Three Kyrgyz opposition parties unite, will field single presidential candidate

Lawmakers representing the Onuguu-Progress party said on August 7 that its leader, Bakyt Torobaev, Mekenim-Kyrgyzstan (My Land - Kyrgyzstan) party chief Adakhan Madumarov, and Ata-Jurt (Homeland) party co-Chairmen Akmatbek Keldibekov and Kamchybek Tashiev had decided to create a new political party.

*Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (08/07)*

### Tajikistan

#### Tajikistan accuses Iran of involvement in 1990s civil war

Tajikistan on Wednesday accused Iran of sending assassins and saboteurs into the former Soviet republic in the 1990s, when it was embroiled in a civil war against an Islamist-led rebel force. ... The confessions mark the first time Iran has been publicly accused of involvement in Tajikistan's 1992-97 civil war.

*Read full article: [Reuters](#) (08/09)*

## SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

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### Colombia

#### UN Mission team ambushed; one wounded in attack

A team from the United Nations Mission in Colombia was ambushed on Sunday while working to uncover explosives left by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC-EP) in the Caloto municipality in the south-west of the country.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (08/07)*

## OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

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#### Protests over election fraud claim turn deadly in Kenya

At least five people have been killed in post-election violence in Kenya after opposition leader Raila Odinga claimed "massive" fraud in Tuesday's vote. ... Odinga rejected the partial results of the presidential polls, saying hackers infiltrated the database of Kenya's election body to manipulate the "democratic process".

*Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (08/10)*

#### SSR, a pillar for peace and stability in West Africa and the Sahel

In June 2016, the Heads of States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) adopted a policy framework on security sector reform and governance (SSRG) which is in coherence with the African Union as well as the UN SSR policies. ECOWAS is currently in the process of disseminating the policy throughout the region for better ownership and operationalisation.

*Read full article: [UNOWAS](#) (08/07)*

*Read the quarterly report by the UN Office for West Africa and the Sahel [here](#)*

#### Mozambique president, opposition leader meet for first time since 2015

Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi and opposition leader Afonso Dhlakama met over the weekend for the first time since 2015, raising hopes of an end to violence following a disputed election three years ago.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (08/07)*

#### Carla Del Ponte: War crimes expert quits UN Syria inquiry

Former war crimes prosecutor Carla Del Ponte has announced she is quitting a United Nations commission investigating human rights abuses in Syria because it "does absolutely nothing". ... Ms Del Ponte, a former Swiss attorney general, made her name probing war crimes in Rwanda and the ex-Yugoslavia.

*Read full article: [BBC](#) (08/06)*