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### ZIF Policy Briefing | Operationalizing Conflict Prevention: The Role of Civil Affairs Officers in Local Conflict Management

While conflict prevention is often seen as an activity undertaken at the national level with key actors involved residing in capitals, more and more, practitioners are focusing on local conflict dynamics, realizing the importance of addressing these conflicts as part of a wider conflict prevention strategy. With hundreds of civil affairs officers in the field, the UN has a valuable channel through which it can pursue local conflict prevention and management.

As part of ZIF's series on operationalizing conflict prevention in the field, the current *ZIF Policy Briefing* focuses on the role of civil affairs officers in local conflict management and how their activities are essential to a broader conflict prevention strategy.

Download the paper [here](#)

## EUROPE

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### Bosnia and Herzegovina

#### Security Council re-authorizes EU-led force

The Security Council on Tuesday extended the authorization of the European Union-led multinational stabilization force in Bosnia and Herzegovina for an additional year, following an analysis by a United Nations envoy that a resurgence of divisive nationalism is threatening to take the country backwards.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/07)

## Fifty-second report of the High Representative on Bosnia and Herzegovina

Read full report: [S/2017/922](#) (11/02)

### Kosovo

#### Haradinaj to go to Brussels; dialogue won't resume soon

According to the agency [Beta], he will attend a meeting of the Council for the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) between the EU and Kosovo - but there are no signs that the dialogue with between Belgrade and Pristina on normalizing relations might resume anytime soon.

Read full article: [B92](#) (11/08)

#### Report of the Secretary-General on UNMIK

Read full report: [S/2017/911](#) (10/31)

### Serbia

#### Serbia wants to join civilian peacekeeping missions

The Serbian defense minister [Aleksandar Vulin] added that it was "time for Serbia to start considering participation in civilian missions next year." Vulin, who spoke at a conference on the establishment of a system for the participation of civilian experts in multinational operations of the OSCE, EU and UN, also said that his ministry "has strong and profound experience in peacekeeping missions."

Read full article: [B92](#) (11/07)

### Ukraine

#### Poroshenko, Tillerson discuss UN peacekeeping plan

A November 4 statement said Poroshenko and Tillerson held a telephone conversation during which they "coordinated further steps for the deployment of an international UN mission" in the separatist-held parts of the Luhansk and Donetsk regions, including the border between those areas and Russia, which Kyiv says is used to ship weapons and military personnel in from Russia.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (11/05)

#### UN warns of humanitarian impact of increased hostilities in eastern Ukraine

The United Nations has raised "extreme" concern that an escalation of fighting near water infrastructures in the eastern Ukrainian region of Donetsk could lead to a deadly chlorine gas disaster.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (11/08)

### Burundi

#### ICC orders war crimes probe

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has granted chief prosecutor Fatou Bensouda's request to open war crimes investigation in Burundi. ... In a statement Thursday, the court said it allowed the probe on October 25, two days before Burundi formally withdrew from the Rome Statute that established the ICC.

*Read full article: [The East African](#) (11/09)*

### Central African Republic

#### Security Council considers boost in UN peacekeepers numbers

[...] Briefing the Council, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for CAR, Parfait Onanga-Anyanga, said the proposal to increase the strength of the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission (MINUSCA) by 900 troops is part of “a comprehensive strategy to address the deteriorating situation,” while working closely with the Government and creating space for the political process.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/06)*

### Democratic Republic of the Congo

#### UN watchdog tells Congo to hold election, clean up human rights

The UN Human Rights Committee on Thursday gave Democratic Republic of Congo a year to report on actions it has taken to hold free and fair elections and clean up its rights record. The UN watchdog, whose 18 independent experts monitor countries' compliance with a global human rights treaty, said Congo should come back with an explanation by Nov. 10, 2018, rather than after the regular four years between reviews.

*Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (11/09)*

#### DR Congo opposition rejects new presidential election date

[...] On Sunday, Congo's CENI elections commission announced the election, which term limits currently bar Kabila from taking part in, will be held on December 23, 2018 with the winner to be sworn in on January 13, 2019.

*Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (11/08)*

#### Security Council underscores need to bring killers of UN experts to justice

Reiterating the need to bring to justice the killers of two United Nations expert in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Security Council urged the country's authorities to continue to cooperate with investigations into the incident.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/07)*

## **Libya**

### **ICC vows new Libya charges if crimes continue**

The prosecutor at the International Criminal Court warned Wednesday that the situation in Libya “remains dire” and promised to seek new arrest warrants if serious crimes don’t stop.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (11/09)*

### **EUBAM returning to Libya with wider mandate than just borders**

An enlarged European Union Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) is shortly returning to Libya with a wider mandate that includes providing guidance on internal policing and the rule of law and justice. ... The EU has given EUBAM a 16-month mission funded with €17 million. The team will build from 20 to 38 personnel. An advance party is currently in Tripoli organising facilities.

*Read full article: [Libya Herald](#) (11/08)*

## **Mali**

### **G5 Sahel launches military operation in African scrublands**

A long-awaited multi-national military force in Africa's Sahel region has begun operations to counter escalating Islamist insurgencies, participants in the joint effort said Thursday. ... The first mission, called "HAW BI," comprises several hundred soldiers from Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, whose shared borderlands have been the epicenter of a surge in militant attacks, G5 Sahel said in a statement.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (11/02)*

## **Somalia**

### **African Union to start peacekeepers pull out from Somalia**

The African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom) will start withdrawing troops gradually from Somalia next month, an official has said. The Special Representative of the chairperson of the African Union Commission (SRCC) for Somalia, Mr Francisco Madeira, said that the first contingent of 1,000 peacekeepers will leave from end of December. He indicated that the initiative would continue till end of 2020, anticipating the building of the Somali National Army to assume the country’s security responsibilities.

*Read full article: [The East African](#) (11/08)*

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

### **UN Security Council urges ‘comprehensive response’ to piracy off Somali coast**

Condemning the acts of piracy and armed robbery at sea off the coast of Somalia, the United Nations Security Council today called for a comprehensive response to prevent and suppress such acts and tackle their underlying causes. In a resolution adopted Tuesday, the 15-member Council also urged Somali authorities, to continue expedite the passing of comprehensive anti-piracy and maritime laws, to establish security forces with clear roles and jurisdictions to enforce these laws, as well as strengthen the capacity of its Somali courts to investigate and prosecute those responsible for piracy.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/07)*

## South Sudan

### South Sudan military commander defects

A South Sudanese military commander has defected with more than 200 soldiers to the country's largest rebel group, amid a showdown between President Salva Kiir and his former military chief.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (11/08)

## Sudan (Darfur)

### Report of the Secretary-General on UNAMID

Read full report: [S/2017/907](#) (10/27)

## MIDDLE EAST

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### Lebanon

#### As Prime Minister's resigns, UN chief hopes all sides focus on support for State institutions

Concerned by the news that Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri has offered to resign, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres on Sunday expressed the hope that all sides will focus on supporting the continuity of Lebanon's State institutions.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/05)

## CENTRAL ASIA

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### Afghanistan

#### NATO Ministers expected to decide on increasing troops in Afghanistan

NATO defense ministers during a second day of meetings are expected to decide to increase the number of troops in Afghanistan from the current 13,000 to 16,000 to aid the Kabul government in its fight against the Taliban.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (11/09) [Reuters / Yahoo News](#) (11/09)

#### Attacks against places of worship in Afghanistan rise sharply, UN warns

Afghanistan has seen a sharp increase in attacks against places of worship, religious leaders and worshippers, with civilian casualties since 2016 representing nearly double the cumulative number of the preceding seven years, the United Nations mission in the country said Tuesday in a special report.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/07)

## SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

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### Haiti

#### UN 'will walk with Haiti' on path towards sustainable development, senior official pledges

[...] The high-level delegation was dispatched by Secretary-General António Guterres to reaffirm the commitment of the United Nations to the Haitian people in a “new spirit of partnership.”

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/05)*

## OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

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#### How Trump's budget cuts impact security in Africa

The African Union (AU) – United States (US) High-Level Dialogue is scheduled for 16 November 2017. ... The funding of peacekeeping operations in Africa and the controversial travel bans are currently the main sticking points in the relationship.

*Read full article: [ISS Africa](#) (11/07)*

#### Security Council recognizes contributions of police components to UN peacekeeping

The Security Council on Monday adopted a resolution stressing the important contribution that United Nations policing can provide in peacekeeping and special political missions throughout the conflict cycle. In the unanimously approved text, the 15-member body, while stressing the primacy of political solutions to conflict, resolved to include, on a case by case basis, policing as an integral part of the mandates and decision-making structures of UN peacekeeping operations and special political missions.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (11/06)*

#### Restructuring of the UN peace and security pillar – report of the Secretary-General

*Read full report: [A/72/525](#) (10/13)*

#### Progress on UN peacekeeping reform: HIPPO and beyond

[...] This study aims to provide an overview of the implementation of the HIPPO recommendations up to this point in time, and developments regarding these topics, and stipulate policy margins on the way forward.

*Read full report: [Clingendael](#) (October 2017)*

### Elections

#### Kenya's parliament takes 3-week break at opposition's request

Deadlock over the allocation of leadership posts has forced Kenya's parliament into an unscheduled three-week recess, lawmakers said on Wednesday, indicating a protracted political crisis could reverberate beyond the October election.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (08/11)*