



Peace Operations Update

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NEW ZIF PUBLICATIONS

ZIF Policy Briefing | Current Peace Operations – an Overview

The international order is in turmoil. The number, intensity and complexity of conflicts is likely to rise in coming years. To prepare for these challenges, German foreign and security policy has undergone a number of review processes in recent years. All emphasize the central importance of international peace operations in the prevention and stabilization of conflicts. As a result, the Federal Government as well as the **Bundestag** have committed to strengthening this instrument. To inform this debate, ZIF's new *Policy Briefing* gives an overview of the current operations by the UN, EU, OSCE, NATO, and AU, lists challenges and sketches possible developments.

Download the paper [here](#) (German only)

ZIF Policy Briefing | **Reforming the United Nations' Peace and Security Pillar**

Reform is a perennial issue at the United Nations. While Secretary-General António Guterres has been no different than his predecessors in trying to push reform initiatives through the UN membership, his proposals are being viewed as far more encompassing. Whether or not the reforms will have any impact on the efficacy of the organization and its ability to prevent conflict may take years to assess. But it is clear that reform is needed. In this ZIF *Policy Briefing*, Tanja Bernstein focuses on the two dimensions of reform of the peace and security pillar proposed by Guterres: the review of the peace and security architecture and management reform.

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EUROPE

Kosovo

Kosovo no longer needs EULEX, says Pristina official

Kosovo Justice Minister Abelard Tahiri claims Kosovo justice system has capacities to commence its duties and does not need EU's rule of law mission, EULEX.

Read full article: [B92](#) (04/10)

AFRICA

Burundi

Security Council urges dialogue amid deteriorating political and humanitarian situation

Expressing deep concern over the slow pace of the inter-Burundian dialogue and the lack of engagement by the Government, the United Nations Security Council called on all stakeholders, in particular the authorities to commit to the dialogue and reach an agreement ahead of the 2020 elections.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/05)

Central African Republic

UN: Central African Republic corpse protest was propaganda

The UN says protesters who placed corpses in front of their headquarters in the Central African Republic (CAR) were using the bodies for "propaganda". "Some people are using dead bodies... to say that we have killed civilians," a UN spokesman told the BBC. On Wednesday, demonstrators calling for an end to violence put 17 bodies outside the UN building in Bangui.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (04/12) [Reuters AlertNet](#) (04/11)

UN chief condemns attacks against peacekeepers

[...] A Rwandan peacekeeper serving the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) was killed and eight others of the mission were injured during the incident in the capital, Bangui. The incident followed a joint operation launched on 8 April by MINUSCA and the Central African forces and police to disarm and arrest heavily armed criminal groups, ...

Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/11)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

UN calls on DRC to not shun pledging conference

The United Nations says it hopes the Democratic Republic of Congo will attend a donors' conference in Geneva later this week aimed at raising \$1.7 billion for life-saving aid. DRC authorities say they will boycott the conference because the UN's description of Congo's humanitarian crisis as "catastrophic" is false and gives the country "a bad image."

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (04/11)

Feature: Peacekeeping's eye in the sky

The Democratic Republic of the Congo serves as a testing ground for using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for surveillance, with the United Nations using UAVs for its peacekeeping mission.

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

UN Security Council urges an end to recurring cycles of instability in Great Lakes region
[...] **“The negative forces, including the Allied Democratic Forces, continue to attack and terrify the population, causing suffering and displacement, and fuelling mistrust between the countries of the region,”** said the Special Envoy for the Great Lakes, Said Djinnit.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/10)

Libya

Libya's continuing war economy is making a functioning state less likely: report

As Libya's war economy persists, prospects for the restoration of functioning central governance become more distant, concluded a Chatham House report published today.

Read full article: [Libya Herald](#) (04/12)

UN report documents horrors faced by thousands held in arbitrary detention in Libya

The study, by the UN human rights office, OHCHR, and the UN Support Mission in the country, known as UNSMIL, estimates that some 6,500 people are being held in official prisons while thousands more are in facilities nominally under the authorities or that are directly run by armed groups, some of which are affiliated with the State.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/10)

Mali

France to propose first UN targeted sanctions over Mali violence

[...] The 15-member council last September established a Mali sanctions regime that allows the body to blacklist anyone who violates or obstructs the 2015 peace deal, hinders the delivery of aid, commits human rights abuses or recruits child soldiers. But so far it has not designated anyone.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (04/12)

Estonia to send soldiers to Mali

Estonia's government has decided to send up to 50 soldiers to Mali for a one year mission to support the French Barkhane force in the region.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (04/12)

'Time to move from promises to action;' UN envoy urges Malian parties to peace accord

While Malians must ensure the successful holding of elections this year, their priority should be the implementation of the 2015 peace agreement, a senior United Nations official said Wednesday.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/11)

UN strongly condemns latest deadly attack on peacekeepers in northern Mali

Late Friday night the United Nations Security Council condemned “in the strongest terms” an attack earlier in the day on a vehicle of the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) that killed a Nigerien peacekeeper in Gao, which is in the country's restive north.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/06)

South Sudan

South Sudan wants rebel commander out of peace talks

The South Sudan government wants the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (Igad) and Troika member states to exclude former army boss Paul Malong from the upcoming peace talks.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (04/11)

South Sudan's ex-military chief forms organisation to challenge Kiir

South Sudan's former military chief said on Monday he had formed an organisation to challenge President Salva Kiir, accusing him of looting the country's resources and turning it into a failed state.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (04/09)

South Sudan / Sudan (Abyei)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abyei

Read full report: [S/2018/293](#) (04/03)

Sudan (Darfur)

Central Darfur governor calls to close UNAMID site in Mukjar

South Darfur Governor Tuesday urged an assessment team of the African Union and United Nations to consider the closure of a UNAMID site in Mukjar area. ... The UN and the African Union excluded Central Darfur State from the first and second phase of a plan to reduce the number of troops to be finalized by June 2018, due to the existence of rebels in the mountainous areas.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (04/11)

Darfur security situation creates conditions to reduce more peacekeepers: meeting

African Union, UN and Sudan mechanism on UNAMID Sunday have agreed that the continued improvement of security situation creates favourable conditions for the withdrawal of more peacekeepers from Darfur. ... "On the Exit Strategy, the participants of the meeting agreed on the significant improvement of the security and humanitarian situation in Darfur, which is creating conditions for a further substantial reconfiguration of UNAMID," said a statement issued by the three parties in Khartoum.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (04/08)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Taliban kills Afghan district governor, 7 police guards

A pre-dawn Taliban attack has killed a district governor and seven police personnel in Afghanistan's southeastern province of Ghazni. The fighting came as the United Nations cautioned the number of conflict-related civilian casualties in the first three months of 2018 remained at the same high level recorded last year.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (04/12)

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Colombia

FARC says peace process at risk after arrest of ex-rebel

Colombia's peace deal with the former FARC rebels is at risk of failure after the arrest of a soon-to-be congressman from the now-political party on drug trafficking charges, the group said on Tuesday.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (04/10)

Haiti

UN mission in Haiti extended for another year

Disagreement in the international community over whether Haiti remains a **threat to the region's peace** and security overshadowed the decision Tuesday by the U.N. Security Council to extend its support mission in the Caribbean nation for another year.

Read full article: [Miami Herald](#) (04/10)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Neighborhood Dynamics in UN Peacekeeping Operations, 1990–2017 - report

The last decade has seen more UN peacekeepers than ever before coming from countries neighboring the host state. This report uses the IPI Peacekeeping Database to explore this increase in neighborhood contributions between 1990 and 2017. While less than 3 percent of all UN peacekeepers came from next-door neighbors in the early 1990s, this number had increased to about 20 percent by 2017.

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

Elections

Zimbabwe invites West to observe vote for first time since 2002

Zimbabwe will invite Western powers to monitor its national elections for the first time in more than 15 years, official papers showed on Tuesday, ending a ban imposed by veteran former leader Robert Mugabe.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (04/10)