



Peace Operations Update

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EUROPE

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Observers gather in Bosnia to scrutinise elections

Thousands of accredited observers will be monitoring Bosnia's October elections – after a campaign overshadowed by numerous allegations of fraud and manipulation.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (10/02)

Kosovo

Thousands protest in Kosovo over possible Serbia land swap

Tens of thousands of people took to the streets of the capital of Kosovo on September 29 to protest a possible territory swap with Serbia. ... Kosovar President Hashim Thaci has mentioned a "border correction" that would bring southern Serbia's Albanian-dominated Presevo Valley into Kosovo.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (09/29)

Macedonia

UN chief urges all sides **to proceed with name change 'through country's institutions'**

UN Secretary-General António Guterres has urged all political forces in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to implement plans to undergo a formal name change, following a consultative referendum on **Sunday, through the country's institutions.**

Read full article: [UN News](#) (10/01) [New York Times](#) (09/30)

Ukraine

“Nobody wants us”: The alienated civilians of eastern Ukraine – ICG report

With living conditions worsening, and crossfire still claiming casualties, people residing in eastern Ukraine’s conflict zone feel increasingly abandoned by the central government. Reintegrating the area requires Russian withdrawal, but in the meantime Kyiv can and should better protect civilians and meet humanitarian needs.

Read full report: [International Crisis Group](#) (10/01)

CAUCASUS

Georgia

EU Monitoring Mission marks 10 years since deployment to Georgia

[...] For a decade, the EUMM has contributed to enhanced security and stability, conducting over 65,000 patrols on the ground. Over 1,700 EU nationals have served the Mission over the years.

Read full article: [EU Neighbours East](#) (10/01)

AFRICA

Boko Haram affected areas

Boko Haram exposes the cracks in Nigeria’s military strategy

For nearly three years the Nigerian government has stuck to its claim that it has ‘technically defeated’ Boko Haram. Recently though, the terror group demonstrated its renewed audacity with strikes at hard (military) targets.

Read full article: [ISS Africa](#) (10/02)

Burundi

Aid groups **denounce Burundi’s 3-month ban on NGOs**

Aid groups are decrying Burundi’s decision to suspend nongovernmental organizations, amid ongoing concerns about human rights violations in the country. The action by Burundi’s National Security Council stops the work of groups such as *Doctors Without Borders* and *Catholic Relief Services*, both of which deliver vital health care to some of the country’s most vulnerable people.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (10/03)

Central African Republic

Peace impossible without justice for victims - UN report

A United Nations human rights expert warns true peace in Central African Republic will not be possible without justice for the hundreds of thousands of victims who have suffered violence and human rights abuse during more than five years of civil war. ... The Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in CAR says some crucial steps have been taken in establishing a system of transitional justice and peace in the country.

Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (10/01)

Democratic Republic of the Congo

UN Security Council heads to DRC ahead of polls

The U.N. Security Council is heading to the Democratic Republic of Congo this week ahead of December elections, amid tensions between Congolese authorities and the UN and concerns over a risk of poll violence.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (10/03)

Kabila tells UN to withdraw troops

Congolese President Joseph Kabila has called on UN peacekeepers to leave his country, lambasting two decades of inaction. Speaking at the UN General Assembly on Tuesday, Kabila vowed to "oppose any interference in the electoral process under way" stating that his government would cover the full cost.

Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (09/27)

Libya

Haftar supports elections sees others stalling

Libyan commander Khalifa Haftar, a key figure in the future of the troubled North African country, supports plans for national elections in December but says other players are not fulfilling their part for the vote to take place.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (10/03)

Italy to host Libya conference in Sicily, seeks stabilization

Italy will host an international conference on Libya in Sicily next month to try to bring together opposing forces and forge dialogue in the warring nation, Foreign Minister Enzo Moavero Milanesi said on Tuesday.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (10/02)

Mali

U.S. to keep supporting French military effort in Mali: Pentagon chief

The United States will continue to support French-led military efforts in Mali against militants and there is no intention to reduce the level of assistance, U.S. Defense Secretary Mattis said on Tuesday.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (10/02)

Somalia

Somali suicide bomber hits EU convoy

Three people were killed in a suicide car bombing by Islamist group al Shabaab which hit a European Union armoured convoy in Mogadishu, police and an emergency service worker said.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (10/02)

South Sudan

383,000: estimated death toll in South Sudan's war

[...] The report, published by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and financed by the State Department, revealed that about half of the dead were killed in fighting between ethnic rivals as it spread across the country, and the other half died from disease, hunger and other causes exacerbated by the

Read full article: [New York Times](#) (09/26)

Sudan (Darfur)

UNAMID sites in South Darfur to be turned into university colleges: governor

Governor of South Darfur State Adam al-Faki on Wednesday visited premises of the hybrid peacekeeping mission in Darfur (UNAMID) that would be handed over to his government at the end of the year as part of the Mission's exit strategy. ... Al-Faki added the Mission's premises would be turned into university colleges in order to provide services and contribute to developing human resources in South Darfur.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (10/03)

UN welcomes rebel unilateral ceasefire in Jebel Marra

The UN Resident Coordinator in Sudan, Gwi-Yeop Son, Tuesday welcomed the temporary unilateral cessation of hostilities by the Sudan Liberation Army – Abdul Wahid (SLA-AW) to allow humanitarian access to civilians in the rebel-controlled areas in eastern Jebel Marra area.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (10/02)

UN officials urge support as Darfur attempts to 'turn the page' from conflict to peace

Stating that while the Darfur region of Sudan, which for years was torn by strife and displacement, is now increasingly stable, top United Nations officials on Friday urged continued international support to ensure that hard-won gains take hold.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (09/28)

Afghanistan

Afghanistan election faces major organizational challenges

The Afghan government is tasked with organizing a parliamentary election at a time when the Taliban are at their strongest since 2001. Electoral irregularities and power brokering also complicate a fair voting process.

Read full article: [DW](#) (10/03) [RFE/RL](#) (09/28)

UN 'outraged' by new elections-related suicide attack

Denouncing attacks and intimidation in the week since formal campaigning began for Afghanistan's parliamentary elections next month, the United Nations voiced outrage on Tuesday at the death of 14 civilians, killed by a suicide bomber at a campaign rally.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (10/02)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Unpacking the UN Secretary-General's strategy on new technologies

Earlier this month, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres published a "Strategy on New Technologies." Framed as an overarching guide for the entire UN system, the strategy sets out to define how new technologies—including artificial intelligence, biotechnology, material sciences, and robotics—can be utilized towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and the goals of the UN Charter and Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Read full article: [IPI Global Observatory](#) (09/28)