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NEW INTERACTIVE ZIF WEBSITE AND NEW ZIF GLOSSARY
Missions & Mandates – What Peace Operations do



What exactly are UN peace operations doing worldwide? Which mandated tasks is the EU implementing in Africa? Which peace operations are concerned with security sector reform? Our new interactive website [Missions & Mandates - What Peace Operations do](#) presents the tasks of international peace operations of UN, EU, OSCE, AU and NATO. The information on this site can be searched in a variety of ways ([Video-Tutorial](#)). The website includes a glossary which offers the opportunity to obtain in-depth information on mandated tasks. There is also a printed version of the glossary available ([German](#) | [English](#)). We hope our new website and glossary are useful to you and appreciate your feedback.

EUROPE

Kosovo

Brussels to host Serbia-Kosovo talks amid tensions over tariffs

EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini says she is planning to host a new round of normalization talks between the presidents of Kosovo and Serbia in Brussels on November 8, two days after Pristina announced its decision to impose tariffs on Serbian goods.

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

Macedonia

Macedonia government submits constitutional **changes for 'name' deal**

The government submitted the draft constitutional amendments to parliament on Friday, launching the second of the three phases in the process to adopt the 'name' agreement that would unblock the country's path towards NATO and EU membership.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (11/02)

AFRICA

Central African Republic

Mapping the web of armed groups in the Central African Republic

A new report by the Enough Project maps the myriad war profiteering armed groups in the Central African Republic (CAR), exploring their shifting alliances and competing interests in the country's five-year war.

Read full article: [Enough Project](#) (11/06)

Libya

December election hopes fading for Libya

The United Nations and Western powers have given up hope Libya will hold elections in the immediate future, focussing on reconciliation first among rival factions locked in a cycle of conflict, diplomats and other sources said.

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

Libyan National Army announces start of military trials for 'terrorist groups'

The self-styled Libyan National Army (LNA) has announced the start of military trials in eastern Libya for more than 200 people the armed group accuses of terrorism.

Read full article: [Middle East Eye](#) (11/07)

UN Security Council extends Libya sanctions until 2020

The UN Security Council yesterday extended its sanctions on Libya until 2020. The resolution was not unanimous with 13 states out of 15 voting in favour. Russia and China decided to abstain mainly over the extension of the sanctions regime to include rape and sexual violence.

Read full article: [Libya Herald](#) (11/06)

Libya receives Italian patrol boat

Italy has delivered a 27 metre patrol boat to the Libyan Coast Guard to strengthen its border patrol and illegal trafficking capabilities.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (11/02)

Somalia

AU peacekeepers accused of killing 4 Somali civilians

Authorities in Somalia are investigating the deaths of four civilians reportedly killed by African Union troops Tuesday, after a roadside bomb targeted the peacekeepers' convoy.

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

Somalia (Gulf of Aden) /Horn of Africa

Ten years on, is Somali piracy still a threat?

On 6 November the United Nations (UN) Security Council [renewed](#) the authorisation for international naval forces to carry out anti-piracy measures off Somalia's coast. It is now 10 years since the first resolution was passed in 2008 to respond to piracy and robbery against humanitarian and commercial ships in the region.

Read full article: [ISS Today](#) (11/06)

South Sudan / Sudan (Abyei)

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Abyei

Read full report: [S/2018/923](#) (10/16)

Sudan (Darfur)

Bashir says time to empty camps of Darfur displaced

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir said Monday it was time to shut camps hosting hundreds of thousands of displaced people from the conflict in Darfur as the war in the region had ended. ... "A lack of basic services and infrastructure in addition to insecurity in some areas continues to prevent the return of displaced people to their areas of origin," the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, or OCHA, said in a recent report.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (11/06)

President of war-torn South Sudan to mediate Sudan peace talks

South Sudan's President Salva Kiir has been appointed to mediate peace talks between Khartoum and rebels in the Blue Nile, South Kordofan and Darfur conflict zones.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (11/06)

MIDDLE EAST

Iraq

ISIL's 'legacy of terror' in Iraq: UN verifies over 200 mass graves

Investigators have uncovered more than 200 mass graves containing thousands of bodies in areas of Iraq formerly controlled by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL/Da'esh), according to a United Nations human rights report out on Tuesday.

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

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Taliban says Moscow meeting not about Afghan peace talks

The Taliban officially has confirmed it will attend a multilateral meeting hosted by Russia to discuss Afghanistan. But a spokesman for the insurgent group clarified Tuesday its delegates will not engage in any Afghan peace and reconciliation talks at the Moscow gathering.

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

Taliban-led violence during recent polls leaves record high numbers of civilians dead – UN
The Taliban's campaign of violence and intimidation during last month's parliamentary elections in Afghanistan was the deadliest for civilians in years, a report by the United Nations mission in the country, UNAMA, revealed on Tuesday. The report, titled *2018 Elections Violence*, shows that on 20 October and over the following days when delayed polling took place, the UN recorded 435 civilian casualties – 56 killed and 379 injured.

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

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Military gets a boost in revised German spending plan

[...] Finance Minister Olaf Scholz on Monday proposed adding 5.7 billion euros (\$6.5 billion) to the planned military budget from 2020, to buy more ships, fighter jets and other weaponry over several years, on top of a more modest 323 million euro boost in 2019.

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

European Defense Coalition launched in Paris

A coalition of European militaries ready to react to crises near the continent's borders was launched Wednesday with Finland becoming the 10th country to join, amid calls by French President Emmanuel Macron for a "real European army." ... The European Intervention Initiative took official shape in Paris after months of negotiations with Germany, who France wants at the center of the force.

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

UN must bring more women police officers into the fold to be effective – UN peacekeeping official

More women officers are needed at UN Police, to make the work of the Organization more efficient and reach the whole population they are meant to serve, a senior United Nations peacekeeping official told the Security Council on Tuesday, adding that, “to reach our full potential, we must bring more women police officers into the fold.”

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