



Peace Operations Update

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EUROPE

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bosnian Serbs appoint Israeli historian to head Srebrenica commission

Bosnia's Serb-dominated entity Republika Srpska has appointed Israeli historian and Holocaust researcher Gideon Greif to head its controversial commission probing crimes committed in Srebrenica during the Bosnian war.

Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (02/07)

Kosovo

Haradinaj says communication has been cut with UN mission

Kosovo Prime Minister Ramush Haradinaj stated that Kosovo has cut communication with the UN Mission in Kosovo, UNMIK.

Read full article: [B92](#) (02/07)

Report of the Secretary-General on UNMIK

Read full report: [S/2019/102](#) (02/01)

Macedonia

NATO starts Macedonia accession

Macedonia is poised to become NATO's 30th member state, NATO head Jens Stoltenberg said in Brussels on Wednesday after the alliance signed an accession protocol with Skopje.

Read full article: [EU Observer](#) (02/06)

CAUCASUS

Georgia

EU report: Georgia making clear progress on its reform agenda

In 2018, Georgia confirmed its strong commitment to political association and economic integration with the EU, as highlighted by its government's high-level meeting with European Commissioners in November and substantial progress in delivering on its Association Agreement commitments. These conclusions were made in the 3rd Association Implementation Report on Georgia, released on 31 January.

Read full article: [EU Neighbours east](#) (02/01)

AFRICA

Boko Haram affected areas

North-east Nigeria displacement crisis continues amid 'increased sophistication' of attackers, warns UN

An upsurge in violent attacks in crisis-riven north-east Nigeria has displaced nearly 60,000 people in the last three months, the UN migration agency, IOM, said on Tuesday. Armed extremists, notably Boko Haram militants, have contributed to a decade-long humanitarian crisis in Borno, Adamawa and Yobe (BAY) states, that has spilled over into the Lake Chad region.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (02/05)

Boko Haram killed dozens in Monday's attack in Nigeria: Amnesty

Armed group Boko Haram killed at least 60 people when it renewed its attack on the northeast Nigerian town of Rann on Monday, rights group Amnesty International has said.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (02/01)

Central African Republic

UN chief hails signing of new peace agreement

Following the signing of a peace agreement between the Government of the Central African Republic (CAR) and 14 non-state armed groups active in the country on Wednesday, the United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, congratulated **all stakeholders and encouraged them to now “live up to their commitments”**. ... As the Central African Republic enters this new phase, the UN chief announced on Wednesday also that Mankeur Ndiaye of Senegal will be his new Special Representative to the country, **mandated to head the UN’s stabilization mission there (MINUSCA)**.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (02/06)

New hope for the Central African Republic

A prime minister from the ranks of the rebels and no general amnesty – these are the cornerstones of the peace treaty that has been signed by the government of the Central African Republic and several rebel groups.

Read full article: [DW](#) (02/05)

UN Security Council to review Central African arms embargo by end-September

The United Nations Security Council agreed on Thursday to review arms embargo measures on Central African Republic by the end of September if the country makes progress in areas including reform of its security sector and management of its weapons.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (02/01)

Cote d’Ivoire

ICC releases Ivory Coast ex-President Laurent Gbagbo

Belgium has agreed to take in Laurent Gbagbo, the former president of Ivory Coast, after his acquittal by the International Criminal Court. The Hague-based court said the case against Gbagbo was "exceptionally weak."

Read full article: [DW](#) (02/02)

Libya

Lack of funds could put more than half of Libya local elections on hold

At least 69 municipal councils out of 120 in Libya may not hold elections in March due to a lack of funding by the UN-backed government according to the head of the elections committee. ... UNSMIL along with the United Nations Development Programme has been offering technical and logistical support to the elections committee since March 2018.

Read full article: [defenceWeb](#) (02/06)

Mali

Romania to replace Canada in Mali peacekeeping mission - Ottawa

Romania will supply transport helicopters to a United Nations peacekeeping mission in the troubled African nation of Mali once Canada has pulled out as scheduled this year, the Canadian government said on Thursday. Canada currently has six helicopters and 250 support troops based near the northern Mali city of Gao. They are due to leave on July 31.

Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (02/01)

Somalia

Senior Somali military officer killed in roadside bombing

[...] The al-Shabab militant group claimed responsibility for the attack. **Tuesday's attack came as the U.S. military increased airstrikes against al-Shabab.** ... The latest two strikes bring the total number of airstrikes against al-Shabab this year to 11. Last year the United States carried out 47 strikes, all of them against al-Shabab.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (02/06)

AMISOM to be reduced by 1,000 this month

The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) is set to be reduced by 1,000 soldiers this month in line with the United Nations Security Council resolution. In a statement, AMISOM said the resolution authorizes the member states of the African Union to reduce the number of uniformed AMISOM personnel by February 28 without "further delay".

Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (02/03)

South Sudan

Riek Machar plans to return to Juba in May, says UN envoy

South Sudan's rebel leader Riek Machar is planning to return to Juba in May under a power-sharing deal that a UN envoy said Tuesday offered the "best chance" of ending the war.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (02/06)

Dramatic drop in South Sudan political violence since peace agreement signing

Since the signing of a September 2018 deal between the South Sudanese President Salva Kiir and his political rival and former deputy Riek Machar to end **conflict in the country, political violence has "dropped dramatically,"** David Shearer, head of the UN Mission in South Sudan told reporters on Tuesday. ... Despite the fall in political violence, conflict is still ongoing, said Mr. Shearer, pointing to, among others, ethnic violence that has led to killings, and in the South of the country, where the fighters of Thomas Cirillo's National Salvation Front have been involved in clashes with Government forces.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (02/05)

Nine killed in South Sudan's renewed fighting

At least nine people were killed in fresh clashes in Amadi State in South Sudan's Western Equatoria, officials said. The weekend clashes pitted the National Salvation Front (NAS) led by Gen Thomas Cirillo, and a faction of the Dr Riek Machar-led SPLM-IO.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (02/05)

Peace partners agree to establish 25 cantonment sites

The South Sudanese peace partners agreed to establish 25 cantonment sites for the opposition groups in line with the implementation of the security arrangements, a milestone of the revitalized peace agreement.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (02/05)

Sudan (Darfur)

UNAMID head focuses on peace in Darfur

The head of the African Union-United Nation Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) and Joint Chief Mediator Jeremiah Mamabolo said he is focusing his efforts on the reactivation of the peace talks between the government and armed groups in Darfur.

Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (01/31)

MIDDLE EAST

Israel / Palestine

UN chief hopes for new agreement after Israel concludes international observation mission

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres expressed his gratitude to the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH), West Bank, after Israel decided not to renew its mandate.

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

Yemen

Whatever happened to the ceasefire deal in Yemen?

Yemen's warring parties agreed an UN-brokered ceasefire for the Red Sea port city of Hodeidah back in December but, seven weeks on, deadlines have come and gone and much of the accord has still not taken hold.

Read full article: [Irinnews](#) (02/06)

UAE arming Yemen militias with Western weapons - Amnesty

The United Arab Emirates is recklessly arming militias in Yemen with advanced weaponry supplied by the US and other states, Amnesty International alleges. Armoured vehicles, mortars and machine-guns are being diverted illegally to unaccountable groups accused of war crimes, according to a report.

Read full article: [BBC](#) (02/06)

Confidence-building measures continue in new Yemen prisoner-swap talks

Yemen's warring sides are due to meet for fresh discussions on a prisoner exchange agreement, the UN's Special Envoy for the war-torn country announced on Monday.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (02/04) [DW](#) (02/03)

Top envoy to Yemen praises ‘flexibility’ of chief negotiators; new UN mission chief named
The UN Special Envoy for Yemen said on Thursday that the main negotiators for the warring sides were continuing to show the “necessary flexibility and good faith” to move forward, despite delays in implementing the agreement marking the first steps towards a lasting peace deal, brokered in Sweden last December. ... Also on Thursday, Secretary-General António Guterres announced the appointment of Danish Lieutenant General Michael Anker Løllesgaard, to succeed retired Major General Patrick Cammaert, of the Netherlands, as the new head of the UN Mission in support of the ceasefire and troop withdrawal agreement for Hudaydah, known as UNMHA.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (01/31)

Lebanon

UN chief welcomes new Government in Lebanon

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres welcomed, on Friday, the announcement of a new Government in Lebanon; the result of eight months of negotiation, following general elections last May.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (02/01)

CENTRAL ASIA

Afghanistan

Taliban peace talks in Moscow end with hope the U.S. exits, if not too quickly

After two days of talks in Moscow, the Taliban and prominent Afghan politicians, many of them former enemies, said on Wednesday that they had charted a broad road map for ending the war in Afghanistan, which is in its 18th year. It is structured around the withdrawal of American forces from the country and **the Taliban’s commitment to citizens’ fundamental rights.** ... The meeting, at the Kremlin-owned President Hotel, was the first significant public contact between the Taliban and prominent Afghans in years, with **the Islamist insurgents presenting more detail on some of their positions, including on women’s rights.**

Read full article: [New York Times](#) (02/06)

Taliban, Afghan opposition to meet in Moscow; Kabul not attending

Taliban representatives will meet influential Afghan opposition leaders in Moscow for two days of peace building discussions starting Tuesday, but envoys from the Kabul government will not be in attendance. The controversial meeting, critics say, underscores a deepening political divide in Afghanistan and would **further weaken President Ashraf Ghani’s National Unity government.**

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (02/03)

OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

Piracy and high seas crime growing, becoming more sophisticated, UN Security Council told
International maritime crime is becoming “increasingly sophisticated” as criminal groups exploit jurisdiction and enforcement challenges on the high seas and pose “immediate danger to people’s lives and safety”, the UN anti-drugs and crime chief warned the Security Council on Tuesday.

Read full article: [UN News](#) (02/05)