



Peace Operations Update

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EUROPE

Ukraine

President says he's open to peace talks with Russia, commits to NATO membership
Ukraine's president said he is ready to negotiate with Russia to end the war in eastern Ukraine, but he also **reaffirmed his country's** course toward NATO membership -- a move strongly opposed by Moscow. Volodymyr Zelenskiy made the comments on June 4 during a visit to Brussels, where he met with top European Union and NATO officials as part of his first foreign trip as president.

Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (06/04)

EUAM Ukraine: new head of mission appointed

On 4 June 2019, Antti Hartikainen was appointed as new head of mission for the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform in Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine). ... He was previously Head of the EU Border Assistance Mission (EUBAM) in Libya, Deputy Head of the EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine, and Team Leader for the EU Advisory Group to Armenia.

Read full article: [EU Press Release](#) (06/04)

Burundi

Burundi threatens to cut ties with UN envoy: diplomats

Burundi is threatening to cut ties with the UN envoy appointed to the country, ahead of elections next year that the government in Bujumbura insists are an internal matter, according to UN diplomats. The UN Security Council abruptly scrapped a meeting on Burundi scheduled for Tuesday after Burundi's government made clear it was ready to end relations with Michel Kafando, council diplomats said.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (05/31)

Central African Republic

Operation launched to rid the country of rebels

Peacekeeping forces have reinforced security to thwart deadly attacks west of the Central African Republic (CAR) where 34 civilians were recently killed.

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

Russian troops to CAR

Russia will in the near future send 30 military personnel to Central African Republic as part of a United Nations mission to help stabilise the country, Interfax news agency quoted a Russian foreign ministry official as saying.

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

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Armed groups in eastern DRC threaten efforts to build peace

Veteran Algerian diplomat Said Djinnit recently stepped down as United Nations Special Envoy to the Great Lakes (UNSEGL). PSC Report asked him about the situation in the region and the role of African Union (AU) institutions such as the Peace and Security Council and regional economic communities.

Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (06/03)

Gabon

Report of the Secretary-General: the situation in Central Africa and the activities of UNOCA

Read full report: [S/2019/430](#) (05/24)

Libya

African Union warns Libya heading towards a real war

The Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union, Smaïl Chergui said that the recent developments in Tripoli force us to reconsider the Libyan situation, which seems to be heading toward a real war, as he put it.

Read full article: [Libya Observer](#) (06/03)

Mali

The civilian fallout from the Sahel's spreading militancy

'It's no longer just the Sahel, it's coastal West Africa': A surge in violence across West Africa's Sahel has displaced hundreds of thousands of people and left thousands dead since January, as Islamist militants with links to al-Qaeda and so-called Islamic State extend their reach across the region at a time when they are losing ground in their Middle Eastern strongholds.

Read full article: [The New Humanitarian](#) (05/30)

Hard counter-terrorism lessons from the Sahel for West Africa's coastal states

The expansion of extremism shows the flaws in current strategies and the need to rethink regional responses.

Read full article: [ISS Today](#) (06/05)

Somalia

New top UN man in Somalia

South African Nicholas "Fink" Haysom has been replaced as the United Nations special representative in Somalia by James Swan. In addition to being Secretary-General Antonio Guterres' special representative in the troubled East African country, Swan is also head of the UN mission (UNSOM).

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

UN to cut 1,000 troops from Somalia force

The United Nations Security Council decided Friday to cut 1,000 troops from a regional peacekeeping force in Somalia, despite a rise in attacks by the Al-Shabaab militia in Mogadishu. The council voted unanimously to draw down the African Union Mission in Somalia (Amisom), but left the door open for the council to revisit that decision if violence worsens. ... The force's mandate was extended for a year.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (05/31) [S/RES/2472 \(2019\)](#) (05/31)

South Sudan

Divided UN renews South Sudan arms embargo

The UN Security Council on Thursday extended for a year an arms embargo and sanctions on South Sudan despite resistance from African countries, Russia and China.

Read full article: [The East African](#) (05/30) [S/RES/2741 \(2019\)](#) (05/30)

MIDDLE EAST

Lebanon

Lebanon agrees to talks with Israel over maritime dispute

US and UN interim force in Lebanon to mediate discussions between Middle East rivals.

Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (05/31)

Afghanistan

At least nine killed in Afghanistan as Taliban rejects truce calls

Violent bomb blasts continued to shake Afghanistan as Taliban militants have rejected calls for a holiday truce.

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

SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

Colombia

Thousands of FARC rebels return to arms despite peace accord - military intelligence report

Roughly a third of the fighters in Colombia's former FARC rebel army have taken up arms again following a 2016 peace accord, posing a growing security risk in the Andean nation, according to a confidential military intelligence report reviewed by Reuters. The internal report puts the number of combatants belonging to dissident Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) groups at around 2,300, a sharp increase from about 300 at the time of the controversial peace agreement.

Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (06/05)

Colombia's government "inciting violence" against former rebels: UN

[...] In an extraordinarily harsh statement, UN Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial Executions Agnes Callamard urged the government to "stop inciting violence against the demobilized FARC" and "implement the peace accords" agreed with the former guerrillas in 2016.

Read full article: [Colombia Reports](#) (06/05)

Rights experts condemn killing of reintegrated former rebel fighter

Against a backdrop of challenges in implementing the peace process in Colombia, six independent UN human rights experts condemned on Tuesday the killing of a former member of the FARC-EP guerilla movement, which they said constitutes a "violation" of the guarantees made by the Government in the 2016 peace agreement.

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