



# Peace Operations Update

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## NEW ZIF PUBLICATION

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### New ZIF kompakt on Climate and Security

On 4 June 2019, the German Federal Foreign Office, in partnership with Adelphi and the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK), will host the Berlin Climate and Security Conference. Germany declared the link between climate change and security one of its top priorities during its term as an elected member of the UN Security Council. Despite the increasing relevance of the issue, not all member states support a discussion of the issue in the Security Council.

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

## EUROPE

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### Republic of Moldova

#### Moldovan president threatens to dissolve deadlocked parliament

President Igor Dodon warned he could dissolve parliament and call for new elections because MPs have not been able to reach a consensus on forming a governing majority since polls in February.

*Read full article: [Balkan Insight](#) (05/22)*

## Ukraine

### Ukraine's president calls new parliamentary election

Ukraine's new president on Tuesday formally ordered Ukraine's parliament to dissolve and called an early election for July, hoping to ride the wave of his electoral success to get his supporters into parliament.

*Read full article: [AP News](#) (05/21)*

## AFRICA

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### Central African Republic

#### UN: Armed group kills more than 30 in Central African Republic

More than 30 people were killed and many more wounded when an armed group attacked villages in northwestern Central African Republic on Tuesday, the UN's peacekeeping mission (MINUSCA) said.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (05/22)*

### Democratic Republic of the Congo

#### UN creates new Ebola chief role to tackle security, political issues in Congo

The United Nations named an Emergency Ebola Response Coordinator on Thursday, creating a new position to boost efforts to contain a 10-month epidemic in the Democratic Republic of Congo that has killed more than 1,200 people. ... David Gressly, currently deputy chief of the UN's MONUSCO peacekeeping mission in Congo, has been appointed to the new post, the statement said.

*Read full article: [Reuters AlertNet](#) (05/23)*

#### Experienced technocrat to head government of the Democratic Republic of Congo

The DR Congo has a new prime minister: Sylvestre Ilunga Ilunkamba. Who is this head of government chosen as a compromise between the former and the current presidents and what can the Congolese expect of him?

*Read full article: [DW](#) (05/21)*

## Libya

#### Stopping the war for Tripoli – new ICG briefing

Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar's march on Tripoli has ground to a halt in a war of attrition with the internationally recognised government's forces on the city's outskirts. The parties should conclude a ceasefire including Haftar's partial withdrawal as a prelude to renewed UN peace talks.

*Read full briefing: [International Crisis Group](#) (05/23)*

Libya's Haftar reportedly rules out cease-fire in talks with France's Macron

Libyan eastern commander Khalifa Haftar told French President Emmanuel Macron that conditions for a cease-fire were not in place, although he would be ready to talk if those conditions were met, a French presidency official said. Macron and French officials have for several weeks called for an unconditional cease-fire in the battle for Tripoli after Haftar last month launched an offensive on the Libyan capital.

*Read full article:* [VOA News](#) (05/22)

Libya on verge of civil war, **threatening 'permanent division'** - top UN official

**The damage done to Libya will already take “years to mend” but unless fighting around the capital Tripoli stops, the country risks “descending into a civil war which could lead to the permanent division of the country”.**

*Read full article:* [UN News](#) (05/21)

Mali

Nigerian peacekeeper killed in Timbuktu

A Nigerian UN peacekeeper has been killed and another injured by unidentified assailants in Timbuktu, in northern Mali, the UN says. A separate incident in Tessalit left three Chadian peacekeepers injured. Nearly 200 members of the UN mission have died since it was set up in 2013, making it the deadliest peacekeeping operation in the world.

*Read full article:* [BBC](#) (05/19)

Burkina Faso seeks broad Sahel anti-terror coalition

The foreign minister of Burkina Faso called Thursday on the international community to consider creating a counterterrorism coalition, like the ones for Iraq and Afghanistan, to better combat terrorism in Africa's Sahel region. The region currently has the G5 Sahel Joint Force, which includes troops from Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger. ... "Regarding the urgency of the actions to be undertaken, the member states of the G5 Sahel cannot succeed alone," he said.

*Read full article:* [VOA News](#) (05/15)

Somalia

**Somalia's population, international partners must be energized to sustain country's 'upward trajectory,' says senior UN official**

Despite Somalia's persistent security threats, recurrent political crises, capacity constraints and the difficulties in navigating political obstacles to its reform agenda, the Horn of Africa country remains on a **“positive trajectory,”** the UN Security Council was told on Wednesday.

*Read full article:* [UN News](#) (05/22)

Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia

*Read full report:* [S/2019/393](#) (05/15)

Technical assessment of AMISOM – findings and recommendations

*Read full report:* [S/2019/388](#) (05/13)

## South Sudan

### UN blue helmets in South Sudan use SDGs to help build peace

The United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) has concluded the week by harnessing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to support the nation, including by offering free medical services, encompassing SDG 3's target on health coverage.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (05/18)*

## South Sudan / Sudan (Abyei)

### Khartoum, Juba at odds over Abyei stand by UN

Sudan and South Sudan took contrasting stands last week during a United Nations Security Council debate on the UN peacekeeping force in the disputed and volatile Abyei region that straddles the two countries. But with neither Sudan nor South Sudan having a vote on the matter, the 15-member Council unanimously approved a resolution to reduce the number of Blue Helmets in Abyei while increasing the size of a UN police contingent there.

*Read full article: [The East African](#) (05/18)*

## Sudan (Darfur)

### UN Security Council condemns attack on UNAMID base in West Darfur

The UN Security Council "strongly" condemned the looting of the West Darfur Headquarters of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID) in El Geneina on 14 May 2019. On the eve of UNAMID's scheduled handover of its headquarters in El Geneina to the Sudanese authorities, an uncontrollable crowd forcefully intruded into the 16 km camp where they looted UN property and contingent-owned equipment, vandalized premises, according to a statement released by the mission.

*Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (05/21)*

## Western Sahara

### Horst Köhler quits UN Western Sahara role

Horst Köhler, who was president of Germany for six years, has left his post as UN envoy for the territory of Western Sahara. His departure on health grounds leaves efforts to resolve a decades-long dispute in limbo.

*Read full article: [DW](#) (05/23)*

## MIDDLE EAST

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## Iraq

### Security Council extends UN mission for one year

**Iraq's democratic transition** – weighed down by political infighting, weak institutions, corruption, and the constant threat of ISIL – needs **more international support**, "lots of time and lots of hard work," the top United Nations official in the country said on Tuesday.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (05/21)*

## Yemen

### UN appeals to Houthi rebels over aid

The UN says food aid is being diverted by some corrupt and uncooperative officials in Houthi-held areas of Yemen, where millions of people are believed to be on the verge of famine. David Beasley, head of the World Food Programme (WFP), told the BBC the agency's efforts to reach people in need were being repeatedly blocked.

*Read full article: [BBC](#) (05/22)*

## CENTRAL ASIA

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## Afghanistan

### Taliban, German envoys meet in Qatar amid peace push

The Taliban has met in Qatar with Germany's special representative for Afghanistan amid international efforts to end the nearly 18-year war. ... U.S. and Taliban negotiators have met for several rounds of peace talks since last year, and despite progress have been unable to finalize a peace agreement.

*Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (05/19)*

### 3.5 Million Afghans displaced since 2012: IOM

A new Displacement Tracking Matrix report published by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Afghanistan shows that one in three Afghans has migrated or been displaced in the past six years.

*Read full article: [TOLO News](#) (05/21)*

## SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

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## Colombia

### FARC chief begs former guerrillas not to abandon peace process amid worst crisis yet

FARC president Rodrigo Londoño begged the more than 12,000 former guerrillas who disarmed in 2016 as part of a peace deal not to abandon the process after the recapture of former guerrilla leader "Jesus Santrich." The FARC leader, who is also known as "Timochenko," made the urgent call after an emergency meeting with former guerrillas chiefs and United Nations peace observers.

*Read full article: [Colombia Reports](#) (05/19)*

## OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

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After annual conference, UN and AU move from alignment to impact

Over the past three years, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and his counterpart at the African Union (AU) Commission, Chairperson Moussa Faki Mahamat, have personally devoted significant political capital towards fostering greater cooperation between the two organizations.

*Read full article: [IPI Global Observatory](#) (05/17)*

EU approves new cyber-sanctions regime ahead of parliament elections

The European Union has adopted a new legal tool to slap penalties on those found responsible for cyberattacks on the bloc's member states, as well as third countries and international organizations.

*Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (05/17)*

Protection of civilians in armed conflict – report of the Secretary-General

*Read full report: [S/2019/373](#) (05/07)*