



# Peace Operations Update

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## EUROPE

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### Ukraine

Minsk talks bode ill for EU's peace summit on Ukraine

Russian troops must leave Russia-occupied east Ukraine, among other conditions, before Kiev agrees to give the self-proclaimed "republics" there greater autonomy, Ukrainian negotiators said in Minsk on Wednesday at a meeting of a Contact Group on the conflict.

Read full article: [EU Observer](#) (09/19)

## AFRICA

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### Boko Haram affected areas

Cameroonian troops killed in Boko Haram fighting

At least six Cameroonian troops are reported dead following a wave of fighting with Boko Haram terrorists on the central African state's northern border with Nigeria. The attacks followed a visit in which Cameroon's chief of defense staff declared that his military had drastically reduced Boko Haram's ability to attack.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/16)

## Burundi

### Investigators say Burundi's Nkurunziza violated human rights

A committee looking into abuses in Burundi has concluded that President Pierre Nkurunziza is personally accountable for serious violations. They have presented their final report before the international human rights council in Geneva. ... The UN commission's report says agents of the national intelligence service, the police and the ruling party youth wing were the main perpetrators of the crimes against humanity.

*Read full article: [The East African](#) (09/18)*

## Central African Republic

### Fresh fighting kills 23

Renewed clashes between two armed groups in Birao raise doubts about sustainability of peace deal signed in February.

*Read full article: [Al Jazeera](#) (09/15)*

### UN eases arms embargo

The UN Security Council voted unanimously Thursday to ease the arms embargo on the Central African Republic, where the government signed a peace deal with 14 armed groups. The French-drafted resolution said there is an “urgent need for the CAR authorities to train and equip their defense and security forces to be able to respond proportionately to threats to the security of all citizens.”

*Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (09/13) [S/RES/2488](#) (09/12)*

## Cote d'Ivoire

### ICC prosecutor appeals acquittal of ex-Ivory Coast president

International Criminal Court prosecutors have appealed against the acquittal of former Ivory Coast president Laurent Gbagbo and a youth minister on charges of involvement in deadly post-election violence.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/16)*

## Democratic Republic of the Congo

### DR Congo says Hutu militia commander shot dead

The Democratic Republic of Congo's military says it has shot dead Rwandan Hutu rebel leader Sylvestre Mudacumura. The International Criminal Court had sought his arrest on war crime charges.

*Read full article: [DW](#) (09/18)*

## Libya

### Security Council extends mandate of UNSMIL

The Security Council today decided to extend until 15 September 2020 the mandate of the United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL) as an integrated special political mission to support an inclusive political process in Libya and continued implementation of the Libyan Political Agreement.

*Read full article: [UN Press Release](#) (09/12) [S/RES/2486](#) (09/12)*

## South Sudan

### Peace process 'precarious, but progress in being made', Security Council hears

One year on from the signing of a Revitalized Agreement to ease conflict in South Sudan, the country's political leaders "have met some, but certainly not all", of the expectations laid out, the top UN official for the country told the Security Council on Wednesday. Briefing the Council in New York, Special Representative and head of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), David Shearer, explained developments and downfalls he's witnessed since the official peace ceremony last year.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (09/18)*

### Briefing: Will South Sudan make a November deadline to form a unity government?

South Sudan's warring parties are less than two months away from forming a unity government, but meetings last week failed to move the needle on a 2018 peace deal long-delayed by disputes. The question now: what will happen in November?

*Read full article: [The New Humanitarian](#) (09/18)*

### Panel: Full-scale war looms in South Sudan one year after peace accord signed

A panel of U.N. experts warns the failure of South Sudan's warring factions to implement last year's peace accord risks plunging the country into full-scale war once again. The report by the three-member Commission on Human Rights in South Sudan shows no improvements since South Sudan's President Salva Kiir and opposition leader Riek Machar signed a peace accord aimed at ending the country's six-year civil war.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/16)*

### United Nations sees increase in child soldiers recruited in South Sudan

Forced recruitment of child soldiers is increasing in South Sudan despite a peace deal last year, the head of a United Nations investigating body said on Monday, adding that a return to full-blown conflict remained a possibility.

*Read full article: [Reuters](#) (09/16)*

### Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in South Sudan

*Read full report: [S/2019/722](#) (09/10)*

## MIDDLE EAST

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### Israel / Palestine

#### Netanyahu calls for unity government after election deadlock

Benjamin Netanyahu has called on his main political rival, Benny Gantz, to form a unity government with him. The Israeli prime minister made the offer after a second general election failed to produce a clear winner.

*Read full article: [DW](#) (09/19)*

What does Israel's election mean for Palestinian factions?

The Palestinian Authority has not hidden its desire to see the back of long-term Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

*Read full article:* [Al Jazeera](#) (09/15)

Yemen

### **Attack on Saudi facilities risks dragging Yemen into 'regional conflagration': UN Envoy**

Special Envoy Martin Griffiths said there is “no time to waste” in ending four years of fighting between Houthi rebels and the internationally-recognized Government, supported by a Saudi-led coalition, which has pushed the country to the brink of famine. The UN humanitarian affairs coordination office, OCHA, estimates roughly 80 per cent of the population—or 24 million people—require humanitarian aid.

*Read full article:* [UN News](#) (09/16) [Al Jazeera](#) (09/16)

Lebanon

Dutch-based court files new charges against Hariri suspect

A UN-backed court based in the Netherlands unveiled new charges Monday, including terrorism and intentional homicide, against a Hezbollah fighter who also is accused of assassinating former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri.

*Read full article:* [VOA News](#) (09/16)

CENTRAL ASIA

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Afghanistan

Taliban tell Trump their 'doors are open'

The Taliban have told the BBC that their “doors are open” should US President Donald Trump want to resume peace talks in the future. Chief negotiator Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai insisted negotiation remained “the only way for peace in Afghanistan” during an exclusive interview. Mr Stanikzai's words came a week after Mr Trump declared the talks “dead”.

*Read full article:* [BBC](#) (09/18)

UN extends Afghan mission after China veto threat

The UN Security Council has unanimously extended its assistance mission in Afghanistan after China withdrew its threat of a veto if the text did not mention Beijing's Belt and Road infrastructure initiative. The 15 members of the council on September 17 extended the mission for one year with a compromise text, negotiated by Germany and Indonesia, that doesn't mention “any specific initiative” but refers to promotion of “regional cooperation and connectivity,” according to diplomats.

*Read full article:* [RFE/RL](#) (09/17) [S/RES/2489](#) (09/17)

## Explosion kills 24 people at election rally in northern Afghanistan

An Afghan health official says 24 people were killed Tuesday in a bombing attack near the site of an election rally held by President Ashraf Ghani.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/17)*

## Kabul rules out peace deal with Taliban before September 28 election

A spokesman for Afghanistan's President Ashraf Ghani says the Afghan government will only consider making a "legitimate" peace with the Taliban after a national election in September, despite political uncertainty following the recent collapse of U.S.-Taliban peace talks.

*Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (09/14)*

## SOUTH ASIA

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### India / Pakistan

#### Pakistan rules out talks with India over Kashmir

Pakistan has ruled out talks with India until India reverses recent controversial actions in the disputed Kashmir territory.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/18)*

## SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

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### Colombia

#### Colombia to strengthen protection for politicians after candidate murders

Colombia will increase protection for political candidates running in October's local and regional elections after the murders of seven aspirants, President Ivan Duque said on Monday. The killings have sparked renewed calls for more to be done to prevent political violence in the country, where hundreds of community leaders and human rights activists have also been murdered.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (09/16)*

## OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

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From Sudan to Mali, how climate wars are breaking out across the Sahel

Nomadic herders and farmers across Africa's Sahel are clashing violently as their environment changes.

*Read full article: [Middle East Eye](#) (09/19)*

Twenty years on, time for an accountability system for the protection of civilians

On this day in 1999, the United Nations Security Council passed its first thematic resolution on the protection of civilians in armed conflict and expressed its willingness to consider how peacekeeping mandates might better address the negative impact of armed conflict on civilians. ... Despite the many policies and actions established over the last two decades to improve the protection of civilians, an accountability system is critically needed to make sure that all actors unswervingly fulfill their duty to protect.

*Read full article: [IPI Global Observatory](#) (09/17)*