

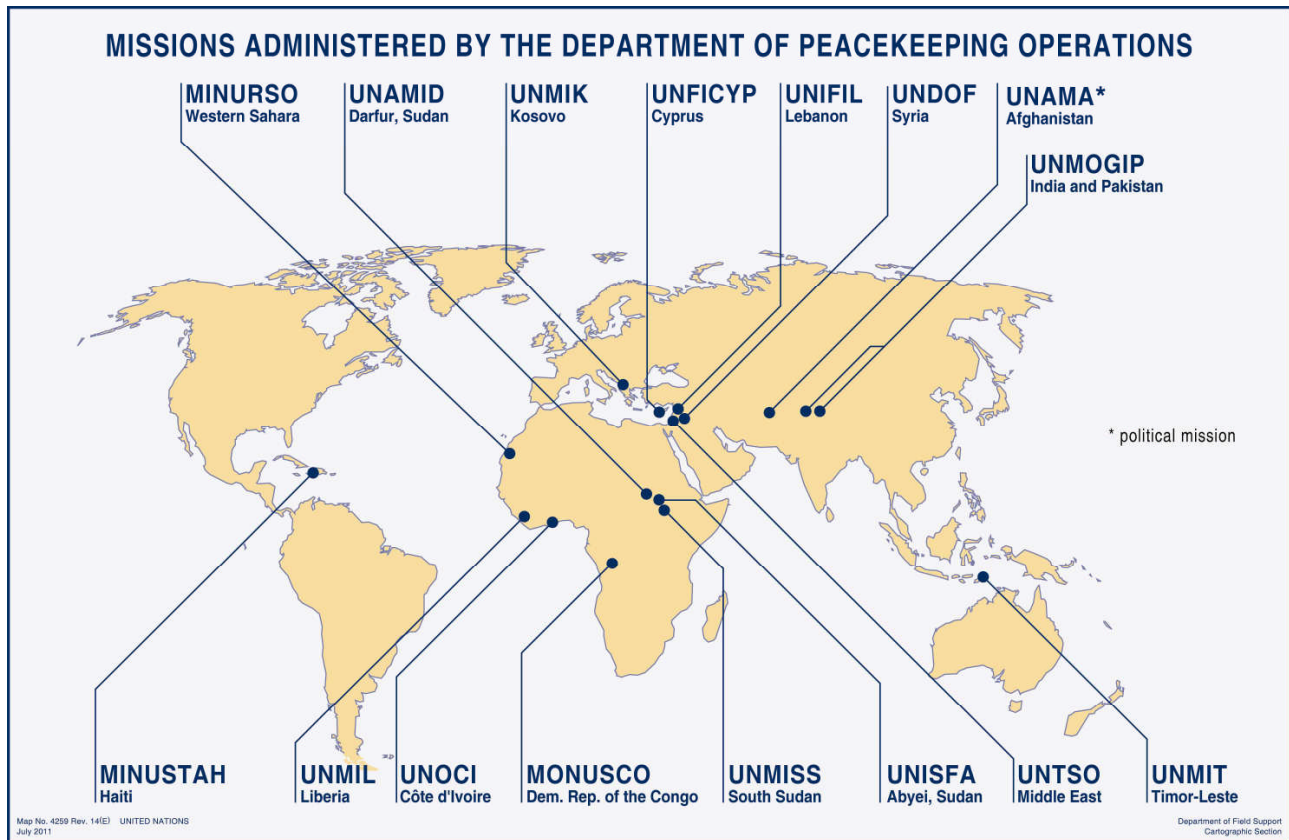


Peacekeeping

United Nations peacekeeping operations are a vital instrument employed by the international community to advance peace and security. The role of UN peacekeeping was recognized in 1988, when United Nations peacekeeping forces received the Nobel Peace Prize. While not specifically envisaged in the Charter, the UN pioneered peacekeeping in 1948 with the establishment of the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization in the Middle East. Since then, it has established a total of 67 operations. At the beginning of 2011, there were 14 active peacekeeping operations.

Peacekeeping operations are deployed with the authorization of the Security Council and the consent of the host government and/or the main parties to the conflict. Peacekeeping has traditionally involved a primarily military model of observing ceasefires and the separation of forces after inter-state wars. Today, it has evolved into a complex model of many elements — military, police and civilians — working together to help lay the foundations of a sustainable peace.

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UN Websites

- UN Peacekeeping:
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/>
- UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO):
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/about/dpko/>
- UN Department for Field Support (DFS):
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/about/dfs/>
- General Assembly & Peacekeeping - Fourth Committee (Special Political and Decolonization) and Special Committee on Peacekeeping:
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/ctte/CTTEE.htm>
- Security Council & Peacekeeping:
http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/ctte/s_counc.htm

Related Websites

- Political and Peacebuilding Missions:
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents//ppbm.pdf>
http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/undpa/main/about/field_operations
- UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA) – Peacemaking and Conflict Prevention:
<http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/undpa/main/issues/peacemaking>
- UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC):
<http://www.un.org/en/peacebuilding/index.asp>
(includes links to the Peacebuilding Fund and the Peacebuilding Support Office)

Research & Documentation

- United Nations Documentation - Research Guide on Peacekeeping:
<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/specpk.htm>
- Peacekeeping - Frequently Requested Documents:
<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/resguide/pkdoc.htm>
- United Nations System Pathfinder - International Security and Peacekeeping:
<http://www.un.org/Depts/dhl/pathfind/security/0201.htm>
- Peacekeeping Resource Hub – Policy, Lessons Learned and Training for the Peacekeeping Community: <http://www.peacekeepingbestpractices.unlb.org>
- List of Newsletters, Journals & Bulletins issued by UN Peacekeeping Missions:
<http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/25988>

- UN Peacemaker: <http://peacemaker.unlb.org/>
This Web site (registration required) serves as an online mediation support tool for international peacemaking professionals. Launched by the United Nations' Department of Political Affairs, the site provides information for peacemakers, including Peace Agreements, Peace Agreement Summaries, selected literature on various substantive peacemaking issues, a Legal Library, as well as links to Research Centres and other useful resources. In addition, the site offers easy access to peacemaking knowledge by providing Lessons, Case Briefs, Operational Guidance Notes, Knowledge Essays and Comments on peace agreements and on the management of peace processes. The lessons, guidance and comments have been derived from the United Nations' extensive experience in peacemaking.
- Peacebuilding Portal: <http://www.peacebuildingportal.org/>
The Peacebuilding Portal supports multilateral collaboration and networking on conflict prevention & peacebuilding by offering local, national, and international stakeholders a web tool to strengthen their work with each other and the United Nations and better respond to issues surrounding human security, peacebuilding & conflict.

Facts and Figures

- United Nations Peacekeeping Operations – Fact Sheet (DPI/1634):
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/factsheet.shtml>
- Peacekeeping Statistics (Troop and police contributors):
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/>
- United Nations Peace Operations - Year in Review 2001 - 2011:
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/resources/publications.shtml>
- United Nations Peacekeeping Fact Sheet – Background Note (DPI/2429):
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/documents/factsheet.pdf>

Further Information

- International Day of UN Peacekeepers – 29 May:
<http://www.un.org/en/events/peacekeepersday/>
- Briefing Papers for Students – Peacekeeping:
<http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/briefing/peacekeeping/index.htm>
- UN CyberSchoolBus – Peace Curriculum:
<http://www.un.org/cyberschoolbus/peace/index.asp>