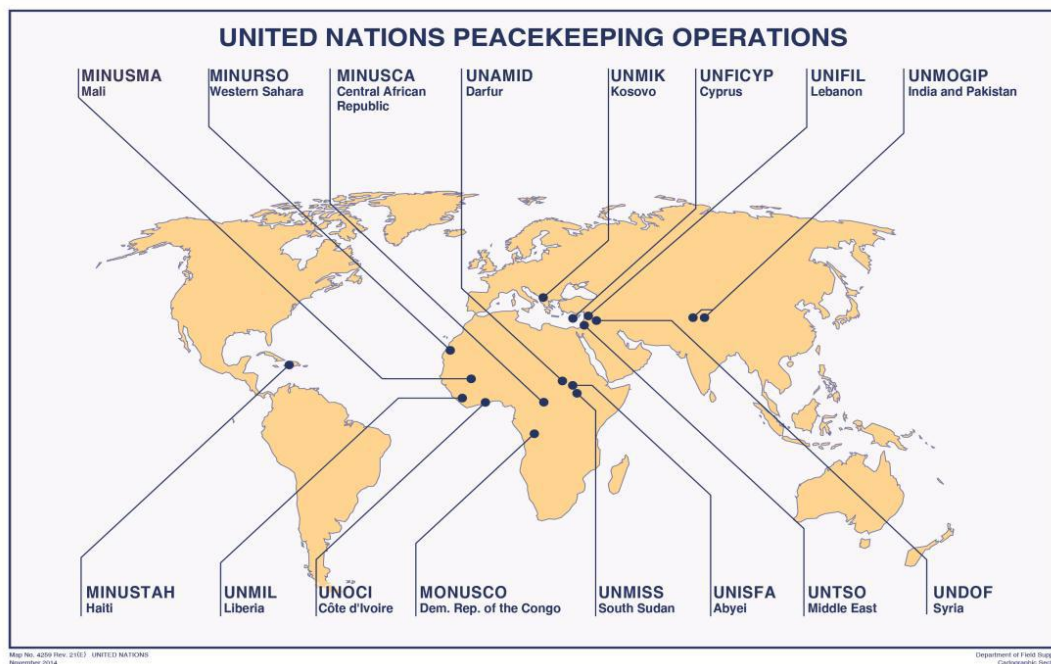


Peacekeeping

United Nations peacekeeping operations are a vital instrument employed by the international community to advance peace and security. While not specifically envisaged in the [Charter of the United Nations](#), 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 71 operations, 16 of which were active at the end of December 2016.

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 was originally 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/>
- United Nations Peace Operations: <http://www.unmissions.org/>
- 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/>

- Peacekeeping Operations and the Role of the General Assembly:
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/rolega.shtml>
- Peacekeeping Operations and the Role of the Security Council:
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/rolesc.shtml>
- UN Peacebuilding Commission (PBC):
<http://www.un.org/en/peacebuilding/index.asp>
(includes links to the Peacebuilding Fund and the Peacebuilding Support Office)
- UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA)
 - DPA Special Political Missions: <http://www.un.org/undpa/in-the-field/overview>
 - Prevention and Mediation: <http://www.un.org/undpa/diplomacy-mediation>

Research & Documentation

- United Nations Documentation - Research Guide on Peacekeeping:
<http://research.un.org/en/docs/peacekeeping>
- Peacekeeping Resource Hub: <http://research.un.org/en/peacekeeping-community>
- Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council:
http://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/studies/general_studies.shtml#P
- List of Newsletters, Journals & Bulletins issued by UN Peacekeeping Missions:
<http://www.unric.org/en/unric-library/25988>
- UN Peacemaker: <http://peacemaker.un.org/>
UN Peacemaker is an online mediation support tool developed by the Mediation Support Unit (MSU) in the Policy and Mediation Division of the Department of Political Affairs (DPA).
Intended for peacemaking professionals, it includes an extensive database of peace agreements, guidance material and information on the UN's mediation support services.
UN Peacemaker is part of the UN's overall effort to provide advice and support to the Secretary-General and his Representatives in their efforts to resolve international disputes and internal conflicts. It is also intended to be useful to UN partners actively engaged in peacemaking efforts, including Member States, regional organisations, civil society, non-governmental organisations and national mediators.

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- Peacekeeping Statistics (Troop and police contributors):
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/resources/statistics/>
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Further Information

- Sustainable Development Goal 16 - Promote just, peaceful and inclusive societies:
<http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/peace-justice/>
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg16>
- International Day of UN Peacekeepers – 29 May:
<http://www.un.org/en/events/peacekeepersday/>
<http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/operations/pkday.shtml>
- UN Women - Peace and Security:
<http://www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/peace-and-security>