



# Peace Operations Update

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## EUROPE

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### Ukraine

Zelenskiy, Poroshenko proceed to second round of Ukrainian presidential election

Ukrainian presidential candidates Volodymyr Zelenskiy and Petro Poroshenko, the incumbent president, won 30.24 percent and 15.95 percent of the vote, respectively, in the first round of the election on March 31, according to official results published by Ukraine's Central Election Commission (CEC) on April 7.

Read full article: [Kyiv Post](#) (04/08)

## AFRICA

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### Boko Haram affected areas

Boko Haram targets civilians in deadly attacks in South-East Niger

The United Nations refugee agency reports tens of thousands of refugees and displaced people in Niger's Diffa region are suffering immense hardships as violent attacks by Boko Haram increase in frequency and intensity. According to the UN refugee agency, last month 88 civilians in Niger's border areas were killed by Boko Haram, the Nigeria-based Islamist militant group. The spike in violence, it says, has forced more than 18,000 people to flee their homes, many for the second or third time.

Read full article: [VOA News](#) (04/10) [UN News](#) (04/09)

## Central African Republic

### CAR arms embargo - UN Security Council lists steps for review

[...] Christoph Heusgen, Security President for April, announced the Council's intention to establish by April 30, 2019 "clear and well identified key benchmarks."

*Read full article: [allAfrica](#) (04/11)*

## Democratic Republic of the Congo

### WHO experts to decide whether Congo Ebola outbreak is international emergency

The World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday said it had reconvened an expert panel to consider whether an outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo constitutes a public health emergency of international concern. ... **Declaring the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern", or PHEIC, would ramp up the international response with a formal alert that puts governments on notice and helps to mobilise resources and research.**

*Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (04/10)*

### UN Congo expert calls for rapid transition to avoid renewed violence

**Democratic Republic of Congo's (DRC) new president must swiftly form a government and seize the moment as groups, anxious for political change, lay down their arms, the head of the UN mission in Congo warned on Saturday. ... "It's an extremely important dynamic that ought to be seized upon", she said in Dinard where she was invited to talk about sexual violence as a weapon of war.**

*Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (04/07)*

## Libya

### 'Still time' to stop a 'bloody battle' for Libya's capital, insists Guterres

The offensive directed towards the capital, and troops loyal to the internationally-recognized Government led by Faiez Serraj, began on Monday. UN Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric briefed reporters earlier in the day that clashes were "reportedly intensifying, with increased use of artillery and airstrikes".

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/10)*

### Violence in Libya could give IS renewed opportunities

As conflict continues to escalate between the forces of Gen. Khalifa Haftar and the United Nations-recognized government in the capital of Tripoli, experts warn Islamic State militants could take advantage of the security vacuum and resurface on the battlefields of Libya.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (04/10)*

### Libyan national conference postponed

An imminent UN-led Libyan conference seeking to set up elections for the war-ravaged, oil-rich country has been postponed because of ongoing clashes near the capital, the top United Nations official in the country said on Tuesday. ... The conference was hoping to reach agreement among the various political factions after months of UN-led discussions at a local level nationwide, towards democratic elections which would unify the country and lead to way to economic recovery.

*Read full article: [UN News](#) (04/09)*

## Mali

### Thousands rally in Mali to protest ethnic violence

Thousands rallied in the Malian capital Bamako on Friday to protest at the failure of the government and international peacekeepers to stem rising ethnic and jihadist violence, notably the massacre of around 160 villagers last month.

*Read full article: [Reuters Africa](#) (04/06)*

## South Sudan

### Kiir, Machar kick off Vatican-hosted retreat on peace in South Sudan

South Sudanese President Salva Kiir and his First Vice President-designate Riek Machar have launched a two-day retreat in the Vatican to discuss the implementation of the revitalized peace agreement and ways to overcome the different hindrances.

*Read full article: [Sudan Tribune](#) (04/10)*

## Western Sahara

### Report of the Secretary-General on Western Sahara

*Read full report: [S/2019/282](#) (04/01)*

## MIDDLE EAST

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## Yemen

### Germany sends UN observers to Yemen

Germany will send a maximum of 10 soldiers and police officers to join a UN observer mission overseeing a ceasefire in Yemen, the government agreed on Wednesday.

*Read full article: [deutschland.de](#) (04/10)*

### Deutschland beteiligt sich an UN-Mission

Deutschland wird sich an der Beobachtermission der Vereinten Nationen zur Unterstützung der Hodeidah-Vereinbarung beteiligen. Das Bundeskabinett hat beschlossen, Soldaten der Bundeswehr sowie Polizisten als unbewaffnete Beobachter der Mission in den Jemen zu entsenden. ... Das Mandat gilt vorerst für sechs Monate bis Mitte Juli. Deutschland wird zunächst einen Soldaten der Bundeswehr in Zivil und unbewaffnet entsenden. Dieser wird als "Chief Assessment" (Leiter Auswertung) die UNMHA-Mission der Vereinten Nationen unterstützen. Grundsätzlich erlaubt der Beschluss die Entsendung von bis zu fünf Soldatinnen und Soldaten sowie fünf Polizistinnen und Polizisten.

*Read full article: [Bundesregierung](#) (04/10)*

## CENTRAL ASIA

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### Afghanistan

#### Dozens of Afghan forces and Taliban killed as violence spikes ahead of talks

Dozens of Afghan forces and Taliban fighters were killed in overnight fighting across Afghanistan, officials said Tuesday, as violence intensified ahead of another round of peace efforts to end the 18-year-old war.

*Read full article: [New York Times](#) (04/09)*

#### Afghanistan to send delegates to 'exchange views' with Taliban in Qatar

Afghanistan will send a government delegation for talks with the Taliban in Qatar, in a potential breakthrough in efforts to end the nearly 18-year war, even as the militants said participants will attend the meeting only in a "personal capacity." Meanwhile, EU foreign ministers on April 8 said the bloc is ready to act as a guarantor for the Afghan peace process.

*Read full article: [RFE/RL](#) (04/08)*

### Kazakhstan

#### New Kazakhstan President calls snap elections for June

Kazakhstan's President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev on Tuesday called a snap election for June as the Central Asian nation seeks a new leader following the shock resignation of its longtime ruler.

*Read full article: [VOA News](#) (04/09)*

## SOUTH AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN

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### Colombia

#### **Colombia's peace process has progressed, but is failing to affect citizens: study**

The implementation of Colombia's peace process made progress since it began in late 2016, but has so far failed to positively affect the lives of citizens, according to an extensive study. According to the Kroc Institute, which has monitored the progress of implementation of the 578 agreements made in the peace deal, 400 of these agreements are being implemented.

*Read full article: [Colombia Reports](#) (04/10)*

## OTHER PEACEKEEPING RELEVANT NEWS

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### Sudan's Bashir ousted by military and placed under arrest

President Omar al-Bashir, who ruled Sudan with an iron fist for 30 years, was on Thursday overthrown in a coup by the armed forces which announced a two-year period of military rule to be followed by elections.

*Read full article:* [Reuters Africa](#) (04/11) [ALJazeera](#) (04/11)

### SDG16+ Progress Report 2019

A comprehensive global audit of progress on available SDG16 indicators

This report presents the third in a series of yearly reports produced by the Institute for Economics & Peace on Sustainable Development Goal 16 (SDG16), which measures peace, justice and strong institutions.

Experience from the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) shows that development is hindered by low **peace and weak institutions**. As such, in the United Nations' 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development, SDG16 is considered fundamental to the achievement of many of the other SDGs.

*Read full article:* [Reliefweb](#) (03/21)