

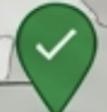
GLOBAL SECURITY RADAR: PRECIPICE & PROGRESS

EXECUTIVE INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING | FEBRUARY 2026

 **UN Blue**
Mandate Renewal

 **Venezuela**
Regime Change Op

 **Gaza Strip**
Phase II Implementation

 **Diplomatic Green**
Doha Mandate Signed

 **Lebanon**
Chemical Incident

 **Alert Red**
Escalation Warning

 **South Sudan**
Military Mobilization

SITUATION SUMMARY

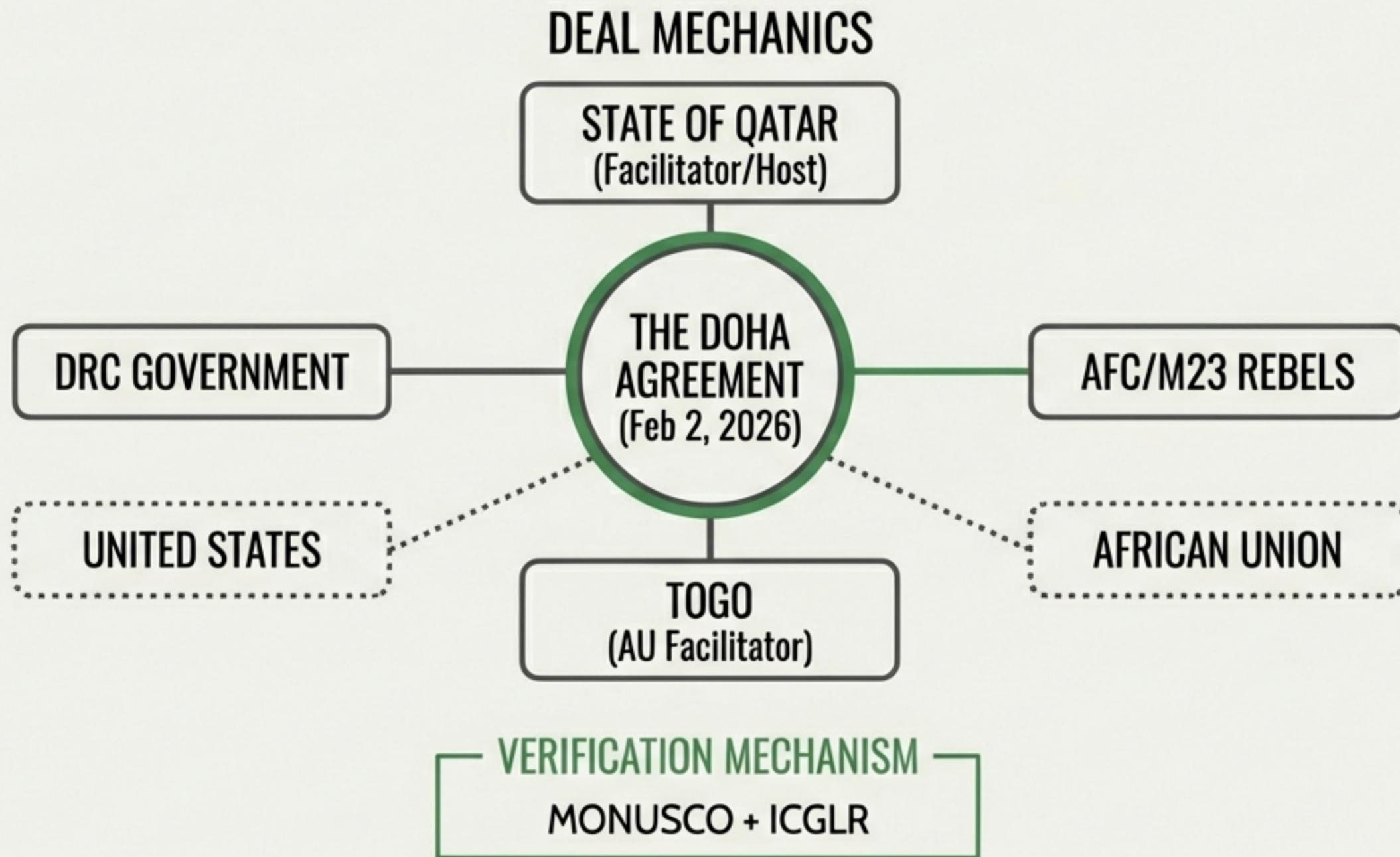
February sees a sharp divergence in global security dynamics. While major diplomatic frameworks were signed for DR Congo (The Doha Mandate) and Gaza (Phase II Implementation), operational realities on the ground threaten these gains. Simultaneous escalation risks in Tigray and Jonglei require immediate containment.

- **BREAKTHROUGH:** M23/DRC Ceasefire Monitoring signed in Doha.
- **PIVOT:** Gaza Phase II & 'High Representative' established.
- **FLASHPOINT:** US Operation removes Maduro (Venezuela); Chemical incident on Blue Line (Lebanon).
- **WARNING:** Renewed clash risk in Tigray (Ethiopia).

THE MONTH IN REVIEW: DIPLOMATIC & KINETIC TIMELINE



DR CONGO: THE DOHA MONITORING MANDATE



MANDATE SPECIFICS

Objective: Operationalize ceasefire monitoring to reinforce Nov 15 Doha Framework.

Key Action: Immediate deployment of MONUSCO-led teams to strategic city of **UVIRA**.

Status: Terms of reference agreed; communication channels established.

DRC: THE FRICTION BETWEEN PAPER AND GROUND

THE DIPLOMATIC COMMITMENT



- Parties reaffirmed commitment to the ceasefire.
- Agreed to allow deployment of monitoring teams led by MONUSCO.
- Regular meetings established to assess progress.

THE SECURITY REALITY



- **KISANGANI STRIKE:** Drone attacks reported on airport; furthest west potential strike.
- **TELECOM BLACKOUT:** Rebel concerns over govt cutting networks in Uvira, hindering verification.
- **VACUUM RISK:** Security vacuum following AFC/M23 Dec 2025 withdrawal; violence against civilians reported.

GAZA: ARCHITECTURE OF 'PHASE TWO'

Implementation of the Comprehensive Plan



“In front of us we see a potential turning point for Gaza... but many uncertainties remain.” — Ramiz Alakbarov, Deputy Special Coordinator

NOTE: Rafah crossing announced to open for pedestrian movement.

THE PALESTINIAN CONTEXT: OPPORTUNITY VS. RISK

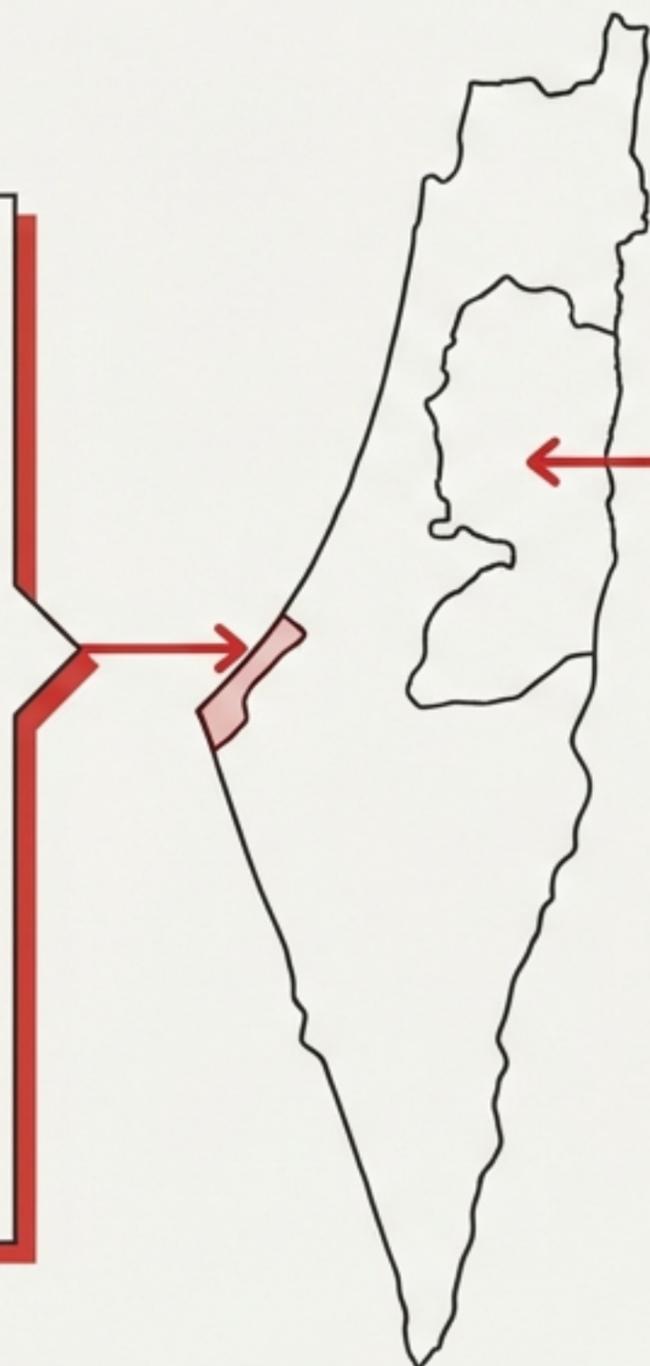
HUMANITARIAN CRISIS

1.5 MILLION
Displaced Persons

Exposed to winter rains and cold temperatures.

Aid bottlenecks due to access restrictions.

Remains of hostage Ran Gvili recovered.



POLITICAL UNRAVELLING

STATUS: DETERIORATING

Drivers: Ongoing violence, settlement expansion, demolitions.

Risk: West Bank instability threatens Gaza Phase II implementation.

ESCALATION WATCH: ETHIOPIA (TIGRAY)

STATUS: HIGH RISK

THE TRIGGER

Renewed tensions and reported clashes in parts of Tigray.

THE WARNING

UN Secretary-General warns of "worsening security environment" and risk of "return to wider conflict".

DIPLOMATIC STAKES

- **Pretoria Agreement (2022)** under severe stress.
- Strategic shift from "rebuilding/recovery" back to active security containment.
- Jeopardizes all peace gains made since Nov 2022.



INCIDENT REPORT: THE BLUE LINE CHEMICAL DROP

Sunday, Feb 1, 2026



SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

- 09:00 - IDF aircraft drops "non-toxic chemical substance" north of Blue Line.
- **WARNING** - IDF advises peacekeepers to "stay clear".
- **RESPONSE** - UNIFIL suspends 12+ patrol activities for 9+ hours.

VIOLATION ANALYSIS

- ****Flight Movements:** Violation of Resolution 1701.
- ****Investigation:** UNIFIL collecting samples for toxicology report.
- ****Precedent:** UNIFIL notes "not the first time" for unknown chemical drops.

SOUTH SUDAN: THE JONGLEI MOBILIZATION

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LOOMING MASSIVE MILITARY OPERATIONS

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UNMISS Warning regarding Jonglei State

THE THREAT

- ✖ Rapidly expanding tensions between Government forces and opposition militia.
- 👥 Hundreds of thousands of civilians at immediate risk.

THE DRIVER

- 📢 Escalating **HATE SPEECH** fueling ethnic tensions.
- 🌐 UN bases operating in ‘extremely challenging conditions’.

SECURITY COUNCIL BRIEF: THE AMERICAS

VENEZUELA

REGIME CHANGE

-  **Event: Jan 3:** US military operation removes President Maduro and Cilia Flores.
 -  **UN Action:**
Emergency Security Council meeting held Jan 5.
 -  **Agenda Item:**
Threats to international peace and security.
- Briefers:** Jeffrey Sachs & Transparencia Venezuela.

HAITI

MANDATE RENEWAL

-  **Resolution:**
Res 2814 (Adopted Jan 29).
-  **New Expiry:**
Jan 31, 2027
-  **Priority:**
Combatting illicit arms/financial flows & gang violence (UNODC Report).

SECURITY COUNCIL BRIEF: EUROPE & ASIA

STATUS QUO UNSUSTAINABLE

CYPRUS

Resolution: Res 2815 (Adopted Jan 30).

 **New Expiry:** Jan 31, 2027 (UNFICYP).

 **Vote:** 13 In Favor, 2 Abstentions (Pakistan, Somalia).

 **Demand:** Open additional crossing points to ease travel for 30,000 monthly users.

CONFLICT UPDATE

UKRAINE & AFGHANISTAN

Ukraine:

 Jan 12 briefing on massive drone/missile strikes on energy grid in sub-zero temps.

Afghanistan:

 Condemnation of Jan 19 terror attack in Kabul (6 Afghans, 1 Chinese national killed).

THEMATIC FOCUS: RULE OF LAW & CIVIL UNREST

IRAN PROTESTS



Jan 15 Briefing: Open session on nationwide protests.



UN Stance: Assistant Secretary-General Pobee urges “maximum restraint” to avert escalation.

SANCTITY OF TREATIES



Jan 30 Arria-Formula: Initiated by Pakistan.



Focus: Upholding treaty obligations as a pillar of global peace.



Briefers: Legal experts and International Peace Institute.

PEACE PARADIGMS



Jan 12 Meeting: Convened by Somalia.



Theme: “Inclusive and Sustainable Peacemaking”.



Insight: Briefing by Principles for Peace Foundation on longer-term political settlements.

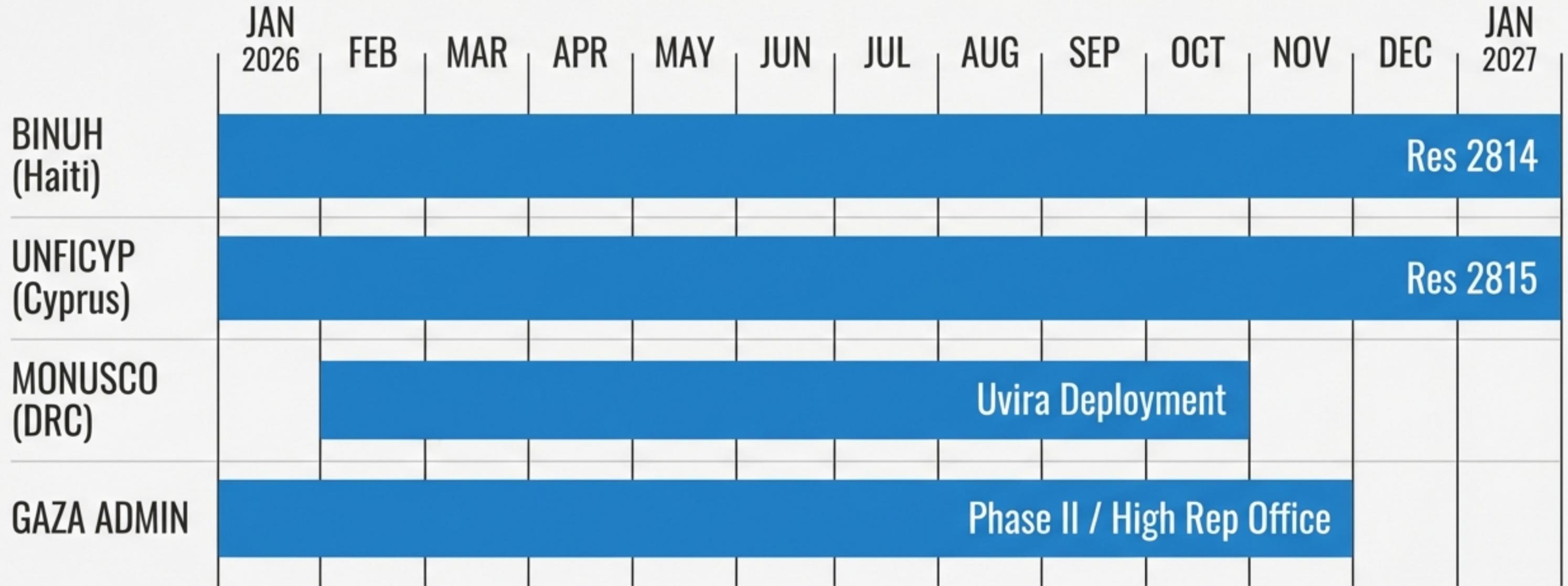
OPERATIONAL FOCUS: RISK EDUCATION IN LEBANON



LOCATION: Jamil Jaber Bazzi Public School, Bint Jbeil.

- **Mission:** Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE).
- **Target:** Children and IDPs in 17 towns near Blue Line.
- **Detail:** Italian contingent demonstrates mock disposal of cluster munitions to minimize post-conflict casualties.

THE 2026-2027 MANDATE LANDSCAPE



Secretary-General reports due on Cyprus Good Offices and Haiti throughout the year.

STRATEGIC OUTLOOK: THREE VARIABLES

IMPLEMENTATION VIABILITY

DR Congo: Can the Doha Mandate survive the friction of Kisangani drone attacks and Uvira telecom blackouts?

GOVERNANCE CAPACITY

Gaza: Will the new National Committee restore services to 1.5M displaced before West Bank instability spreads?

CONTAINMENT FAILURE

Escalation: Will warning lights in Tigray and Jonglei turn into active fronts, reversing years of investment?

BOTTOM LINE:

February is a test of VERIFICATION—checking if signatures on paper can stop chemicals, drones, and militias on the ground.