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AISP/SPIA WEEKLY REPORT: PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS AND SECURITY UPDATE

This week, the UN focused on de-escalation diplomacy, humanitarian access, as well as the protection of civilians and personnel.

1. NEW REPORT ON MINUSMA'S LEGACY IN MALI

On July 6, 2026, the UN Department of Peace Operations (DPO) released a significant report titled 'A Peace That Was Not Enough: Lessons from MINUSMA's support to peace processes in Mali.'

- This report examines the UN peacekeeping mission which has been ongoing for over a decade in Mali.
- This study highlights both the achievements of the peacekeeping mission in the country and its challenges when it comes to supporting the country's peace process.
- Although the report was published at the beginning of the month, it remains a focal point of debates and discussion this week. It is cited as a key reference for lessons learned in complex multidimensional peacekeeping operations.

2. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CRIMES AGAINST PEACEKEEPERS

The UN Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution aimed at strengthening accountability for crimes committed against UN peacekeepers.

- The resolution was authored by Denmark and Pakistan, which are both members of the Council, and which both prioritized peacekeeper protection during their 2025-2026 tenure.

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- The main goal of the resolution is to facilitate the identification, investigation, and prosecution of perpetrators of attacks against UN personnel serving in peace operations. The resolution also argues that expressions of condolence alone are insufficient, and stresses the importance of establishing concrete justice mechanisms.

3.UNIFIL UPDATE - SOUTHERN LEBANON TENSIONS

UNIFIL (United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon) peacekeepers reported continued projectile activity attributed to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) in southern Lebanon.

- The number of trajectories recorded strongly reflects the ongoing volatile security situation in the zone of the mission: the morning of the report, 13 trajectories were recorded, while 6 were recorded the day before and 18 two days prior to the report.
- Given the situation, UN agencies warned that the risk of conflicts in the Strait of Hormuz was escalating, urging all parties to de-escalate amid intensified military strikes between the United States and Iran. This escalation directly affects the regional stability where UN missions, such as UNIFIL, operate.
- While a press briefing issued on July 17, 2026 from the UN office in Geneva reported that a ceasefire had reduced violence in southern Lebanon,
 - the communities remain devastated by the situation,
 - security conditions are still extremely fragile.
- This has several impacts on peacekeepers of UNIFIL:
 - The Blue Line ceasefire still needs to be monitored,
 - Operational risks remain persistent despite the reduction of hostilities.

Increased regional conflict raises the risks for peacekeepers and complicates mission mandates, especially in Lebanon and nearby areas.

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4.SECRETARY-GENERAL'S UPCOMING VISIT TO CYPRUS (UNFICYP)

- The UN Secretary-General, António Guterres, is scheduled to visit Cyprus from July 27 to the 29th, as part of his good offices mission. He is set to meet with both Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot leaders, and other stakeholders to discuss advancing peace and stability in the region, which are currently supported by the work of UNFICYP (UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus).
- This trip, which was announced this week, underscores the uninterrupted commitment of the UN Secretary-General to the peace process in Cyprus.

5.UN CHIEFS OF POLICE SUMMIT (UNCOPS 2026)

- The outcomes of the fifth UN Chiefs of Police Summit, held on July 7 and 8, are still influencing discussions of this week.
- Police chiefs from around the world gathered at UN Headquarters in New York to discuss how UN policing components in peacekeeping missions can respond more effectively to evolving global security challenges.

6.YEMEN - UN CONFLICT MANAGEMENT EFFORTS (LINKED TO PEACE OPERATIONS)

- On 13 July 2026, a senior UN official urged for de-escalation and a return to a UN-led political process.
- While Yemen currently hosts a special political mission (not traditional peacekeeping), this initiative reflects:
 - The broader strategies of the UN's peace operations,
 - The potential future need for peacekeeping-type deployment if conflict evolves.

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7.SUDAN CRISIS WORSENING (INDIRECT PRESSURE ON UN MISSIONS)

- By 17 July 2026, UN briefings reported a cholera outbreak, which had led to over a hundred deaths, and continued drone attacks disrupting the aid access.
- Since UNITAMS ended, Sudan lacks a large UN peacekeeping force on its territory. However the deterioration of the situation raises discussions about future stabilization missions and strains nearby UN operations.

8.ONGOING GLOBAL POLICY: PROTECTION OF PEACEKEEPERS

- A resolution of the UN Security Council made in June 2026 reaffirmed the accountability for attacks against peacekeepers. This is relevant for this week as missions such as UNIFIL and MONUSCO operate in high-risk environments.
- No major new peacekeeping deployments or withdrawals were announced this week. However, some operational environments worsened or remained fragile in key regions. This is the case in Lebanon (UNIFIL), the Middle East (regional escalation), and Sudan (humanitarian collapse).
- In a press release issued on 13 July 2026, the UN Integrated Office in Haiti (BINUH) and UNICEF welcomed the inclusion of three additional armed gangs in the relevant annexes.
- On 17 July 2026, Germany called for a new force to take over UNIFIL in Lebanon.
- This week, the global pressure on peacekeeping continues with UN peace operations being under financial strain and a lack of personnel.
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