The UN remains the leading force in peacekeeping.

- **United Nations**: 60,292 troops
- **NATO**: 54,754 troops
- **African Union**: 25,690 troops
- **Other**: 12,035 troops

Robust deployments save lives...

As the number of UN troops increases, civilian casualties decrease.

However, African governments are increasingly setting the agenda for peace ops in Africa through UN and non–UN organizations.

Conflict-affected countries with political missions:

- Libya
- Yemen
- Somalia
- Ukraine
- Syria

...but more civilian missions are operating in active conflicts.

There are more peace operations than ever, which is pushing the limits of the UN system.

Average mission length is now over 14 years.

- **UNIFIL (Lebanon 2008)**
- **UNMIL (South Sudan 2013–14)**
- **MINUSMA ( Mali 2015)**

Changes and innovations in peace operations:

Europe is playing a diminishing role...

...while African contributions are on the rise.

Missions fight biological and chemical threats.

UN deployment is slow, taking several months to reach strength and often not reaching their targets.

Female representation and participation are lagging way behind.