

# FORCE

## MINUSCA Force and CAR Armed Forces : A Transformative Collaboration

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By planting this tree, the Force Commander of MINUSCA performs a highly symbolic act, embodying lasting peace and stability. The tree, firmly rooted in the soil, represents the strength of commitments dedicated to the promotion of peace and the protection of civilians. Each leaf that will grow shall stand as a living testimony of a collective commitment to peaceful coexistence, mutual respect, and fraternity among communities.







**LIEUTENANT GENERAL HUMPHREY NYONE**  
Force Commander- MINUSCA

## Ensuring Peace, Standing Strong for Civilians in CAR

**A**s Force Commander, I reaffirm our unwavering commitment to supporting peace, stability, and democratic progress in the Central African Republic. The Force plays a central role in mandate implementation, which includes the protection of civilians, support to the political and electoral process, and assistance in the implementation of the Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration (DDR) program.

During this Electoral period, MINUSCA's role in ensuring a peaceful and secure environment is more critical than ever. Elections represent a vital step in the democratic journey of the Central African Republic (CAR), [MM1] offering citizens the opportunity to shape their future through the ballot box rather than the barrel of a gun. MINUSCA Force is working closely with national authorities, electoral bodies and other partners to secure electoral materials, protect key infrastructure, and ensure the safety of voters, candidates, and election officials.

[MM1]Change the Wording, to be more present tone regarding elections process

Elections can become flashpoints for violence if not properly safeguarded. That is why our presence in priority zones has been intensified. Quick Reaction Forces, joint patrols, and early warning mechanisms have been activated to detect and respond swiftly to any threats that may jeopardize electoral period. Our aim is to support peaceful elections where all Central Africans can participate without fear or intimidation.

Ultimately, the purpose of elections is not only procedural, but also deeply personal for many Central Africans. In Kaga-Bandoro, Kaëlle Mazimbala, a 20-year-old first-time voter, expressed the hope shared by many parents when she said: "I dream of a better future for my son. I hope that our country will finally experience lasting peace so that we can return to our agricultural activities and our children can receive a good education." [MM1]

Beyond the electoral period, protection of civilians remains our core priority under the mandate. MINUSCA troops are deployed across the country, often in remote and high-risk areas, to maintain a visible presence, deter armed group violence, and support early warning and rapid response. Through patrols, temporary operating bases, and timely reinforcement when threats emerge, the Force helps reduce the risk of attacks on civilians, responds to urgent incidents, and creates the security conditions for communities to recover.

In parallel, MINUSCA continues to support the national DDR process, which is an important part of reducing long-term conflict risks. The Force provides security and practical support to DDR activities, in close coordination with the mission's civilian components and the Government, so that participants and surrounding communities can engage safely. When former combatants disarm and transition away from armed activity, it can help ease local tensions and open space for reconciliation and recovery.

Working alongside the people and authorities of the Central African Republic, and in partnership with other stakeholders, MINUSCA remains committed to helping advance a safer environment and supporting national efforts toward political stability and sustainable development, in line with our mandate and with full respect for impartiality and the protection of civilians.

[MM1]Notes from DFC to add a Life story from one of mothers, who have high hopes for the Election



# The MINUSCA mandate renewed until 15 November 2026



**M**INUSCA mandate (Resolution 2800, renewed in November 2025) aims to stabilize the Central African Republic (CAR) by focusing on the protection of civilians, supporting the peace process (APPR-RCA, 2025/2026 elections), extending state authority, and promoting human rights.

Its tasks include ensuring the security of the population, assisting in the organization of elections, supporting the security forces, implementing the peace agreement, providing humanitarian aid, and strengthening the rule of law, while maintaining an authorized force of approximately 14,000 military personnel and 3,000 police officers.

## Priority Tasks

- Protection of civilians: Prevent and counter threats of violence, ensure a mobile and proactive presence, strengthen early warning mechanisms, protect women and children, prevent

the use of schools by armed forces, and combat conflict-related sexual violence.

- Support for State authority: Support the expansion of administration and public services throughout the country, facilitate the deployment of security forces, provide logistical and technical support, and progressively transfer security responsibilities to national forces.
- Peace process and good offices: Support the implementation of the Peace Agreement (APPR), support the ceasefire, promote national reconciliation, encourage the participation of women, youth, and civil society, and strengthen strategic communication to build trust.
- Humanitarian assistance: Ensure the safe, comprehensive, and unimpeded delivery of aid and facilitate the voluntary and dignified return of internally displaced persons and refugees. Protection of UN personnel: Ensure the security of UN facilities, assets, and personnel.





*Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in the Central African Republic, addressing the Security Council for the renewal of MINUSCA's mandate (Resolution 2800), a strong symbol of the UN's continued commitment to peace.*

### Other tasks

- Human rights: Monitor and report violations, strengthen the capacities of national institutions and civil society.

- Elections 2025/2026: Support the organization of free, fair, and inclusive local, legislative, and presidential elections, with the participation of women, youth, and internally displaced persons.
- Security sector reform: Provide strategic advice, strengthen the capacities of the armed forces and internal security forces, conduct background checks, and promote inclusive recruitment.
- Disarmament, demobilization, reintegration, and repatriation (DDRR): Implement an inclusive and progressive program, support socioeconomic reintegration, and protect ex-combatants and children associated with armed groups.
- Justice and the rule of law: Strengthen judicial independence, support the Special Criminal Court, combat impunity, cooperate with the International Criminal Court, and adopt temporary emergency measures to maintain public order.



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# Force Leadership



**Lieutenant General HUMPHREY  
NYONE**  
**Force Commander - MINUSCA**

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Appointed on 15 May 2023, Lieutenant General Humphrey Nyone assumes the role of Force Commander of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA). Since assuming office, he has made numerous achievements. Notable ones to include stabilization of the Yade region, Mingala and Zangba, the conduct of DDR operations, securing of first ever combined elections, and sustained support to the FACA.

A distinguished General with more than 32 years of experience in the Zambian Force, he has risen through the ranks from second Lieutenant to Lieutenant General and has held Command Staff and Instructional appointments at tactical operational and strategic level.



**Major General Maychel Asmi**  
**Deputy Force Commander**  
**MINUSCA**

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Appointed in April 2025, Major General Maychel Asmi assumes the role of Deputy Force Commander of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic. With over 30 years of distinguished military service, Major General Asmi brings a wealth of operational experience, strategic insight, and a deep commitment to peacekeeping.

known for his strategic mindset, Major General Asmi has championed innovation in military operations. In Indonesia, he pioneered the “Pentahelix” approach to managing forest fire responses in Sumatra. This multi-sectoral strategy brought together government institutions, private enterprises, academia, media, and local communities showcasing his ability to integrate diverse actors toward a unified mission.



**BRIGADIER GENERAL MOUSSA  
MAHAMADOU**  
**Force Chief of staff – MINUSCA**

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Appointed on 20 January 2025, Brigadier General MOUSSA MAHAMADOU assumes the role of Force Chief of staff of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic. His extensive education spans multiple continents, including:

Royal Military Academy of Meknes, Morocco (1988-1991), Application training ABC FORT KNOX, Kentucky, U.S.A (1993-1994), Jr command, Nowshira, Pakistan (2000), Staff College, Koulikoro, Mali (2001-2002), War College, Rome, Italy (2010-2011), High Defense Institute, Rome, Italy (2011-2012).

Brigadier General MOUSSA MAHAMADOU participated in different UN Missions as Military Observers, UNOCI, RCI 2003, MINUSMA. He speaks Hausa, Zarma, French, English, and Italian.



# Force Deputy Chief of Staffs



**Colonel Gwamaka Stephen Mwaifwani**  
**Deputy Chief of Staff Operations**  
**MINUSCA**

**C**olonel Gwamaka Stephen Mwaifwani from the Tanzania People's Defence Forces, currently the MINUSCA Deputy Chief of Staff Operations is a seasoned Military Officer with extensive experience in operations, training, and strategic planning. His career reflects a strong commitment to national and international service, marked by distinguished roles and academic achievements.

Throughout his career, he has served in various key positions including Brigade Operation and Training Officer, Staff Officer Training, Military Adviser to the Reserve Force, Battalion Commander, and Wing Commander Cadet Training School. His leadership was further demonstrated in his role as Chief of the Military Operation Centre (Chief MOC) for MINUSCA, where he contributed to multinational peacekeeping efforts since 2019 to 2020.



**Colonel Sylvester MOONGA**  
**Deputy Chief of Staff Support**  
**MINUSCA**

**C**olonel Sylvester MOONGA joined Zambia Army as a cadet officer on 3 May 1998 and he was commissioned as a regular officer on 15 October 1998 and posted to the Corps of Engineers. Col Sylvester MOONGA served in a United Nations peace operation in Sudan as a troop commander under UNMIS in 2005 to 2006. He was also deployed under MONUSCO as a Military Observer in 2014 to 2015.

Since 04 February 2025, he was deployed in Central African Republic under MINUSCA as Deputy Chief of Staff Support and participated in the logistics planning of major operations in line with the fulfilment of the mission's mandate. The deployment of troops, in stabilization of Yade region and the planning of securing the elections were some of the major operations that he has been involved in.



**Colonel Subhash Chand Punia**  
**Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel,**  
**Evaluation and Training**  
**MINUSCA**

**C**olonel Subhash Chand Punia is posted as Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel, Evaluation and Training from 22 October 2024. He is an Infantry officer and has extensive operational experience across all terrains including High Altitude Areas, Deserts and Jungles over the last 24 years' service career.

He commanded an Infantry Battalion in mountainous and jungle terrains. He has completed the Junior Command and Staff Course, the Staff College Course, the Senior Command and Staff Course and the Higher Command Course. As Deputy Chief Personnel, Evaluation and Training, he has focused on streamlining the procedures on Human Resources and Operational Readiness Assessment domain. He has also been closely planning and implementing the Force Liquidity Contingency Plans.



# Seminar in Bangui: MINUSCA Steps up Protection of Peacekeepers

**F**rom 14 to 16 August 2025, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) convened a crucial seminar at its Force Headquarters in Bangui.

Chaired by the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General to the Central Africa Republic, Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza, the seminar brought together senior MINUSCA leadership, including the Force Commander, Lieutenant General Humphrey Nyone, sector and contingent commanders, and key partners, to focus on strengthening the safety and security of UN peacekeepers amidst rising threats.

## Addressing Increasing Security Challenges

The three-day seminar, titled “Security and Safety of Peacekeepers: Addressing Threats, Strengthening Resilience, and Saving Lives,” was convened in response to the growing number of attacks targeting UN personnel in the Central Africa Republic. Since the beginning of 2025, three peacekeepers lost their lives in hostile attacks, underscoring the urgent need to enhance protective measures. Ms. Rugwabiza underscored the mission’s unwavering commitment to safeguarding its personnel, stating, “The safety of our men and women in the field is at the heart of our commitment to peace and stability in the country.” Lieutenant General Humphrey Nyone stressed the importance of operational coordination, emphasizing that, “In the face of increasingly complex threats, it is imperative that every soldier is well-prepared, supported, and protected.”



Group photo of participants during the seminar at the FHQ Ucatex Bangui

## Key Seminar Objectives and Discussions

The seminar focused on understanding the evolving security environment, identifying critical gaps in protection mechanisms, formulating strategic and operational guidelines to safeguard peacekeepers without compromising mandate delivery. Topics discussed included:

- Accurate identification and mapping of high-risk areas.
- Strengthening individual and collective soldier capacities.
- Improving incident response protocols and rapid medical evacuation systems.
- Enhancing communication and coordination among units for improved operational efficiency.
- Addressing logistical challenges such as equipment serviceability and contractor reliability.
- Additionally, participants reviewed recent aviation incidents and road traffic accidents, emphasizing enhanced training and stricter safety protocols to mitigate these risks.





### Insights from International Partners and Experts

A distinguished delegation from UN Headquarters, led by Major General Menon (Retd), Director of the Office of Operations, shared lessons learned and cautioned against complacency. Highlighting the dynamic tactics of armed groups in the CAR and the sub-region, he stressed the need for proactive adaptation and intelligence sharing, including regional cooperation with MONUSCO and UNMISS to address cross-border threats.

### Enhancing Base Security and Force Protection

The seminar highlighted vulnerabilities related to base perimeter security, drone surveillance risks, and fuel supply disruptions. Recommendations included upgrading surveillance systems, expanding the use of cost-effective technologies such as quadcopters and solar energy, and reinforcing engineering support through the Mission Support Division.

Participants also stressed the importance of unpredictable patrol schedules and improving the reliability of contingent-owned equipment (COE) to reduce risks during field operations.

### Strengthening Casualty Evacuation and Emergency Response

The establishment of a CASEVAC Coordination Cell and integration of Aero Medical Evacuation Teams have improved response times. However, the seminar identified a need to streamline communication protocols to further and equip troops with portable lifesaving first-aid kits to enhance survival outcomes during emergencies.

### Lessons Learned and Recommendations

The After-Action Review (AAR) report from the seminar highlighted several best practices and actionable recommendations:

- **Leadership Commitment:** Strong engagement from senior mission leadership reassures peacekeepers of a unified and proactive approach to their safety.
- **Local Engagement:** Building trust with local communities and collaborating closely with national security forces are essential for effective intelligence gathering and operational success.
- **Standard Operating Procedures:** Continuous updates to SOPs incorporating recent lessons and threats enhance mission preparedness.
- **Scenario-Based Training:** Regular tabletop exercises and rehearsals bolster readiness for complex incidents.
- **Enhanced Base Defenses:** Utilizing innovative, low-cost perimeter security solutions and advanced technologies can significantly reduce vulnerabilities.



- **Intelligence Integration:** Addressing gaps in information sharing through real-time human intelligence and improved coordination among intelligence units is crucial.
- **Force Protection:** Quarterly drills and rigorous command oversight at all levels must be institutionalized to maintain high security standards across all bases.
- **Road Safety:** Defensive driving training and stronger enforcement of road safety rules are vital to reducing fatal accidents.

### Commitment to Future Security and Mission Success

As MINUSCA prepares to support the 2025 national elections, the security of peacekeepers will directly impact the credibility and success of this critical process. The seminar's outcomes and recommendations will be integrated into the mission's Integrated Electoral Security Plan to ensure lessons learned translate into enhanced operational guidance on the ground. The gathering in Bangui reflects MINUSCA's ongoing dedication to safeguarding its personnel and sustaining the mission's mandate to promote peace and stability in the Central African Republic.



**Major General Jal Shanker Menon (Rtd) Office of Peace Strategic Partnership at UN HQs (OPSP)**



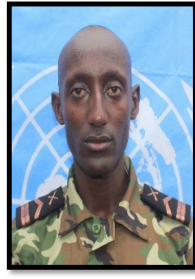
# Tribute to our fallen heroes for peace in CAR



CORPORAL  
SURAJ LAMICHHANE  
(NEPAL) – 20 AUGUST



ADJUDANT  
KONATE ZIE ADAMA  
(CÔTE D'IVOIRE) – 24 AUGUST



CHIEF CORPORAL  
RICHARD NDIKURIYO  
(BURUNDI) – 27 AUGUST



FIRST STAFF SERGEANT  
BRAK DA  
(CAMBODIA) – 2 SEPTEMBER



2ND SERGEANT  
SRI WIDODO  
(INDONESIA) – 13 SEPTEMBER



PRIVATE 1ST CLASS  
AHMED BRAHIM  
(MAURITANIA) – 16 SEPTEMBER



MINUSCA honors the memory of the six peacekeepers who died during the second half of 2025 in the Central African Republic.

- Corporal **Suraj Lamichhane** (Nepal) – 20 August
- Adjudant **Konate Zie Adama** (Côte d'Ivoire) – 24 August
- Chief Corporal **Richard Ndikuriyo** (Burundi) – 27 August
- First Staff Sergeant **Brak Da** (Cambodia) – 2 September
- Second Sergeant **Sri Widodo** (Indonesia) – 13 September
- Private 1st Class **Ahmed Brahim** (Mauritania) – 16 September

A wreath-laying ceremony was held in their honor by the senior officials of MINUSCA. Their sacrifice for peace will never be forgotten.





# The Medal Parade: a highlight for all MINUSCA peacekeepers







**T**he Medal Parade is a cherished tradition in UN peacekeeping missions worldwide, offering a moment of pride and recognition for contingents from diverse nations. It symbolizes not only the official recognition of their achievements, commitments, selfless service and sacrifice but also their dedication to the mission.

Beyond its ceremonial significance, this event boosts the morale by honoring their hard work and showcases international corporation, uniting contingents from diverse nations to celebrate shared efforts towards peace.





# The Medal Parade: a highlight for all MINUSCA peacekeepers







## Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

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- ! At all times we must treat the local population with respect and dignity.
- ! Sexual exploitation and abuse is unacceptable behaviour and prohibited conduct for all United Nations and affiliated personnel.
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- ! Sexual exploitation and abuse undermines discipline, and damages the reputation of the United Nations.

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- If I witness Sexual exploitation and abuse behaviour by others, regardless of their position or seniority, I have a responsibility to take all reasonable measures to stop the misconduct and report the incident immediately to my commander or manager;
- ! Failure to respond or report misconduct is a breach of the United Nations standards of conduct.  
**There is no excuse!**

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EXPLOITATION



PROSECUTION



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Mission Conduct and Discipline website: <https://conduct.unmissions.org>



Group photo during the Grande COCEM between the Force and the FACA

## Supporting Elections: MINUSCA's Force as a Pillar of Democracy

**A**s the Central African Republic prepares to hold presidential, legislative, regional, and municipal elections in late December 2025, the National Elections Authority (ANE) continues to receive steadfast and enhanced support from the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

This collaboration is vital to ensuring that the electoral process is secure, credible, and inclusive, especially in a context still challenged by significant security and logistical hurdles.

### MINUSCA's Force: A Reassuring Presence Across the Country

MINUSCA's Force is deployed nationwide, with a particular focus on high-risk areas where tensions remain acute. In coordination with the Internal Security Forces (ISF) and the Central African Armed Forces (FACA), it plays a key role in safeguarding polling stations, election personnel, candidates, and voters helping to foster a climate of trust conducive to peaceful elections.

Through regular patrols, the Force identifies and neutralizes potential threats and responds swiftly to incidents. Its visible and strategic presence serves as a deterrent against intimidation, violence, and electoral fraud, thereby ensuring the smooth conduct of the voting process.

### Essential Logistical and Operational Support

Organizing elections in the Central African Republic involves complex logistical challenges such as: Transporting electoral materials across the country, including remote and hard-to-reach areas, coordinating teams over vast terrain and securing electoral convoys.



MINUSCA, working closely with the ANE, provides critical support for these operations. It supplies resources, ensures the safe transport of electoral materials, and facilitates coordination between national forces and international partners. This support is essential for meeting electoral deadlines and ensuring that all polling stations are properly equipped on time.

### Promoting Awareness Training and Inclusion

The success of the electoral process also hinges on active citizen participation. In partnership with local and international NGOs, MINUSCA, conducts awareness campaigns to encourage voter registration and promote the inclusion of marginalized groups particularly women and youth. Additionally, the mission organizes training sessions for election officials and security personnel,

focusing on polling station management, procedural compliance, and the principles of human rights and impartiality.

These trainings help professionalize the electoral process and reduce the risk of conflict.

### A Catalyst for Peace and Democratic Consolidation

In a country still recovering from years of conflict, holding free, transparent, and peaceful elections is a critical milestone for stability and democratic progress. MINUSCA's role especially that of its Force extends beyond security: It represents a comprehensive commitment to restoring public trust in national institutions. By creating a secure environment and strengthening national capacities, the mission helps ensure that these elections become a decisive step toward lasting peace and inclusive governance.

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Ribbon cutting by the SRSG, Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza, during the ceremony for the handover of motorcycles to the FACA

## MINUSCA: Key Operational Support for the FACA on the Ground

**M**INUSCA continues to play a crucial role in strengthening the operational capacities of the Central African Armed Forces (FACA) through consistent and structured support, enabling them to increase their presence in strategic and hard-to-reach areas of the country.

As mentioned by Col Sylvester MOONGA, Deputy Chief of Staff Support, the MINUSCA provides FACA with various forms of operational support. It conducts casualty evacuations (CASEVAC) and medical evacuations (MEDEVAC) within the country. Limited air transport is also provided for units operating in remote areas. This includes supplying fuel and lubricants and distributing individual first aid kits. During coordinated operations, MINUSCA also supplies combat rations for a maximum of fifteen days per month, as required. Three hundred two-person tents intended for use in remote locations or during long-range patrols, along with fifteen prefabricated soft skin tents, have been provided.

Drinking water is supplied for up to 90 days, by which time the FACA are expected to establish their own supply lines. Three temporary weapons and ammunition storage facilities have been set up for the FACA as well as additional training in weapons and ammunition management.

The results of this cooperation are evident in joint operations carried out in the field. For instance, MINUSCA and the FACA recently conducted joint patrols in hotspot areas such as the prefectures of Vakaga and Haut-Mbomou. These interventions have effectively contributed to the implementation of the Protection of Civilians mandate by ensuring a deterrent presence in high-risk zones.

From a logistical standpoint, MINUSCA provides regular support to the FACA. Air transport is arranged to facilitate the deployment and rotation of troops, in line with the Mission's mandate to extend state authority. It also provides rations to FACA troops deployed alongside MINUSCA Forces. Equally, Twelve Land Cruiser vehicles have been purchased and handed over to the FACA supporting joint patrols and other operations.



In addition, three hundred motorcycles have been acquired and handed over to enhance FACA mobility, particularly in areas inaccessible to vehicles.

MINUSCA's support has significantly enhanced FACA's operational effectiveness. This has enabled the FACA to operate more efficiently in the field and expand their presence in remote areas. In most regions under FACA control, armed elements' activities have drastically decreased. However, cooperation between MINUSCA and FACA still faces several challenges.

The primary challenge remains budget constraints. The Mission's financial situation is currently uncertain, particularly due to funding delays and reductions from certain member states. Additionally, the vetting process required for FACA soldiers before deployment often delays their deployment to critical areas. Communication issues in the field also hinder coordination between MINUSCA teams and the FACA.



Task FORCE Bambari Commander Welcomed General Sakama during the lunching of DDR process





Group photo during the vehicle handover ceremony to the FACA on the 5 November 2025

## Strengthening Mobility and Capacity of the Central African Armed Forces (FACA) to Protect Populations and Secure Elections

**A**s part of efforts to strengthen the Central African Armed Forces (FACA) and secure the electoral process in the Central African Republic, 12 pickup trucks were handed over to the FACA Headquarters by MINUSCA on 5 November 2025, in Bangui. The ceremony took place in the presence of Madam Valentine Rugwabiza, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of MINUSCA, and General Zéphirin Mamadou, Chief of Staff of the FACA.

The provision of 12 pickup trucks to the Central African Armed Forces (FACA) aims to strengthen their mobility and capacity to fulfill their primary mission of protecting civilians, said by Special Representative of the Secretary-General, in the presence of FACA Chief of Staff, and the MINUSCA Force Commander.

The FACA must be present wherever the population needs them,” the Head of MINUSCA emphasized, adding, “In a territory as vast as the Central African Republic, this is a real challenge. Faced with this challenge, you can count on MINUSCA's support. The Mission provides logistical support for FACA deployment, including in the most remote areas, and supplies them with means of mobility to ensure greater autonomy.”

This allocation is primarily intended to support the security of the electoral process. As the Head of MINUSCA reminds us, 'The FACA's projection capacity is essential before, during and after this electoral period, in order to meet security challenges and fully play their role within the framework of the integrated election security plan and guarantee a secure electoral process for both candidates and voters.'



The areas proposed by the FACA Chief Staff for the deployment of these pickup trucks are Batangafo, Bokaranga, Birao, Markounda, Ndélé, and Obo. “A better equipped FACA to face multiple challenges: Supporting DDR operations, securing borders, protecting civilians, internally displaced persons and refugees,” added the Special Representative, who reaffirmed MINUSCA's continued support for FACA capacity building and, above all, the Mission's presence alongside the Central Africans to implement its priority tasks and support the elections. For his part, General Mamadou Zéphirin, Chief of Staff of the Central African Armed Forces (FACA), welcomed a significant contribution to strengthening operational capabilities: “This new allocation of 12 4x4 vehicles demonstrates a very positive collaboration between MINUSCA and the Central African Armed Forces. The support is not limited to means of transport, it is multifaceted. I can cite the air transport of our troops, troop rotations, accommodation and meals for certain detachments notably in Zangba, Mboki, Bombouti, others are Am-Dafock, Birao, Zémio and Sam-Ouandja as well as the medical evacuations of soldiers wounded on missions.”





# Eighty Years of the United Nations in the Service of Global Peace

**F**ounded in 1945, at the end of the Second World War, the United Nations (UN) was born out of nations' desire to build a world free from war and to succeed the League of Nations. For eight decades, it has stood as a pillar of peacekeeping, human rights protection, and sustainable development.

Over time, the UN has adapted to new global challenges, including internal conflicts, terrorism, humanitarian crises, climate change, and growing inequalities. Its peacekeeping missions, symbolized by the Blue Helmets, operate in crisis regions (from Rwanda to the Central African Republic (CAR), helping populations regain security and dignity. This trajectory illustrates the UN's ability to remain a pillar of global governance while adapting to geopolitical and social changes. It opens up reflection on its current and future role in a world seeking justice and international cooperation.



## The United Nations in Numbers (2025)

193 Member States

12 active peacekeeping missions

Over 80,000 peacekeepers deployed worldwide

More than 4,300 lives lost in the service of peace since 1948

Annual budget: approximately 6 billion USD dedicated to peacekeeping operations

## October 24: Celebrating the Spirit of the United Nations

“Peace is not merely the absence of war, but the presence of hope.” Message from the UN Secretary-General.

On October 24 every year, United Nations Day pays tribute to the Organization's founding and its ideals of peace, solidarity, and international cooperation. In countries hosting peacekeeping operations, this day is marked by official ceremonies, including the raising of the UN flag, solemn speeches, and tributes to peacekeepers who have fallen in the line of duty. These symbolic moments are complemented by cultural, educational, and community activities, including performances, exhibitions, open days, and community dialogues. The celebration serves as a reminder of the UN's essential role, and that of its missions, in promoting stability, development, and human rights worldwide.





## MINUSCA: Stabilizing, Protecting, and Building the Future

Established in April 2014 by Security Council Resolution 2149, the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) was established to help restore peace after years of conflict between the Séléka and anti-Balaka groups. Its mandate includes protecting civilians, disarming armed groups, supporting the electoral process, and re-establishing state authority. Comprising military, police, and civilian personnel, the mission operates on multiple fronts (security, political, and humanitarian) to consolidate stability throughout the country.

## UN@80: Youth at the Heart of the Celebration

Under the theme 'Building Our Future Together', MINUSCA marked the UN's 80th anniversary in 2025 with a strong focus on youth engagement in peace building.

In Bangui, a public outreach event brought together students, young leaders and UN representatives to discuss the role of youth in sustaining peace. A national blood donation campaign, 'Together for Peace and Life', mobilized hundreds of volunteers across the country.

In the prefectures of Bouar, Bambari, Bangassou, Obo and Ndélé, the mission organized free medical consultations, sports competitions, cultural events and awareness workshops. These activities highlight the UN's commitment to working closely with local communities, empowering young people as key actors in peace and transformation.

## A Lasting Commitment to Peace

Beyond its security mandate, MINUSCA embodies the UN's broader mission to support nations in their pursuit of a stable and sustainable future. It remains a cornerstone of reconstruction in the Central African Republic, and a symbol of hope for the entire sub region.

“MINUSCA remains at the heart of consolidating gains in security and peace in the Central African Republic gains made possible through the active and united support of this Council. Its mandate remains essential to accompany Central Africans in their quest for lasting peace and to serve as a crucial bulwark against regional instability.” Ms. Valentine RUGWABIZA, Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General.







## Election Securing Table Top Exercises



**T**he successful conducted elections on 28 December 2025 in Central African Republic have been one of the main objectives of MINUSCA. As part of the Integrated Election Security Plan, MINUSCA is mandated to provide support to governmental institutions during electoral process in CAR as second responders. Therefore, the Force Commander gave guidance to conduct TABLE TOP EXERCISES (TTX) for MINUSCA Force to assess gaps in operational preparedness to provide security to electoral process in CAR.

A one-day TTX for FHQ staff of MINUSCA Force was conducted on 10 December 2025. The FHQ Leadership and selected participants from MHQ, UNPOL, OCHA and FACA participated in the TTX as observers. During the conduct, the simulation of Worst-Case Scenarios in form of injects led to mutual learning and better understanding of PISE via brainstorming.

After successful conduct of TTX for FHQ Staff, one-day TTX for staff of Sector/ TF Headquarters was conducted on 23 December 2025 to brainstorm Worst-Case Scenarios to enhance understanding of PISE at the execution level. The FHQ staff, FHQ Leadership and selected participants from MHQ, and UNPOL acted as observers in this TTX.

These TTX served as a critical platform to assess operational preparedness and strategies of MINUSCA Force for providing effective security to the electoral process in CAR. With the mission entering a pivotal phase in run up elections and the implementation of the new force layout, these TTX brought out critical gaps in Integrated Election Security Plan and led to closing of loopholes noticed during the conduct.





## Solidarity at the Heart of the Mission

**T**he Moroccan Battalion, deployed in the Mbomou region, embodies a vital dimension of peacekeeping: humanity and solidarity. Its recent initiative at the Bangassou Detention and Correction Center highlights a comprehensive approach that goes beyond security to place human dignity at the center of its mission.

### Health and Dignity

The Moroccan contingent organized a medical campaign addressing the most pressing health challenges faced by detainees. Treatments against malaria, the deadliest disease in the region, were administered, alongside care for common infections. Elderly detainees received specific treatment for hypertension, ensuring vital medical relief in an environment where access to healthcare is a daily struggle.

### Prevention and Hygiene

Beyond healthcare, the initiative also included a preventive dimension.

The donation of cleaning supplies and the distribution of repellents, gloves, and masks aimed to reduce the risk of epidemics in an environment marked by poor sanitation and inadequate healthcare infrastructure. The donation of cleaning supplies and the distribution of repellents, gloves, and masks aim to reduce the risk of epidemics in an environment marked by unsanitary conditions and overcrowding. This proactive strategy helps contain major health threats such as cholera.

### A Broader Role for Peacekeepers

By reinforcing local capacities and compensating for the state's fragilities, the MINUSCA Force demonstrates the broader role of peacekeepers. Their mission is not limited to security; it extends to protecting, healing, and supporting communities. In Bangassou, the Moroccan contingent has shown that peace is built not only through stability but also through concrete actions that safeguard public health and uphold human dignity.





# Interview with the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations (DCOS OPS) – MINUSCA Force

## Focus: The Role of MINUSCA Force in the DDR Process in the Central African Republic

**A**s the Central African Republic continues its journey toward peace and stability, the Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) process remains a critical pillar of national recovery. The MINUSCA Force plays a fundamental role in supporting this process on the ground. We spoke with the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations (DCOS OPS) to better understand how the Force contributes to the operational success of DDR efforts.

### 1. What is the specific role of MINUSCA Force in supporting the disarmament phase of the DDR process?

#### DCOS OPS

Normally the DDR process is the Government lead process, the department of the government dealing with DDR is known as "Implementation Unit of the National Program for Disarmament, Demobilization, Reintegration and Repatriation" abbreviated as (UEPNDDRR).

In mission headquarters there is a department of DDR which is the one linking the government and MINUSCA regarding all issues of DDR. After they have coordinated how, where and when the DDR will take place, through Mission Headquarters is when now they send a request of support to MINUSCA FORCE. First, for the DDR to be accredited needs witness from Military Observers (MILOB). Therefore, the Force normally provide MILOBs for certification of the weapons, tentages, security, temporary storage of weapons and transportation to the designated main Amoury, destruction of ammunitions, treatment to the disarmed former armed element soldiers while they are waiting for further management by the government. We did this in Maloum, Kouï and Sangaré Lim.

### 2. How does the Force ensure the security of DDR sites, especially in unstable regions?

#### DCOS OPS

The ongoing DDR is the result of Peace agreement signed in Ndjamena Chad between the Government, UPC and 3R. Among the agreement is the DDR to be done on their areas where they occupying or on their bases.



Before the DDR is done there are negotiations between the Armed Group Leaders and the government via UEPNDDRR. Among of what they do agree each other is the safe place for DDR. That is one of our assurances that the area is safe, second upon receiving the request we conduct reconnaissance to assess the situation. So, we deploy our forces according to the threat assessment. Furthermore, we involve local leaders and ISF to make sure that we have all the information regarding the security situation of the area.

### 3. What coordination exists between the MINUSCA Force and national forces such as FACA during DDR operations?

#### DCOS OPS

This is a good question, remember that this is the government lead process, we cannot do anything without making coordination with FACA. This is the key to the success of DDR operations. We plan and conduct joint operations to secure areas. This collaboration not only increases the effectiveness of security efforts but also supports the broader goal of strengthening national ownership and restoring state authority.

### 4. How does the Force deal with potential threats or disruptions from armed groups during DDR implementation?

#### DCOS OPS

So far, we haven't experienced such disruption, however, we maintain constant situational awareness through intelligence and reconnaissance operations. If we identify potential threats from non-compliant armed groups or other actors, we are ready to act swiftly under our mandate to protect civilians and secure the DDR process. Our deterrence posture, combined with community engagement, helps reduce the likelihood of violent disruptions.

### 5. What are the main lessons learned by the Force in supporting DDR activities in CAR?

#### DCOS OPS

One key lesson is that trust and security must go hand in hand. Providing physical security is not enough, we must also engage with communities and local leaders to build confidence in the process. Flexibility is another major lesson each DDR operation is different, and we must adapt our approach based on the context. Finally, integration and coordination with other components of the Mission are essential to ensure that military efforts are aligned with political and humanitarian objectives.







Rehabilitation of a bridge on the Bocaranga – Ngoutéré road

**T**o ensure security in the Western Sector area of responsibility, MINUSCA forces conduct approximately 300 robust patrols each week, projecting a strong, deterrent, and proactive posture. In parallel, nearly 55 weekly SEA/MET patrols are conducted to monitor the security environment, build community trust, and gather information, particularly from women and children, on social and health issues.

As part of stabilization efforts, Operation YADE was launched on 18 March 2025, to curb the activities of armed groups and consolidate state authority. According to the sub-prefect of Ndim, Mr. Évariste Olivier Ganamo, “MINUSCA’s presence has significantly improved the security situation. Incidents of looting, kidnapping, and murder have decreased, allowing the population to live and work in peace.”

## Western Sector: Security and Rehabilitation of Bridges and Roads

To support Operation YADE, the PERENGCOY9 engineering unit rehabilitated ten bridges: Eight on the Bocaranga–Ngoutere road and two on the Bocaranga–Ndim road. Tested to support up to 20 tons, these structures now guarantee safe passage of logistical convoys and patrols.” In addition, 39 kilometers of road were maintained between Bocaranga and Ngoutere, improving mobility, reducing supply delays, and facilitating humanitarian access.



In Ngoutere, engineers also established a Temporary Operational Base (TOB) and a Helicopter Landing Zone (HLS), strengthening MINUSCA's responsiveness. The sub-prefect of Ndim, Mr. Évariste Olivier Ganamo, emphasized that "the poor condition of the roads had long been a major challenge for the communities." He added that "the rehabilitation now allows for the free movement of the population and facilitates both humanitarian and economic access."

Beyond the military impact, these achievements directly benefit local communities through improved roads, increased humanitarian access, and new economic opportunities. As Brigadier General Muhamed Shabbir Khan, Commander of the Western Sector, stated: "The Western Sector is making every effort to strengthen public confidence by improving security on the ground and restoring key infrastructure. Every patrol and every rehabilitated bridge represent another step towards safer communities and renewed hope for peace."







## Training: The Heartbeat of MINUSCA

**T**raining is the heartbeat of any organised collection of individuals with a unified purpose. More so in a military setup, where one cannot become a combatant without first undergoing the famed basic military training to don the prestigious colours of whatever nation one is willing to pay the ultimate price in service for.

What then is training? As a layman, one hears training and thinks of rigorous physical fitness exercises and endurance building with stamina improvement. It is, however, much more than that. The U7 Training Cell with its motto Induct, Integrate and Inspire, is a leading outfit to keep military personnel of MINUSCA viable in all types of operational environments.

### An international team dedicated to providing expertise

A vibrant and motivated team of officers representing India, Zambia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Ghana and Vietnam remains committed in imparting requisite training to Military members. Starting from induction training of Military Staff and Military Observers to monitoring of field training organized for contingent troops, the U7 Cell remains the pivot. It always ensures that all military peacekeepers have a common understanding of UN peacekeeping and function in an integrated manner.

### Essential modules for the mission

MINUSCA Mandate implementation is achieved by organization and monitoring of multidimensional training to include external courses, Mission level training initiatives and regular training in contingents. The basic training of troops is the most important factor for their on-ground employment. Amongst others, the training is imparted by conduct of following activities: Application of ROE, SEA Awareness Training, Protection of Civilians Training, Weapons Handling and Road Safety and Defensive Driving.





Of course, the aforementioned are only but a few of the various initial modules taught. U7 also conducts crosscutting multidimensional training, which is held periodically and monitored. Some of these training courses include Mission mandate, IED Awareness Training, Human Rights, CASEVAC/MEDEVAC/First AID and Micro UAV Training.

### Continuous and collective training

In addition to routine activities, U7 Training Cell organizes Unite Aware training, Air Liaison Officers' training, CDT, five HATs training and joint training of contingents as per the leadership guidelines. All the training plans by U7 are oriented to contribute toward individual and group level improvements. U7 Cell endeavors to ensure that each member of the mission is always well orientated to execute tasks in their respective areas of responsibility. This ensures optimum operational readiness and uniformity of procedures.

### The heartbeat of the Force

As has already been established, training is at the very heart of all military endeavours and as such is the heart of any military operations. U7 Cell is that heartbeat to MINUSCA Force. All training activities are coordinated, conducted as well as planned by the U7 cell whose theme is INDUCT. INTERGRATE. INSPIRE. Clearly, it shows the day-to-day functions of the cell. The motto "we before me" declares the tireless and selfless position the cell has adopted to ensure the MINUSCA Force is trained for its incredible role in the mission.

As General George S. Patton once said,

*"He who sweats more in training bleeds less in battle."*







## CIMIC's actions serving local communities

**C**ivil-military cooperations (CIMIC) activities in the field activities are deployed throughout the territory, with the mission of responding to the immediate needs of communities while strengthening trust in the Mission.

Each sector contributes in its own way to the same objective, bringing the Force closer to civilians through concrete and visible actions.

As indicated by Lt Colonel Fadoua ATTIFI, Chief U9 of MINUSCA Forces, since the beginning of this year, CIMIC has continuously strengthened its presence on the ground through concrete actions aimed at improving the living conditions of local populations. Appreciation go to the mobilization of its troops, about 1,184 activities were carried out, benefiting 177,465 people across all sectors, demonstrating a constant and sustained commitment.

Among these initiatives, 482 drinking water supply projects provided access to a resource essential for health and dignity. The medical component also played a significant role, with 171 free healthcare campaigns reaching nearly 18,000 beneficiaries. In addition, 207 donation drives provided material support to more than 26,000 people in need.

CIMIC also invested in strengthening the social fabric through 113 social cohesion activities, bringing together civilians and military personnel around peace and solidarity initiatives. Finally, 211 community infrastructure support projects contributed to the rehabilitation of schools, wells, roads, and other essential facilities for the daily lives of residents.

These results demonstrate MINUSCA's commitment to working closely with communities, using a human and participatory approach. They reflect not only the responsiveness of CIMIC teams but also their dedication to addressing the most pressing needs in a security and logistical context that is often complex.





Pharmacy of the Level 2+ Force Hospital in Bangui



X-ray examination room of the Force's Level 2+ hospital in Bangui

## The MINUSCA Level 2+ Hospital: A Continued Commitment to Peace and International Solidarity

**O**n 30 November 2025, the MINUSCA Pakistani Level 2+ Hospital officially took over from the Serbian hospital within the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

Under the command of Colonel Arif Zaid, this deployment marks a significant milestone, considerably strengthening medical capabilities and demonstrating the Force's commitment to peace and humanitarian service.

The MINUSCA Pakistani Level 2+ Hospital, staffed by 80 peacekeepers including 31 officers, 41 soldiers/paramedics, and 8 nurses, assumes this mission with an inclusive approach and comprehensive medical services. The hospital provides intensive care, daily surgical operations, gynecological and orthopedic services, as well as diagnostic and support capabilities.

This arrival is a continuation of the exemplary service provided by the Serbian Level 2+ hospital, which has dedicated itself to providing medical support to MINUSCA with unwavering commitment and professionalism. During its deployment, the Serbian Level 2+ hospital treated hundreds of patients,

performed complex surgical operations, and provided vital assistance to peacekeepers and local communities.

Its commitment and efficiency were praised by the mission and the United Nations, leaving a legacy of humanitarian service and international solidarity.

Dr. Milena Rokvić Berić, a Serbian infectious disease specialist, recalls the spirit that has driven the Serbian contingent: “Deployed eleven years ago, the hospital’s mission has been to provide high-quality medical care and support the health and well-being of UN personnel and the local population. Although its infrastructure is not the most modern, its expertise remains unparalleled.”

For his part, Captain Aleksandar Savić, a clinical pharmacy specialist, emphasizes the human dimension of this mission: “It is an honor and a privilege to be deployed for the third time to serve at the MINUSCA hospital. I find great satisfaction in providing accurate information on the appropriate use of medications and in promoting health. Health is the foundation of a society’s future.”

This transition between the Serbian and Pakistani contingents illustrates the continuity of the United Nations’ commitment to the stabilization of the Central African Republic and international solidarity in the service of peace.





## Guardians of Discipline: The Force Military Police upholding MINUSCA's Mandate

In the complex and demanding environment of the Central African Republic, the Force Military Police (FMP) remain a cornerstone of discipline, safety, and accountability within MINUSCA.

Our role is not defined by territorial control but by preserving the integrity, professionalism, and operational effectiveness of the Force as mandated under the UN Charter, the Status of Mission Agreement (SOMA), Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), and the Mission's Rules of Engagement (ROE).

Our foremost responsibility is the strict enforcement of the United Nations Zero-Tolerance Policy on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA). The FMP has shifted from a reactive posture to a proactive culture of prevention. This includes extensive SEA awareness briefings conducted across all sectors, from Bria, Kaga-Bandoro to Bour coupled with continuous and unannounced patrols in high-risk areas. Working in close coordination with UNPOL and the Conduct and Discipline Team (CDT), our visible presence serves as a deterrent and a reminder of the mission's ethical and legal commitments. When allegations arise, FMP specially trained investigators conduct thorough, sensitive, and impartial inquiries, ensuring due process and reinforcing victim protection.



Beyond SEA prevention, the FMP ensures daily discipline and safety across the Force. Our systematic speed control operations along major supply routes have significantly reduced unsafe driving, safeguarding military personnel and local communities alike. These checkpoints also serve as verification points for driver authorization and vehicle roadworthiness. Likewise, our authority to inspect vehicles and luggage at mission entry and exit points is vital in preventing the movement of prohibited items and ensuring the proper use of UN assets in accordance with mission policies and SOFA provisions. The FMP also plays a crucial role during contingent rotations and repatriation. We ensure that troop movements are conducted in an orderly and disciplined manner, upholding mission standards from deployment to withdrawal. This final phase of service is treated with the same professionalism as the first. Finally, as the primary investigative authority for military-related incidents, the FMP maintains operational accountability across the Force. Whether responding to traffic accidents, property loss, weapon discharge incidents, or serious misconduct, our investigations are conducted with impartiality, accuracy, and respect for legal standards. This enables the Force Command to make informed.





# FORCE IN PICTURE



The Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix arrived at UCATEX on 28 November 2025



On 28 November 2025, meeting at UCATEX between Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix and Force personnel



# FORCE IN PICTURE



Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza, SRSR, during the ceremony for the handover of motorcycles to the FACA



On first December 2025, in Bangui, troops from the MINUSCA Force participate in the parade for the National Day of the Central African Republic



# FORCE IN PICTURE



Joint patrol of UN peacekeepers and FACA forces in Zemio on first July 2025



Patrol by the Blue Helmets of the Portuguese Quick Reaction Force on 10 November 2025



# FORCE IN PICTURE



Free medical campaign dedicated to people with reduced mobility on 22 August 2025, in Bangui



A child benefiting from the medical campaign conducted on 22 August 2025, in Bangui



# FORCE IN PICTURE



On 5 October 2025, soldiers from the Peruvian contingent of MINUSCA during the rehabilitation operation of the 75th kilometer of the Bouar-Bohong road



23 July 2025, during DDR operations of UPC elements in Maloum, supported by the MINUSCA Force



# FORCE IN PICTURE



On 10 December 2025, the force secured the transport of election materials



23 July 2025, during DDR operations of UPC elements in Maloum, supported by the MINUSCA Force



# FORCE IN PICTURE



Zone domination patrol conducted by the MINUSCA Force



Securing and escorting election materials by the MINUSCA Force



# FORCE IN PICTURE



A joint patrol of MINUSCA peacekeepers and FACA in Zémio



09 November 2025. The Senegalese Rapid Intervention Force strengthens security in Kouï



# FORCE IN PICTURE



19 December 2025: The MINUSCA Force transported and secured the convoy of sensitive electoral kits to Sibut and Grimari.



27 December 2025: The MINUSCA Force provided logistical Air support for transporting the electoral materials



# FORCE IN PICTURE



An operation to distribute potable drinking water by the Bhutanese QRF in Bangui



22 November 2025, Zagna, a medical campaign for the benefit of the local population





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