

Participation in international peacekeeping missions

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Latvia contributes to stability and security by participating in international operations, strengthening its military and civilian crisis management capabilities, increasing funding for defence, providing assistance to other countries where necessary and co-operating with other partners bilaterally and multilaterally.

Extending its support to international peace-keeping efforts, in 2016 Latvia launched its participation in the United Nations (UN) peacekeeping operation. In January 2016, the Parliament of the Republic of Latvia supported the decision to join the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

[MINUSMA](#)

In April 2022 Latvian parliament voted for Latvia's participation in the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO). UNTSO is the first UN established Peacekeeping mission. Its military observers are staying in Middle East and their goal is maintaining peace and security in the region by monitoring compliance with the ceasefire and concluded agreements which prevent the escalation. Also, mission provides support to other UN peacekeeping operations in the region. Latvia is represented in mission headquarters in Jerusalem.

[UNTSO](#)

Latvia has also provided its support for UN peace-keeping efforts through voluntary financial contributions to UN peacekeeping operations. Voluntary contributions from UN member states are an essential element for providing sufficient resources for the effective execution of UN peacekeeping activities.

Latvia also participates in EU civilian missions and military operations, in NATO-led military operations, as well as in the missions of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).



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