

UNITED NATIONS MISSION IN LIBERIA

FACT SHEET



BASIC INFORMATION:

In Liberia since September 2003

STRENGTH: 9,387 TOTAL, INCLUDING:

- Uniformed personnel: 7,711
- Troops: 5,783
 - » Military observers: 133
 - » Police: 1,795
- Civilian personnel: 1,439
 - » International civilians: 485
 - » Local civilians: 954
 - » UN Volunteers: 237

Approved budget FY 2013/14: \$476,277,000

Headquartered in Monrovia, with a presence in all 15 counties

17 UN agencies are represented in Liberia, which operate together as the UN Country Team

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS:

The United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) is a multidimensional peacekeeping operation comprised of military, police and civilian personnel. Its mandate, as set out in Security Council resolution 2116 (2013), is to assist the Government of Liberia in the consolidation of peace and stability and in the protection of civilians. UNMIL was deployed in October 2003 in accordance with Security Council resolution 1509 (2003), after the signing of the August 2003 Comprehensive Peace Agreement.

UNMIL'S MANDATED TASKS INCLUDE:

- Enabling the transition of full security responsibility to the Liberia National Police by strengthening its capabilities;
- Promoting the enhanced respect for human rights;
- Supporting national processes of national reconciliation, constitutional reform and decentralization;
- Enhancing support for security sector and rule of law reforms;
- Supporting the participation of women in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and peacebuilding;
- Enhancing cooperation with the United Nations Mission in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) for the stabilization of the border area; and
- Coordinating and collaborating with the Peacebuilding Commission on its engagement in Liberia.



Map of Liberia

UNMIL TRANSITION:

In response to incremental improvements in Liberia's security situation, UNMIL's military strength has been reduced from 15,000 at its peak to around 5,279 today. By resolution 2066 of 2012, the Security Council mandated UNMIL to decrease its military strength to 3,750 troops by June 2015, keeping the residual force strategically deployed in border areas and in the country's capital, Monrovia.

By the same resolution, the Security Council increased UNMIL's police strength from seven to 10 formed police units (FPUs), which raised the total authorized number of police officers to 1,795. The Mission's police component consists of 498 Police Advisors from 37 countries who help build the capacity of the Liberia National Police (LNP) throughout the country, while the FPUs provide backup to the LNP in responding to civil unrest as part of the transition process.

UNMIL'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP:

Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for Liberia and Coordinator of UN Operations in Liberia,
Ms. Karin Landgren

Deputy SRSG for Rule of Law,
Mr. Tamrat Samuel

Deputy SRSG for Consolidation of Democratic Governance,
Mr. Antonio Vigilante

Force Commander,
Major-General Leonard M. Ngondi

Police Commissioner,
Mr. Gregory Hinds

Director of Mission Support,
Mr. Hubert Price

Chief of Staff,
Ms. Denise Wilman