

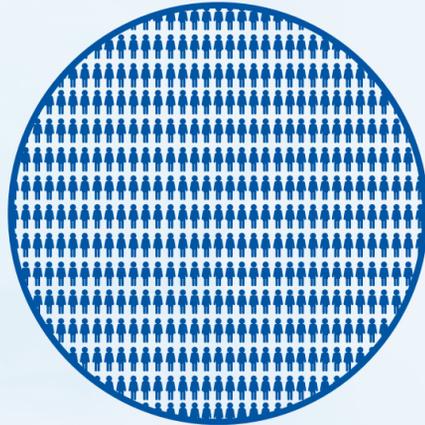
# UN PEACEKEEPING FINISHES ITS MISSION IN LIBERIA

PEACEKEEPING IN LIBERIA UNMIL was established 1 June 2003 under UN Resolution 1509 to support the implementation of the ceasefire agreement and the peace process.

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## Why we came? ▶

Liberia went through **two civil wars** between **1989** and **2003**.



Conflict in Liberia claimed the lives of almost **250,000** people, mostly civilians

GDP per capita dropped by more than **70%** due to conflict

**1/2** of the population was forcibly displaced

**2/3** of women were subject to sexual violence during displacement

## What we did?

UNMIL protected civilians, supported humanitarian and human rights activities and assisted in national security reform, including national police training and formation of a new, restructured military.



Between **2003** and **2018** over **126,000** military, **16,000** police and **23,000** civilian staff served in UNMIL



Disarmed over **100,000** combatants and secured over **21,000** weapons as well as over **5,000,000** rounds of ammunition



Enabled hundreds of thousands of refugees and displaced persons to return home, including over **26,000** to Côte d'Ivoire



Held **three peaceful presidential and legislative elections** in **2005, 2011** and **2017**



**Supported** the strengthening of Liberian **security forces**, including **integration of women**

**Mission closes on 30 March 2018**

## Why are we leaving?



The **state**, which had collapsed during the war, **reestablished** its authority throughout the country

The country's **justice** and **security** institutions – police, courts, corrections – were rebuilt and deployed throughout the country

Liberia's **borders** became **secure**

Economic recovery has regained more than **90%** of **GDP** losses experienced during the conflict

Today, the vast majority of internally displaced people have returned home, with only approximately **20,000** remaining from the millions originally displaced



## What is next?

UN Country Team together with Liberian national and local authorities, and civil society will continue progress on:

- Security Sector Reform and Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR)
- Human Rights and Transitional Justice
- Law Enforcement capacity building
- Social Cohesion
- Sustainable development