

UN PEACEKEEPERS DAY - MAY 29



"Peace is a fulltime job. It's protecting civilians, overseeing elections, and disarming ex-combatants. The UN has over 100,000 Peacekeepers on the ground, in places others can't or won't go, doing things others can't or won't do. Peace, like war, must be waged."

-- George Clooney

The mission of the United Nations is to help create a more peaceful, just and sustainable world. For most of us, this is a noble ideal we can hope for while we go about our daily lives, but for countries torn apart by war, peace is an urgent need. UN Peacekeepers help countries ravaged by conflict create conditions for peace. UN Peacekeepers are soldiers, police and civilian personnel from many countries around the world. They help monitor peace processes, and help conflicting sides to carry out peace agreements they've agreed upon. In its over 60 year history, United Nations Peacekeepers have been involved in 172 peaceful settlements!

The mission of the United Nations is to help
In 1988, the Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the United Nations Peace-keeping Forces. May 29 was designated by the United Nations as the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, to honor the men and women who have served and who are serving in United Nations peacekeeping operations, and to pay tribute to those who have lost their lives helping to bring peace.

UN Peacekeepers Day is also a time to remind our governments of the importance of supporting the United Nations. Some nations, like the United States have not lived up to their financial obligations to the UN, making it difficult for the UN to do its important work. Governments spend more than 1 trillion dollars each year for weapons and wars, but only a tiny fraction of that amount for the peace-building work of the UN. You can help governments see that the price of peace is much cheaper than the price of war.

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1. Find out more about UN Peacekeeping
2. Hold an event to raise awareness about the work of the United Nations

For More Information

- United Nations Peacekeeping (un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko)
- Better World Campaign's Price of Peace Petition (PriceOfPeace.org)
- United Nations Association (UNAUSA.org)

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