INL POLICE PEACEKEEPING

The United States is a strong supporter of police and rule of law in peace operations. The nature of these international policing tasks and the resource requirements to effectively operate in modern peacekeeping environments are increasingly complex. We recognize the critical need for skilled peacekeepers that can provide interim support and assistance to those re-building national institutions in conflict-affected and fragile states that host United Nations (UN) and regional peacekeeping operations.
The Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) works to support participation in peacekeeping operations in the following areas:

**Strengthening the UN Police Division:** INL supports the development of police doctrine and training standards, opportunities for female police officers, and international coordination for the effective management of peacekeeping operations.

**Building Capacity for Police Contributing Countries:**
INL conducts pre-deployment training, training-of-trainers, and specialized courses for Formed Police Units (FPUs) and Individual Police Officers (IPOs) based on a standardized UN curriculum.

Since 2010, INL has trained over 5,500 police peacekeepers from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ghana, Jordan, Nepal, Rwanda, Senegal, and Togo who have been deployed on peacekeeping missions to the Central African Republic, Darfur, Haiti, Liberia, Mali, and South Sudan. INL also builds sustainable capacity in police contributing partner countries by fostering the development of institutionalized training, management, and deployment processes.

**Enhancing Rapid Response Capabilities:** INL aids the start-up or expansion of peacekeeping operations by addressing gaps in peacekeeping operation planning; facilitating the rapid deployment of peacekeepers; and sustaining peacekeeping operations.

**Direct Contribution of U.S. Experts:** INL has deployed U.S. police, corrections, and justice advisors to UN peacekeeping missions in Haiti, South Sudan, Liberia, as well with the European Union in Kosovo. INL also nominates American police and corrections experts for professional positions in the UN Standing Police Capacity, at the UN Police Division headquarters, and in UN field missions around the world.

**Bilateral Support to Mission Areas:** INL provides bilateral assistance to countries including training, equipment, and infrastructure improvement projects. This assistance is designed to develop host nation criminal justice capacities in mission areas. INL supported projects in Liberia, South Sudan, Haiti, and Mali have been designed and implemented to complement concurrent peace operations.

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