



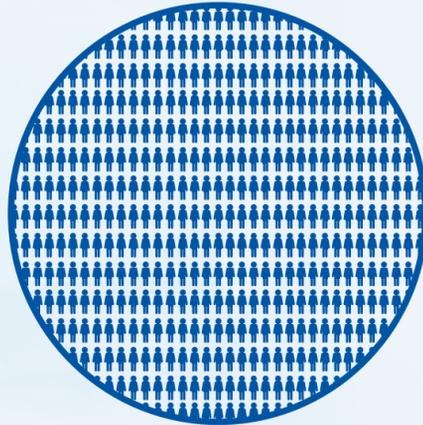
UN PEACEKEEPING FINISHES ITS MISSION IN LIBERIA

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