

Canada Increases Commitment in Golan Heights

In November, the United Nations restructured the UN Disengagement Force (UNDOF) on the Golan Heights as a result of Finland's decision to withdraw its battalion of infantry. Poland committed an infantry battalion to replace the Finnish contingent but withdrew the logistics personnel it had been providing. Some logistics functions were contracted out to local companies and the infantry battalions were asked to have a higher level of self-sufficiency. To make up the shortfall, Canada increased its commitment to UNDOF by 31 personnel to take over the remaining logistics functions.

This restructuring left a smaller and more efficient UNDOF operation. Prior to this restructuring, two separate logistics units were necessary because the parties would not let the units operate on both sides of the ceasefire line. This led to an overlap in functions. In the current operation, Canadians are providing logistic support on both sides of the ceasefire line to the entire UNDOF force. This has created an operationally and economically more efficient operation.

The UN has not been able to deploy its peacekeeping mission to Haiti because of the refusal of the Haitian military and police authorities to abide by the Governor's Island agreement signed by President Aristide and General Cedras. Under the terms of this agreement, the Haitian military agreed to turn control of the government back to President Aristide by October 30, 1993. The UN continues its attempts to mediate a solution to this problem. ■



Canadian Forces photo

Peacekeepers in the former Yugoslavia.

Canada's Peacekeeping Activities (as of February 1, 1994)

United Nations Operations

1. United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR — Former Yugoslavia)	Bosnia-Herzegovina	1,206
	Croatia	783
	RCMP	45
2. United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF — Golan Heights)		211
3. United Nations Mission for the Referendum in the Western Sahara (MINURSO)		30
4. United Nations Operation in Mozambique (UNOMOZ)		15
5. United Nations Truce Supervisory Organization (UNTSO — Middle East)		13
6. United Nations Operation in Somalia (UNOSOM II)		7
7. United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP)		6
8. United Nations Iraq/Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM)		5
9. United Nations Observer Mission Uganda-Rwanda/ United Nations Assistance Mission in Rwanda (UNOMUR/UNAMIR)		2
10. United Nations Observer Mission In El Salvador (UNOSAL)		2
Total Canadian Forces Personnel		2,280
Total RCMP Personnel		45

Non-United Nations Operations

1. Multinational Force And Observers (MFO — Sinai: monitoring Camp David accords)	28
2. European Community Monitoring Mission in the Former Yugoslavia (ECMM)	12
Total	40