



Kazakh Peacekeeping Exercise



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Center.” The peacekeeping force was composed of an array of specialist units. As the article stresses, President Tokayev “...emphasized that the peacekeeping training center is training such specialists at a high level.” These exercises frame the Armed Forces of Kazakhstan as a highly trained and specialized peacekeeping force.

The image of the Kazakh Armed Forces’ role as peacekeepers was carefully maintained in the exercises, “...which included practicing the actions of the peacekeeping contingent while escorting a convoy with humanitarian cargo.” This focus was reinforced by President Tokayev who “...pointed to the growing role of the army, which performs large tasks in peacetime.” These exercises framed Kazakhstan’s army as a force for peace, and not just for Kazakhstan. In terms of scope “the President stressed the importance of ensuring peace and tranquility not only in [Kazakhstan], but throughout the world.” **End OE Watch Commentary (Cabana)**

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Kassym-Jomart Tokayev noted that the peacekeeping activities of the Armed Forces created by the First President - Elbasy, in fact, demonstrate our country’s commitment to the principles of peace, international security and stability. The Head of State added that since 2007, 35 Kazakh servicemen, including four women, have taken part in the UN missions in Nepal, Côte d’Ivoire, Western Sahara and Lebanon as staff officers and military observers. A significant step in strengthening the peacekeeping potential of our country was the sending of the first Kazakhstani company to Lebanon in 2018, operating under a UN mandate. The Supreme Commander-in-Chief emphasized that the peacekeeping training center is training such specialists at a high level. Noting the professionalism of the military personnel demonstrated during the exercises, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev expressed gratitude to the Kazakhstani peacekeepers for their impeccable service. The Head of State pointed to the growing role of the army, which performs large tasks in peacetime.

...The first time in the history of the Armed Forces of Kazakhstan, complex peacekeeping exercises... have completed in the Almaty region.

...involved more than 1,000 military personnel, over 100 units of combat and special equipment of the airborne assault forces, the air force, the military police, military medical institutions, the Peacekeeping Training Center and the Mine Clearance Center. The peacekeeping force was composed of an array of specialist units.

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