

# Fact Sheet: Peacekeeping Training for Indonesia's Armed Forces



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*"I now urge the international community to turn words into action and make every effort to bring lasting peace to the region."*

-- President George W. Bush  
August 12, 2006

Peacekeeping Operations are an increasingly important way for countries to help reduce violent conflict around the world. Indonesia's contribution to the United Nations Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), supported by US air- and sealift units, demonstrates the commitment of both countries to UN-sponsored peacekeeping. The United States, through its Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI), plans to offer training and equipment in peacekeeping operations to Indonesia's Armed Forces.

- GPOI is a five-year program launched in 2004 to increase peacekeeping capabilities worldwide. It has three major goals: 1) train and equip 75,000 military peace-support-operations troops by 2010; 2) arrange a transportation and logistics-support system to help troops deploy to peace support operations and help sustain them in the field; and 3) increase the number of gendarme or stability police units able to participate in peace-support operations.
- In November, Indonesia deployed a battalion of 850 troops, named Garuda XXIII, for UNIFIL. At the request of the United Nations, the United States provided air- and sealift for the Indonesian troops.
- The United States is providing assistance with GPOI funding to support Indonesia's newly established center for training a permanent force of peacekeeping troops.