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## Armed non-state actors and displacement

plus a selection of articles on other aspects  
of forced migration

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### From the Editors

Militia, freedom fighters, rebels, terrorists, paramilitaries, revolutionaries, guerrillas, gangs, quasi-state bodies.... In this issue of FMR we look at all of these, at actors defined as being armed and being 'non-state' – that is to say, without the full responsibilities and obligations of the state.

Some of these armed non-state actors behave responsibly and humanely, at least some of the time. Others seem to have no regard for the damage, distress or deaths that they cause – and may actually use displacement as a deliberate tactic – in pursuit of their goals of power, resources or justice. The articles in FMR 37 consider a variety of such actors, their

behaviours and efforts to bring them into frameworks of responsibility and accountability. They have been written by academics and government representatives, by civil society groups and individuals in regular contact with non-state armed groups, and by organisations that have years of experience in engaging – creatively and productively – with armed non-state actors.

FMR 37 also includes a range of articles discussing subjects as varied as the labelling of migrants, solar energy in camps, gang persecution, and scoring states' performance in respect of the rights of refugees.

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## FORCED MIGRATION REVIEW issue 37 Armed non-state actors and displacement

### **Towards engagement, compliance and accountability**

**Annyssa Bellal, Gilles Giacca and Stuart Casey-Maslen (Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights)**

The UN and other international and regional organisations are increasingly trying to hold armed non-state actors (ANSAs) accountable at the international level for violations of international norms....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Bellal-et-al.html>

### **Talking to armed groups**

**Olivier Bangerter (International Committee of the Red Cross)**

To persuade fighters to respect the rules of warfare, one must understand why violations occur, how armed groups operate, what can be done to prevent violations and how to engage in dialogue with these groups. This article reflects the ICRC's many years of experience in this area....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Bangerter.html>

### **Engaging armed non-state actors in mechanisms for protection**

**Pauline Lacroix, Pascal Bongard and Chris Rush (Geneva Call)**

Experience of engagement with armed non-state actors on the landmine ban may point the way to innovative approaches to preventing forced displacement and other abuses of human rights....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Lacroix-et-al.html>

### **'Catch me if you can!'**

#### **The Lord's Resistance Army**

**Héloïse Ruaudel (Refugee Studies Centre)**

Despite being a relatively marginal armed group, the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has triggered forced displacement on a massive scale. But why have national, regional and international responses so far failed to dismantle the group and to protect civilians effectively?...

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Ruaudel.html>

### **Dilemmas of Burma in transition**

**Kim Jolliffe (Independent)**

Until a government of Burma is able to accept the role of non-state armed groups as providers for civilian populations and affords them legitimacy within a legal framework, sustained conflict and mass displacement remain inevitable....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Jolliffe.html>

### **The economic relationship of armed groups with displaced populations**

**Josep Maria Royo Aspa (Autonomous University of Barcelona)**

One of the ways that non-state armed groups get their funding is by exploiting displaced populations. Practically all armed groups are heavily dependent on external support...

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Royo.html>

### **Privatising security and war**

**José L Gómez del Prado (UN Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries)**

State security functions normally carried out by national armies or police forces are being outsourced to private military and security companies in countries where conflict is displacing many people....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Gomez.html>

### **The Colombian guerrilla, forced displacement and return**

**David James Cantor (University of London)**

Colombia provides an instructive case-study of the relationship between non-state armed groups and the forced displacement – and return – of civilian populations....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Cantor.html>

### **How to behave: advice from IDPs**

**Stine Finne Jakobsen (Rehabilitation and Research Center for Torture Victims)**

Humanitarian actors would do well to listen to IDPs' advice when planning assistance for those affected by the presence of non-state armed groups in their home areas....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Jakobsen.html>

### **Community-led stabilisation in Somalia**

**Siris Hartkorn (Danish Demining Group)**

Non-state armed groups are often considered to lack legitimacy as potential counterparts in building security institutions but when they are in fact in control, this point of view has to be reviewed....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Hartkorn.html>

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## **Al-Shabaab's responsibility to protect civilians in Somalia**

**Allehone Mulugeta Abebe (University of Bern)**

For 20 years armed groups have been permanent fixtures of the conflicts in Somalia and have been direct participants in human rights and humanitarian law violations. Now there are some international moves to hold them to account....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Abebe.html>

## **Support for al-Shabaab through the diaspora**

**Mitchell Sipus (Independent)**

While the presence of non-state armed group al-Shabaab is primarily concentrated in Mogadishu and central Somalia, their influence has extended beyond the borders out into the lives of Somali refugees who sought to escape the violence....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Sipus.html>

## **Militia in DRC speak about sexual violence**

**Jocelyn Kelly and Michael Vanrooyen (Harvard Humanitarian Initiative)**

A recent study sought to explore the internal dynamics of the Mai Mai militia in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, and to consider what factors might be most influential in restraining violence....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/KellyVanrooyen.html>

## **Drug cartels in Mexico**

**Jessica Keralis (McKing Consulting)**

Drug-related violence in Mexico has escalated to catastrophic levels and is driving Mexican people from their homes and cities in droves....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Keralis.html>

## **Resisting displacement by the Taliban in Pakistan**

**Farhat Taj (University of Oslo) and Jacob Rothing (Norwegian Refugee Council's Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre)**

Local tribal councils have organised traditional forms of militia to resist displacement caused by the Taliban in Pakistan's borderlands with Afghanistan....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Taj-Rothing.html>

## **Sahwa's role in protecting IDPs and returnees in Iraq**

**Cherie Taraghi (KA Research Limited)**

The creation of the Sahwa forces, an unofficial armed group outside the control of the Iraqi government and state, was a convenient product of US military policy....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Taraghi.html>

## **The Kampala Convention and obligations armed groups**

**Katinka Ridderbos (Norwegian Refugee Council's Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre)**

The Kampala Convention imposes a number of obligations on armed groups in order to better protect IDPs; the challenge now is to encourage such groups to recognise these obligations....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Ridderbos.html>

## **Keeping schools open: education in conflict**

**Alice Farmer (Norwegian Refugee Council's Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre)**

Although some non-state armed groups protect and promote education, many others neglect it or even attack schools and students....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Farmer.html>

## **Darfur and the flaws of Holder v HLP**

**Christopher Thornton (Independent)**

When US Chief Justice Roberts handed down the judgment in Holder v Humanitarian Law Project, he revealed the Supreme Court's tragic under-estimation of the potential of engagement with non-state armed groups....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Thornton.html>

## **Dealing with non-state armed groups and displacement: a state perspective**

**Espen Barth Eide (Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs)**

Norway's experience with its integrated foreign policy of engagement makes the case that better prevention, protection and assistance should be sought by states through international law and dialogue with non-state armed groups....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Eide.html>

## **General Articles**

### **Walter Kälin on the outlook for IDPs**

Walter Kälin served for six years as the UN Secretary-General's Representative on the Human Rights of IDPs. We publish his reflections on those six years and the future for IDPs...

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/kaelin.html>

### **Global migration: in need of a global response**

**Sergio Marchi (International Catholic Migration Commission, ICMC)**

In 2009 ICMC launched the first phase of its 'Conversations' process with meetings with several heads of key agencies interested in aspects of migration....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Marchi.html>

## What's in a label?

**Jackie Pollock (MAP Foundation)**

The profiling of people who move is being increasingly institutionalised. They may be labelled the 'migrant worker', the 'refugee' or the 'trafficked person' but people's life experiences resist being so neatly categorised....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Pollock.html>

## Renewable energy in the camps of Tamil Nadu

**Florina Benoit-Xavier (OfERR)**

The Organisation for Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation is promoting solar energy in all the refugee camps in Tamil Nadu with the aim of encouraging those returning to Sri Lanka to take the commitment and technology with them....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Benoit-Xavier.html>

## Gang persecution as grounds for asylum in the USA

**Gracye Cheng (Harvard Law School)**

A substantial group of Central American immigrants have been filing asylum cases in the USA based on fears of gang-based persecution....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Cheng.html>

## Unaccompanied asylum-seeker children: flawed processes and protection gaps in the UK

**Katia Bianchini (Turpin & Miller Solicitors)**

My experience of working as an immigration lawyer on unaccompanied asylum-seeker children's cases has highlighted a number of serious flaws in the processes which determine their futures....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Bianchini.html>

## The road to recovery: education in IDP communities

**Amy S Rhoades (International Labour Organization)**

There has been a marked failure to incorporate youth and adult education as a standard component during displacement....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Rhoades.html>

## African refugees in Israel

**Rebecca Furst-Nichols and Karen Jacobsen (Feinstein International Center, Tufts University)**

A scoping study conducted by the Feinstein International Center (Tufts University) in November 2010 explored the interaction between migration, debt repayments, remittances and livelihoods among Sudanese and Eritrean asylum seekers in Israel....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Furst-NicholsJacobsen.html>

## Report cards on refugees' rights

**Bruce Forster (University of Wyoming)**

The US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants has provided valuable data in its Refugee Rights Report Cards but further analysis produces even more useful information....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/Forster.htm>

## Facing facts

We know that real people's faces are important to bring to life the words – facts, thoughts, ideas and feelings – that are in FMR. We have always sought out images that show the personal reality of forced migration, trafficking and statelessness. You will notice, however, that in this issue we have taken steps so that the people shown in the photos generally cannot be recognised, ....

<http://www.fmreview.org/non-state/FacingFacts.html>

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