

Dear Friend:

The United States Embassy is pleased to share this “Peace and Security” Article Alert with you. You will find information about issues related to this historic March and Dr. King’s famous speech which changed almost every facet of American life. We trust that you will find it useful and informative. If you desire additional information about any topic involving American government policy, culture or social issues, please do not hesitate to contact us [irclusaka@state.gov](mailto:irclusaka@state.gov). We welcome your feedback.

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*A compilation of article abstracts from U.S. news media and other sources*

### **Theme: Peace and Security**

#### **1. President Obama on Pursuing Diplomatic Solution in Syria**

In his weekly address September 14, President Obama followed up on his speech to the nation on September 10 and said there is the possibility for a diplomatic solution in Syria, partially because of the credible threat of U.S. military force.

<http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov/st/english/texttrans/2013/09/20130913282880.html#ixzz2f3aVerPI>

#### **2. Weighing War, Peace and Polls**

In this OP-ED in the *New York Times*, Jonathan Tepperman writes: “One of the explanations most often cited for President Obama’s maddeningly tentative approach to Syria — for his initial reluctance to get involved, his decision to seek congressional cover, and for the probability that a strike, if ever it comes, will be limited in scope — is the opposition of the American public.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/09/opinion/09iht-edtepperman09.html?pagewanted=all&r=0>

#### **3. USAID: Promoting Peaceful Political Transition**

USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives supports U.S. foreign policy objectives by helping local partners advance peace and democracy in priority countries in crisis. Since 1994, OTI has laid the foundation for long-term development in over 55 conflict-prone countries by promoting reconciliation, jumpstarting local economies, supporting emerging independent media, and fostering peace and democracy through innovative programming.

<http://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/working-crises-and-conflict/promoting-peaceful-political-transitions>

#### **4. Women, War and Peace**

This TV documentary, produced by U.S. Public Broadcasting Service, challenges the conventional wisdom that war and peace are men's domain. When women take their place at the peace table they often tip the balance.

Watch the documentary here: <http://itvs.org/films/women-war-and-peace>

#### **5. U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa**

In the foreword to this Strategy launched in 2012, President Obama says: “Nearly 3 years ago, I remarked in front of the Ghanaian Parliament that Africa is a fundamental part of our interconnected world. Since that time, we have partnered with leaders, youth, and civil society in Africa to deepen the principles of democracy and human rights, to expand economic opportunity, and to support those who seek peace where war and deprivation have plagued communities...”

Download the Strategy

here: [http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/africa\\_strategy\\_2.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/africa_strategy_2.pdf)

#### **6. 2013 Trafficking in Persons Report**

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry: "When we help countries to prosecute traffickers, we are strengthening the rule of law. When we bring victims out of exploitation, we are helping to create more stable and productive communities. When we stop this crime from happening in the first place, we are preventing the abuse of those who are victimized as well as the ripple effect that caused damage throughout communities into our broader environment and which corrupt our global supply chains.

Read the Report here: <http://www.state.gov/j/tip/rls/tiprpt/2013/index.htm>