

U.N. troops now responsible in Chad, CAR

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ABECHE, Chad -- A U.N. peacekeeper official said Monday the international military troops have assumed security duties in Chad and the Central African Republic.

Undersecretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Alain Le Roy said at a ceremony in the Chadian city of Abeche that U.N. peacekeepers have officially assumed military and security responsibilities from European Union Forces, AllAfrica.com said.

The troop replacement is the result of a January decision by the U.N. Security Council that involves the deployment of 5,200 military personnel, 300 police officers and 25 military liaison officers.

A spokesman for U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon issued a statement in support of the mass troop dispersal as part of the U.N. Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad.

"As MINURCAT assumes its new responsibilities, the secretary-general is confident that the force will build upon and strengthen EUFOR's military achievements while continuing to execute the full range of its mandated tasks, including to contribute to the promotion of human rights and the rule of law and to support the development of the Chadian community police deployed in eastern Chad," the statement said.

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