

**'Grasping the Nettle of Nonstate Policing',  
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**Abstract**

For citizens of post-conflict states nonstate agencies are the primary providers of protection; deterrence; investigation; resolution; and punishment in most circumstances. For this reason alone, peacekeeping missions should be evaluating what if anything should be the contribution of the nonstate sector in the future. The paper begins by setting out some of the distinctive features and commonalities of nonstate policing. It then proceeds to examine the arguments for and against peacekeeping missions supporting its activities. In conclusion, it argues the case for the construction of new alliances and the strengthening of existing ones between nonstate and state policing.