

Each annual report of IISS The Military Balance has a detailed section about each country's military capabilities including its military deployment. The title of this subsection over years ("Forces Abroad", "Deployment", etc)

For instance, the military deployment of Romania in 2022.

DEPLOYMENT

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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC: EU • EUTM RCA 13

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO: UN •

MONUSCO 8

INDIA/PAKISTAN: UN • UNMOGIP 2

IRAQ: *Operation Inherent Resolve* 30; NATO • NATO

Mission Iraq 170

MALI: EU • EUTM Mali 25; UN • MINUSMA 5

MOZAMBIQUE: EU • EUTM Mozambique 6

SERBIA: NATO • KFOR 65; UN • UNMIK 1

SOMALIA: EU • EUTM Somalia 5

SOUTH SUDAN: UN • UNMISS 6

The data collection included two stages: manual and automated.

At first one coders had to divide the information about deployment on following variables:

cocode1

The country's COW (Correlates of War) digital code, that deploys troops

In this case it will be Romanian code - "360"

abbrev1

The country's COW (Correlates of War) three-letters abbreviation , that deploys troops

Romanian abbreviation - "ROM"

CountryName1

The country's deploying troops name according to IISS Military Balance

For this case - "Romania"

cocode2

The country's COW (Correlates of War) digital code, that hosts troops

abbrev2

The country's COW (Correlates of War) three-letters abbreviation , that hosts troops

For Iraq it will be "IRQ"

CountryName2

The country's hosting troops name according to IISS Military Balance

year

The year of the dyad.

As it was noted above, the example is for 2022.

Presence_mentioned_MB

Is interaction between a couple of countries mentioned in the IISS Military Balance?
(the value "yes" - "1" is automatically entered)

Border territories between two countries

Under peacekeeping mandate troops could be deployed in order to monitor boundary integrity and ceasefire, thus troops are located on the border between two countries. In this case coders assigned 1 to the variable and 0 otherwise.

For instance, 1 will be for Romania - India/Pakistan 2022 dyad, and 0 for others.

Troops

The total number of deployed military personnel in the dyad

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For Romania - Iraq 2022 dyad , the total number of troops that will 170+30=200

Additional_Information

All the information that follows after the country hosting troops.

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For Romania - Iraq 2022 dyad it will be "IRAQ: Operation Inherent Resolve 30; NATO • NATO Mission Iraq 170".

In the automated stage one of the coders searched for operation names in the variable Additional_Information. In our data there could be six operations for one dyad, if there are less or no operation at all, variables **Operation1 - Operation6** are left empty.

For example, Operation1 in Romania - Iraq 2022 dyad will be "Operation Inherent Resolve", whereas Operation2 - Operation6 will be empty.

Coders also created a table with each operation's feature. This feature included binary variables, that take value of "1" if the condition is fulfilled and "0" otherwise:

Regional - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the regional organizations (in our data regional are: European Union, African Union, OSCE (Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe), ECOMOG (Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group), ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States), ECCAS (), NARC (North African Regional Capability), SADC (Southern African Development Community))

UN - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the United Nations

ECOMOG - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the ECOMOG

ECOWAS - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the ECOWAS

ECCAS - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the ECCAS

NARC - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the NARC

AU - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the African Union

SADC - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the SADC

NATO - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the NATO

EU - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the European Union

OSCE - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the OSCE

US - whether the deployment is led by the United States

Other - the deployment by other mandates

Peacekeeping - whether the deployment is under the mandate of the peacekeeping mission (note that there are peacekeeping missions, that are not under the UN mandate (for instance MFO))

Training - whether the deployment is aimed to train hosting country's army (for instance "Operation Interflex")

CounterInsurgency - whether the deployment is aimed to defeat irregular forces (also known as COIN). For instance - operation "Enduring Freedom".

Maritime whether the operation is performed on sea (for instance Operation Active Endeavour), "0" otherwise.

Air whether the operation is performed in the sky (for instance Baltic Air Police), "0" otherwise

Link1 - Link6 links to official web-resources of the operation.

In the process of features collecting, coders appealed to United Nations, NATO, EU, AU web archives. For some cases the Canadian Department of National Defence archives also were used.