



# Preventing War. Shaping Peace.

West Africa Analyst Cynthia Ohayon introduces the findings of Crisis Group's report on northern Burkina Faso to marabouts (Quranic scholars). Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. 10 October 2017.





Bulldozed Tamil Tigers cemetery put back together as a memorial, near Kilinochchi, Sri Lanka. 2 April 2019.

**More wars**  
**More death**  
**More refugees**  
**More suffering**  
**More societies ripped apart**  
**More economies destroyed**  
**More lives and livelihoods lost.**

Over the past decade, the number of wars has grown by nearly 50%. Violence forced almost 75,000,000 people to flee their homes in 2018 alone, and the following year, war caused economic losses exceeding \$500 billion.







A girl walks the streets of Maiduguri, capital of Nigeria's Borno State and epicenter of the fight against the jihadist group Boko Haram.



## The global order has been **badly shaken.**

Great-power rivalries are back, authoritarianism and polarisation are rising, and multilateralism is retreating. All this is taking a human toll. So are new threats: emboldened jihadists and criminal gangs, climate change, cyber-warfare and now the novel coronavirus.





In the weeks that followed the military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine State in late August 2017, hundreds of thousands of Rohingya Muslims crossed the border into Bangladesh. While Bangladesh allowed them in, border guards often waited for several thousands to amass in one location before letting them move further inland. September 2018.

## Inflicting misery has become a political strategy.

The first and most important victims of conflict are the people and especially the civilians caught in harm's way. Around the globe, war is causing human anguish on a scale unseen in a generation.







Tamil women light candles in memory of their missing relatives. Jars with notes and pictures memorialise those disappeared in the Sri Lankan war. Mannar district, Sri Lanka. 6 April 2019.



## When faced by human catastrophe.

Governments and others locked in conflict often see only what they want to see – and refuse to talk to each other.

Governments and others distant from the battlefield often look the other way – even though eventually they, too, will pay the price in humanitarian assistance.





Hans de Marie Heungoup, Senior Analyst for Central Africa, discusses details of upcoming elections with the deputy director general at the territorial administration ministry, Central African Republic. 12 November 2019

Few can credibly engage with all sides and with all social groups in conflict zones. Fewer still can devise realistic policies for protecting the world's most vulnerable.

**It can seem all but impossible to imagine that deadly conflict is preventable and resolvable.**







But what if **it were**?





Emilio, a 22-year-old sicario, reads a Crisis Group report while holding a German-made assault rifle with an attached grenade launcher. Michoacan, Mexico. 18 April 2019.

## What if

it were possible to sound the alarm from places where war is brewing and spur the world to act?







An underground shelter in a school close to Armenia's border with Azerbaijan. Many such facilities date back to Soviet times, when Moscow feared war with world powers. Since the early 1990s, however, it has been gunfire exchanged by the Armenian and Azerbaijani armies that has driven students into these fortified structures. Tavush, Armenia. 16 September 2019.



**What if**  
**it were possible to craft pragmatic compromises before the violence starts to head off the need for humanitarian aid in the first place?**





**Deadly conflict is preventable and resolvable.**

Crisis Group's Analyst for the South Caucasus, Zaur Shiriyev, meets with IDPs living near the Armenian-Azerbaijani Line of Contact. 5 August 2018





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this is what we believe.

Senior Consulting Analyst for the Sahel Hannah Armstrong meets with Butali, former rebel turned civil society leader. Agadez, Niger. 25 February 2019.





The Bull, a lieutenant in Mexican organised crime, shares his story with Crisis Group Analyst Falko Ernst. He called the fighting among criminal outfits “a moronic war”. Michoacan, Mexico. 17 April 2019.

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Crisis Group President and CEO Rob Malley and Senior Analyst Peter Salisbury in the streets of Sanaa. Yemen's war has killed more than 112,000 people and left 24 million in need of humanitarian assistance. 24 July 2019.



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Two girls at play in Maiduguri, Nigeria.  
14 December 2018.

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Rima (left) is an Armenian refugee from Baku, Azerbaijan. She was displaced from her home about three decades ago, along with some 725,000 other ethnic Armenians and Azerbaijanis. Since then, she has lived in this single room, which she shares with her mother and sons, in the slums of Armenia's capital, Yerevan, Armenia. 20 September 2019.



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Boko Haram's four-year-old insurgency has pitted neighbour against neighbour, cost more than 4,000 lives, displaced close to half a million, destroyed hundreds of schools and government buildings, and devastated an already ravaged economy in the North East, one of Nigeria's poorest regions. Borno State, Nigeria. 18 December 2019.

This work has never been easy. And it's getting harder.

Precarious field conditions complicate access. Increasingly bitter geopolitical rivalries obstruct peacemaking efforts and domestic problems preoccupy governments everywhere.

**Quite simply, we have to do more if we want to end today's violent conflicts and ward off tomorrow's.**







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we can.





Senior Gender Analyst Azadeh Moaveni speaks with a displaced woman in Maiduguri, Nigeria. 11 December 2018.

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Across southern Venezuela, army units, Colombian guerrillas and crime syndicates jostle for control over gold mines. Beyond the resulting high murder rates, the violence harms communities and diverts scarce resources. The conflict's expansion into Colombia risks destabilising the region at a time of extreme uncertainty in Venezuela. El Callao, Venezuela. June 2017.



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Baghdad's millennials are at the heart of Iraq's civil society, which has grown more vibrant as politicians failed to end the country's economic crisis, prevent the Islamic State's rise, or otherwise improve people's lives. Baghdad, Iraq.  
4 November 2018.

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Graffiti of smiling youngsters in  
Coatepeque, El Salvador.  
22 January 2020





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