

Small Arms Survey 2010: Chapter 4

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Annexe 2. Ruling groups, with combatants where known and estimated firearms

Group	Principle country	Combatants	Est. firearms ratio	Est. total firearms	Status	Sources for combatants/comments
National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA)	Angola	5,000	1.6	8,000	in parliament	IISS, Armed Conflict Database: Non-State Armed Groups, < http://acd.iiss.org/armedconflict/MainPages/dsp_nsagList >
Movement for the Liberation of Congo (MLC)	DRC	9,000	0.5	4,500	in parliament	18,000 reported in IISS Armed Groups Database. Revised here on the basis of the statement regarding 'the presence of fifteen armed groups and militias, totally well over 23,000 combatants,' in Monika Thakur, <i>Elusive Peace in the DR Congo: Armed Groups and Militias in the Kivus and Ituri</i> , paper presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association convention, San Francisco, 26 March 2008.
Congolese Rally for Democracy–Goma (RCD- GOMA)	DRC	10,000	0.5	5,000	in parliament	20,000 reported in IISS Armed Groups Database. Revised here on the basis of the statement regarding 'the presence of fifteen armed groups and militias, totally well over 23,000 combatants,' in Monika Thakur, <i>Elusive Peace in the DR Congo: Armed Groups and Militias in the Kivus and Ituri</i> , paper presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association convention, San Francisco, 26 March 2008.
Abkhaz separatist regime	Georgia	1,500	1.6	2,400	now ruling	IISS, <i>Military Balance 2009</i> , London: Routledge, p. 474.
South Ossetian separatist regime	Georgia	?	1.6 ?		now ruling	IISS, Armed Conflict Database: Non-State Armed Groups, < http://acd.iiss.org/armedconflict/MainPages/dsp_nsagList >
Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP, Peshmerga)	Iraq	41,000	1.6	65,600	in parliament	Anthony Cordesman, 2005, 'The Actors in the Conflict: The Palestinian Factions that Challenge Peace and the Palestinian Authority,' p. 82.
Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK, Peshmerga)	Iraq	31,000	1.6	49,600	in parliament	Anthony Cordesman, 2005, 'The Actors in the Conflict: The Palestinian Factions that Challenge Peace and the Palestinian Authority,' p. 83.
Hezbollah (Party of God) and associated groups	Lebanon	10,000	1.6	16,000	in parliament	2,000 full-time according to IISS, <i>Military Balance 2009</i> , London: Routledge, p. 255. Another 6,000 to 10,000 readily mobilized reservists, in 'Analysis: Hezbollah a Force to Be Reckoned With,' AFP, 18 July 2006. Presented here as 2,000 + 8,000.
Transdnistrian separatists	Moldova	7,500	1.6	12,000	now ruling	IISS, Armed Conflict Database: Non-State Armed Groups, < http://acd.iiss.org/armedconflict/MainPages/dsp_nsagList >
Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist)	Nepal	30,852	0.5	15,426	in government	P.G. Rajamohan, 'Nepal,' in D. Suba Chandran and P.R. Chari, eds., <i>Armed Conflicts in South Asia 2008</i> , London: Routledge, 2008, p. 234. 23,000 according to IISS, <i>Military Balance 2009</i> , London: Routledge, p. 352.
Hamas	Gaza	20,000	1.6	32,000	ruling	IISS, <i>Military Balance 2010</i> , London: Routledge, p. 268.

Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF)	Philippines	12,000	1.2	14,400 ruling	Currently the ruling party in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao. 30,000 troops at its height, 'Moro National Liberation Front,' wikipedia.org; 5,750 integrated into Philippine military, Albert Caramés Boada, Past, <i>Present and Future in Mindanao: Analysis of the MNLF and MILF Peace and Reintegration Processes</i> , Barcelona: Escola de Cultura de Pau, July 2009, pp. 10–11.
Puntland Armed Forces	Somalia-Puntland	7,500	1.6	12,000 ruling	IISS, <i>Military Balance 2009</i> , London: Routledge, p. 318.
Somaliland Armed Forces	Somalia-Somaliland	11,000	1.6	17,600 ruling	United Nations Security Council, 2008, Report of the Monitoring Group on Somalia Pursuant to Security Council Resolution 1811, S/2008/769 of 10 December 2008, p. 16. A total of 15,000 in IISS, Military Balance 2009, London: Routledge, p. 318. The total is 30,000 according to 'Somaliland' on <wikipedia.org>
Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA)	Sudan	125,000	1.4	175,000 ruling	<i>Supply and Demand: Arms Flows and Holdings in Sudan</i> , HSBA Issue Brief 15, Geneva: Small Arms Survey, December 2009; <i>Small Arms Survey 2010: Gangs, Groups, and Guns</i> , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, ch. 11.
Joint Integrated Units (with SPLA)	Sudan	16,000	1.1	17,600 ruling	<i>Supply and Demand: Arms Flows and Holdings in Sudan</i> , HSBA Issue Brief 15, Geneva: Small Arms Survey, December 2009; <i>Small Arms Survey 2010: Gangs, Groups, and Guns</i> , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, ch. 11.
Somali Salvation Democratic Front (SSDF)	Somalia	3,000	1.6	4,800 in the TFG*	IISS, Armed Conflict Database: Non-State Armed Groups, < http://acd.iiss.org/armedconflict/MainPages/dsp_nsagList >
United Somali Congress Ali Mahdi Faction	Somalia	10,000	1.6	16,000 in the TFG*	IISS, Armed Conflict Database: Non-State Armed Groups, < http://acd.iiss.org/armedconflict/MainPages/dsp_nsagList >
Islamic Action in Iraq	Iraq	?	1.6 ?	in parliament	IISS, Armed Conflict Database: Non-State Armed Groups, < http://acd.iiss.org/armedconflict/MainPages/dsp_nsagList >
Totals		350,352		467,926	

Assumptions: If a group has gone through a process of disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration, it is assumed to have lower small arms and light weapons ownership. If not, it is assumed to have high ownership, due to territorial control and security of rule.

* Transitional Federal Government