

Abstract

This thesis concentrates on the topic of private military companies in the relation to their activities within conflict resolution in four selected African countries – Somalia, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Côte D'Ivoire. The main goal of this thesis is to chart their activities in three areas – within peacekeeping operations, in peacebuilding and within the efforts to maintain stability – and by comparison of collected data for each case study evaluate within which phase of conflict resolution they operate most frequently. At the same time the attempt of this thesis is to identify services that are desired most during conflict resolution process in Africa and examine the possibility that private military companies came through some changes since 1990. In order to gain relevant data for the comparison, technical texts and collected data analysis is being carried out.

Keywords

security, private military companies, privatization, peacekeeping, peacebuilding