

United Nations Tactical Course introductory letter

This letter aims to illuminate an understanding of the basics of this course since UNTAC's students have different levels of education and experience positions; naturally with varying ranks, branches and nationalities represented. It is therefore necessary from an educational point of view that a high level of clarity must be used throughout the course in order to assure all students' participation and understanding. For UNTAC to remain updated, "experience sharing" is much appreciated for all participants, students and staff, which will improve and deepen learning objectives.

In order to better prepare you for the UNTAC this letter also seeks to high-light common used abbreviations. For your own sake, please go through the following:

AAR	After Action Review
AOR	Area of Responsibility
AOO	Area of Operations
APC	Armoured Personnel Carrier (UNTAC uses SISU, ptgb180)
Bn	Battalion
C3	Command, Control and Communications
CASEVAC	Casualty Evacuations
COB	Company Operating Base
Coy	Company
DDR	Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration
DMZ	De-Militarized Zone
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
FC	Force Commander
FHQ	Force Head Quarter
FOB	Forward Operational Base
IDP	Internal Displaced People
IED	Improvised Explosive Device
IO	International Organization
LRP	Long Range Patrol
MCP	Mobile Check Point
MEDEVAC	Medical Evacuation
MLO	Military Liaison Officer
NCO	Non Commissioned Officer
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OP OP(T)	Observation Post OP(Temporary)
PDT	Pre-Deployment Training
POC	Protection of Civilians
PSO	Peace Support Operation
PK	Peacekeeping
QRF	Quick Reaction Force
ROE	Rules of Engagement
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures
UN-CIMIC	United Nations Civil Military Cooperation
UNHCR	United Nations High Commission for Refugees
UNMO	United Nations Military Observer
UNPOL	United Nations Police
UXO	Un-Exploded Ordnance
WO	Warrant Officer