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Military forces in Swarlana: structure and deployments

Forces for the Defense of Swarlana (FDS)

- 15,000 total
- Army headquarters of 600 soldiers
- Ten brigades, each of which comprises four battalions (three field, one HQ) consisting of not more than 500 soldiers in each battalion
- Forces grouped as follows:

Fellari Province	
Galassi:	Army HQ, 1 (Special Forces) Brigade, 2 Brigade
Hanno Province	
Tekkla:	3 Brigade
Lisbo:	4 Brigade
Koloni Province	
Terpil-Sureen area:	5 Brigade
Karo:	6 Brigade
Mohbek Province	
Faron:	7 Brigade
Leppko Province	
Turon:	8 Brigade
Kika:	9 brigade
Eres:	10 Brigade

- Many of the brigades are accompanied by family members. Numbers have not been determined.
- Age composition of FDS:
 - 16-17 yrs: 7%
 - 18-29 yrs: 63%
 - 30-39 yrs: 20%
 - 40-49 yrs: 10%
 - Officially 5% female soldiers (above 18)
 - Disabled soldiers: 8%
 - Accompanying families: Unknown
 - Official recruitment age is 16
 - In need of DDR: 5,000
- There is evidence that in the last phases of war, there has been increasing recruitment of under 16, so the estimated number of under 16 year olds is 5%.

Angels for a Democratic Swarlana (ADS) forces

- 5,000 total
- Army headquarters of 200 rebels located near Alur, Tereni Province
- Five brigades, each of which comprises four field battalions consisting of not more than 500 rebels in each battalion
- Forces are now grouped within 20 km of the following towns:

Tereni Province	
Alur	MPC field HQ, 1 Brigade
Lurok	5 Brigade
Koloni Province	
Norke	2 Brigade
Apo	3 Brigade
Mohbek Province	
Perkes	4 Brigade

- No solid information on age composition
- Max. 85% male combatants, Min. 15% female combatants
- Disabled combatants: 9%
- Approx. 20% under 18 (boys and girls), of which the youngest actively fighting are estimated to be 14 years of age
- There are children attached to armed forces of younger age (supporters or children of combatants)*
- In need of DDR: 3,200
- There has been increasing recruitment of civilians in the last phases of the war, partly forced
- All ADS forces have family members with them, but the numbers are not known
- ADS units close to the border with Atsia have good supplies, as do those in Mohbek. Those in Koloni have been largely “living off the land” and have poor levels of nutrition

Brotherhood for a Free Swarlana (BFS):

- 3,000 total fighters
- Arranged in company-strength formations with nominal battalion formations, many of which are under-strength
- No solid location information
- Units either live off the land, or are ‘night fighters’ farming or working during the day.
- Allegiance to the political echelon of BFS is nominal, with some groups acting effectively as bandits
- No solid information on age composition
- Only very vague data available on gender composition of the BFS; there is a small number of female combatants above 18
- Approx. 20% under 18 year olds (boys and girls); there are some special youth-squads terrorizing the area
- Unknown number of disabled combatants
- Unknown number of accompanying families

- Forced recruitment of civilians is frequent
- In need of DDR: 2050

Comboo Defense Units (CDU)

- 1,000-3,000 total fighters (est.)
- No other data available

* All information on the estimated number of children attached to armed groups has been obtained from the international NGO “Group Against Child Soldiers.”