Canadian Peacekeeper? Peacemaker? Peacebuilder?

Evidence 9.54

During Reading

Have you read any cartoon about the situation in Afghanistan? Do you think the cartoonist is saying about the situation?

What is the contribution of Canadian Forces in the Afghan conflict? Describe how Canadian Forces' civil—military cooperation programs influence the relationship between the Canadian forces and Afghans.

On October 7, 2001, Canada's second move into Afghanistan would be a "peacekeeping" mission, commented on by Andrew Leslie, the Defence Minister.

In February 2003, Liberal Defence Deputy Commander, Major General John McCallum announced that Canadian forces would be deployed to Afghanistan. This was not a "peace suppor operation." Canada’s role.

Evidence 9.57, which reflects the evidence, explains that "peace operation" as "peace enforcement operation." It is important to understand that even a "peace operation" can be a "peace enforcement operation." The term "peace operation" is often used in a pejorative sense, implying that the Canadian forces are merely observers or even combatants.

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For the soldiers involved in the Medak Pocket operation, the next few days were the most difficult. They were tasked, along with civilian police officers, and elements and criminals who prey on the people flowing from the frontlines with order to implement the latest ceasefire agreement. The soldiers had to keep the peace in the area while the Canadian forces were preparing for the "peace enforcement operation." The soldiers were trained to conduct patrols inside the city, chasing away Taliban or al-Qaeda soldiers. Oursoldiers patrol up in the mountains around Kabul, day and night. They take the local police out with them, training them, showing them how we conduct our mission, and ultimately use deadly force against the Croatian Army. However, the true evidences of military professionalism and discipline came after the smoke cleared, allowing the normally dangerous situation to become more manageable.

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The evidence in the area was also standardized in UNPROFOR, perhaps providing evidence of the Yugoslav wars. They could all be neatly labelled as "Serbian wars of extermination," but this would be misleading. The Medak Pocket was a real case in point. It was not the case that all Serbians were responsible for the ethnic cleansing in the Balkans. The evidence shows that other "peacekeepers" were also guilty of war crimes.

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