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**PEACEKEEPERS UNDER THREAT: WHO CAN PROTECT THEM?**

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***MEDIA ALERT***

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UN peacekeepers are being directly targeted. More than 100 peacekeepers were killed in 2014, and more than 40 have been killed so far this year. Hundreds of thousands of civilians depend on peacekeepers for their safety. Today, more than 118,000 civilians in South Sudan receive shelter in UN compounds.

At a special event hosted by AIIA Victoria and the Melbourne School of Government ***tomorrow, Thursday August 13th,*** Professor Alex J Bellamy will offer some preliminary assessments about the impact of the implementation of mandates to use force to protect civilians, focusing on what works, what doesn't, and the factors which determine these outcomes in order to identify ways of improving performance in the future.

Professor Bellamy is Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Director of the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect at The University of Queensland. He is also a Non-Resident Senior Adviser at the International Peace Institute.

The media is welcome to attend this event.

***TIME: 5.30PM***

***DATE; THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH***

***VENUE:*** **Theatre 219,**

**Melbourne Graduate School of Education,**

**234 Queensberry Street, Carlton**

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**Key Facts and Figures**

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