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UNMOGIP

A UN Peacekeeping Mission

The United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) is a military observer mission of the United Nations, that is also called a peacekeeping mission. It was established by the UN Security Council at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, in January 1949, following the first conflict between India and Pakistan over Kashmir (a region between the two countries in the Himalayas). The main task of the mission was to monitor the ceasefire along

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the Line of Control (LoC) and report violations to the United Nations. They also wanted to observe the ceasefire across Kashmir between India and Pakistan. The mission's role is viewed differently by the two countries: Pakistan continues to recognize and cooperate with UNMOGIP, while India argues that the mission's original role became largely outdated after the Simla Agreement in 1972. All in all UNMOGIP remains an important symbol of international peace efforts.

Security Council

Divided over Response to Hostage Crisis

The hostage-taking of four military experts from the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) has triggered intense debate within the Security Council. The observers were taken hostage near the Line of Control between India and Pakistan. According to discussions in the council, delegates from Slovenia and South Korea are among those affected.

The terrorist group responsible has issued a 90-minute deadline for its demands to be accepted. These demands include the withdrawal of all foreign security forces, the release of allegedly illegally detained prisoners, and recognition of the future right of self-determination for the population of Kashmir. The group stated that self-determination and national liberation are the only solutions to the conflict.

Council members remain divided on how to respond. Representatives from China, Denmark, and Algeria rejected negotiations, arguing that giving in to terrorist demands would encourage future kidnappings. Danish delegate Luca stated that “you can’t fight weapons with words,” while Chinese representative Victor Scholz emphasized that “we do not negotiate with terrorists.”

In contrast, Tobias Toren of the Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) condemned the hostage-taking but called

for a peaceful and democratic approach. Pakistan’s delegate, Jette Männereich, stressed that saving human lives should take priority over political considerations.

Tensions also emerged over previous Security Council actions. China claimed that France had locked anti-separatist resolutions through its veto power on 15 occasions, while Greece was described as sceptical of such measures.

The Committee Chair warned that the council is splitting into two voting blocs. However, at least nine affirmative votes are required for any resolution to pass, making compromise necessary.



by *Leonie Lashlee*

CRISIS

War erupts in the middle east

Special Crisis Edition - HSC

What began as a normal day for the delegates quickly turned into chaos. Members of the Historical Security Council had just started reading and discussing the resolution from the previous day when at 9:20 a ringing phone interrupted the session. Security personnel entered the room and whispered urgently to the chairs before announcing that the conference room had to be blocked off. Delegates were instructed to put their phones away, as the matter concerned international security.

Moments later, the committee received shocking information: Israel had attacked the air forces of the United Arab Republic. The room immediately broke out in chaos, with delegates chatting, arguing, and verbally attacking one another. Several countries called for punishment for Israel, forcing the chairs to bring the house to order.

Soon afterward, the committee received a video from the United Arab Republic showing the destruction caused by the attacks. Security then delivered the news everyone had feared: war had broken out in the Middle East.

Throughout the crisis, delegates received secret telegrams and participated in lobbying while attempting to respond to the changing situation.

Updates showed Israeli forces advancing into the Sinai Peninsula, Jerusalem, and the West Bank, with fighting breaking out on several fronts.

Things escalated again during a press briefing when Israel announced an attack on the Golan Heights, saying it was responding to Syrian shelling on border settlements. This made the conflict even bigger and increased tensions inside the Council.

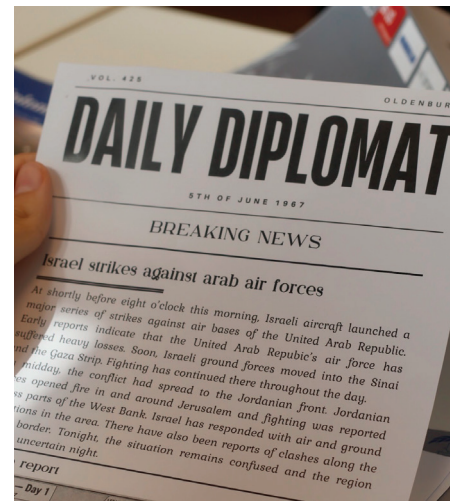
A draft resolution from Brazil failed after the US vetoed it because it included a demand for Israel to withdraw from occupied areas. After that, the permanent members held an emergency meeting. Even though the situation calmed down a bit in parts of Sinai and the West Bank, fighting continued in the Golan Heights.

In the end, Ethiopia put forward a new resolution calling for an Israeli withdrawal, UN observers, and buffer zones, as well as reopening the Strait of Tiran for civilian shipping. It passed with a clear majority, while Israel voted against it and the US and UAR abstained.

As discussions ended, one thing is clear: the Historical Security Council were facing one of its greatest diplomatic challenges yet.



by Louisa Pendt



BEHIND THE SCENES

Representing Controversial Positions

As a Delegate, you must represent and defend the worldview of your country during various discussions and debates. But what if the position of your country is the opposite of your personal beliefs and values? The delegate of Afghanistan in the UN Women committee explains her situation and thoughts regarding this dilemma:

“At first I was really happy I got into UN Women because this is a topic I’m really interested in, but then I saw that I would be representing Afghanistan and I was shocked. Because for me Afghanistan is the worst country concerning

by Anna Vossmann

women’s rights. I...] It is really hard for me to find arguments for a view that is the opposite of my own and like in a discussion to keep those arguments and not just agreeing with the European countries. [...] I feel like it’s really easy to speak against my arguments, because I really know like what the others gonna say because this would be the thing I would say. So it’s a challenge but I’m really into it and try to be as convincing as possible. Because discussions wouldn’t be that fun if I would just be quiet because it’s not my opinion.”

Awareness Team

Democracy Begins with Empathy



On Wednesdays we wear pink: You can clearly identify the trust persons by their pink badges. Yet they're not quite the "Mean Girls" of OLMUN, but rather its secret heroes. Behind the scenes, they make sure everyone feels heard, safe, and truly welcomed

by *Leonie Lashlee*

at MUN. The Awareness Team shows that a united future is not only created on the big political stage, but also starts with kindness and compassion. Democracy begins with empathy for your fellow citizens, sharing responsibility, and truly understanding others.

To learn more, I spoke with Nantke Willerbach, one of OLMUN's two ombudspersons, who coordinates the awareness concept and team. As I arrive, she is busy setting up the Awareness Area for tomorrow evening's club event, one of the highlights of this week. She explains that the Awareness Team is especially important right now because the global situation is becoming increasingly challenging and society is growing more divided. During a time of hatred and selfishness, it is crucial to stand for anti-discrimination and to

think in terms of a collective "we." "Democracy grows when we approach our fellow citizens with attentiveness and respect," says Nantke.

This is also why she believes that awareness work should play a greater role not only at OLMUN, but in society in general, for example through permanent prevention and support teams in schools and companies. She describes this week in three words: "Team spirit, positivity, and good energy."

The DJ is already testing tomorrow's music, and she laughs. Because despite all the stress and chaos, OLMUN's secret heroes remain positive- and that positivity is contagious. Their work is a reminder that democracy does not begin in conference halls or committee rooms, but in the way we treat one another every day.

Interview with a First-Timer

Emilie Roon is serving as a delegate in the UNESCO committee for the first time. She sat down with the Daily Diplomat to discuss her expectations, hopes, and potential challenges.

Interviewer: First of all, what is your name?

Emilie: My name is Emilie, and this year marks my first time participating as a delegate at UNESCO.

Interviewer: Why are you taking part in OLMUN this year?

Emilie: Naturally, I have certain expectations for OLMUN. Above all, I want to gain experience.

Interviewer: How much experience have you gained so far, and what challenges have you had to overcome?

by *Julian Dierks*

Emilie: That is the key point. At the start, the biggest challenge is understanding the procedures. That was the first minor hurdle I faced. The upside is that I've been able to gain new experience with every challenge.

Interviewer: Did OLMUN provide enough support to help you quickly grasp the procedures?

Emilie: Yes. Right at the beginning—on Tuesday—there was an initial briefing. Before the opening ceremony officially started, there was a brief explanation of

how the procedures work.

Interviewer: What do you expect and what are you most looking forward to?

Emilie: Above all, I hope to exchange ideas with others and thereby strengthen my understanding of international cooperation on a broader scale. That is exactly what I wanted to be a part of, which is why I have now become a delegate. I think we've all been able to gain both personal and collective experiences this way.

GOSSIP

Committee Gossip

- „Portugal thinks that scrolling on TikTok is more important than participating in the debates“ - GA1st
- „The suit from the delegate of Vietnam is actually from his teacher“ - UNESCO
- „Next time better snacks please!“ - UNESCO
- „I think we should do a model contest on friday to close the ICC!“ - ICC
- „Spotted: Constellis booking flights and hotels during the committee session“ - GA1st
- „The Staff members are really pretty and cute“ - UNESCO
- „There's still someone playing Roblox all the time.“ - ASEAN
- „Dear chairs, please punish yourself for that punishment - but this time do something like JustDance!“ - GA1st
- „We reject the association of bad handwriting“ - ICC
- „Can we all agree that Vilsa is ways better than Gerolsteiner?“ - ICC

by *Jasmin Hallerstedde, the Press team*

PARTICIPANTS

OLMUN - Week in Review

Democracy Begins with Empathy

Even though it feels like the opening ceremony just ended, OLMUN 2026 is already nearly over. To capture the best moments of the committee sessions, the evening activities and everything else, we as the press team collected all of the highlights that made OLMUN such a special event:

Especially for those who participated for the first time, the opening ceremony was very impressive. It is the first time you realise the amount of people from all over the world that are coming together to debate, socialise and learn as a community. The atmosphere after OLMUN was officially declared open was one of a kind

Many of the delegates saw the OLMUN as an opportunity to play a different role in an environment far from their everyday life. This chance to be someone else and somehow design a character to play for one week is one of the highlights of OLMUN

For everyone who was present in the UNEP committee, the proposal of the delegation of Iran to start a programme to reduce waste called "US S.T.I.N.K.S" was likely to be the highlight of the OLMUN week. Another funny highlight to mention might be the accessories some particularly dedicated delegates brought with them. There was the delegation of

the USA wearing a "Make America Great Again" cap as well as the delegation of the United Kingdom showing up with a complete tea set.

As members of the press team, we are switching our locations due to interviews a lot. Therefore we often see OLMUN participants taking their lunch breaks in the city. That's why another highlight is the formal clothing which always indicates who is part of OLMUN and creates a certain feeling of belonging.

And of course, many participants considered the evening activities and especially the OLMUN party to be THE highlight.

Finally for me as a person who took part in OLMUN for the first time, the OLMUN community was the best part. Communities like this one, where everybody is treated with the same respect and kindness, are rare. The way everybody at OLMUN is open to meet new people made socialising a lot easier. I feel like we need more occasions like OLMUN to interact with people we probably wouldn't meet in our everyday lives.

At last we as the press team want to thank you all for your motivation and good mood during our interviews that made most of our articles as interesting as they turned out.

by Anna Vossman



DELEGATE SPOTLIGHT

Today: OLMUN Punishments

A collection of the funniest consequences in OLMUN 2026

Not every rule violation ends in disaster- sometimes it ends in entertainment and fun. From karaoke to disguises and catwalks, the punishments have created some of the most memorable moments even though they may caused a little embarrassment for those involved. Here is a look back at the funniest punishments of OLMUN 2026.

by Fenja Sophie Kohle



THURSDAY NIGHT

Party and Club Recap

The Highlight for many Delegates; what happened?

The sun slowly began to set over Oldenburg as the first delegates arrived at the Gleispark next to the train station. Accompanied by the ambience of passing trains and excited chatter, everyone had the chance to meet new people and have a relaxing time in Oldenburg's hidden oasis. After the committee sessions, it sure was a relief to wear something lighter instead of suits and skirts. Everywhere you looked, groups of old friends and new ones made during lobbying were sharing the best fries and drinks in town.

Later in the evening, it seemed like half the youth of the city moved to the rooftop club at the Schlosshöfe. To the music by our DJs, you got to dance the stress of lobbyin, filling out amandement sheets, and starting POIs away. On the rooftop terrace, you got to enjoy a fantastic view of Oldenburg's Castle and skyline. Maybe you even got to see some of your chairs dancing ;)



COMMITTEE IN FOCUS

GA3rd - What happened?

Wednesday

The Third General Assembly (GA3rd) started with a classic intro round, an icebreaker, and a quick review of the committee rules and punishments. After that, the delegates finally opened the first topic: “Enhancing Support Systems for the Elderly while Addressing the Impact of Aging Societies.” Many countries, like Bangladesh, Belgium, and Cambodia, read out their policy statements.

There was some early drama when Tajikistan complained that the Chairs mispronounced country names. Meanwhile, the delegate of Haiti was super active—he asked other countries questions four times and argued that most nations completely lack laws to support older generations.

Thursday

On the second day, the focus shifted to healthcare funding for developing nations. But honestly, the room also had some *by Tim Kramer*

major casual vibes: everyone was talking about Red Bull vs. Monster Energy, and people were passing around funny gossip notes and poems. Also, Vietnam was spotted playing Clash of Clans, and we found out the Philippines delegate is the DJ for the upcoming party! Still, Tajikistan stayed pretty salty towards the Chairs, even though their English and presentation skills were actually really good.

Later, the committee moved to the topic of “immigrant workers.” Here, things got professional again. Syria successfully changed Draft 6 to make sure there is a basic economic backup for everyone. Libya also changed Draft 8 to get enough volunteers. Haiti, however, voted against a digital draft because they said the infrastructure just isn’t ready and it’s a waste of time. After a 10- minute cookie break, the session ended with a good mix of hard voting and typical OLMUN fun.

JUST FOR FUN

OLMUN Bingo

Closing Ceremony Edition

someone starts to whistle	clapping out of order	video without sound	flowers for the guest speakers	„tell me why“ - backstreet boys is played
„vibrant atmosphere“	A delegate forgets to yield the floor	„fruitfull debates“	Karaoke Punishment	Dancing Punishment
Funny socks spotted <small>Required: which delegate:</small>	Morning Show		„Gut genug“ is played	Delegate refers to himself and not his delegation
„OLMUN spirit“	Dresscode violation gets punished	Flashlights accompany a song	„25 years of shaping a united future“	A delegation boycotts a speech
Photografy staff on stage	Speech from the best delegate of a committee	„clapping is now in order“	Delegate exceeds the speaking time	Weather forecast at a random location



by Johanna Conze, Frauke Rudolf

Awareness at OLMUN



OLMUN aims to be a place where everyone feels welcome, respected, and safe. To support this goal, our Awareness Team consists of 17 Trust Persons and 2 Ombudspersons who are available throughout the entire conference.

You can recognize us by our pink badges and, during evening events, by our pink vests.

Whether you are feeling stressed, overwhelmed, lonely, uncomfortable, or simply need someone to talk to, we are here to listen and support you without judgement.

OLMUN brings together people from many different backgrounds and perspectives. While this diversity is one of our greatest strengths, conflicts or uncomfortable situations can sometimes arise. Our Awareness Team is here to help ensure that OLMUN remains a safe space based on respect, fairness, equality, and mutual understanding.

If you ever need support – in any situation – please reach out. You are not alone.

GET IN TOUCH

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OLMUN 2026 Merch — get yours!

Like every year, OLMUN offers exclusive merchandise! This gives you the opportunity to take a memorable item home to remind you of the great time you had at OLMUN.

Choose from our selection of T-shirts, a polo shirt, pins and a tote bag. The T-shirts are available in men's and women's fits and come in the sizes XS–XXL.

You can find our merchandise at the Opening Ceremony, during the evening activities and at the Closing Ceremony. Don't miss the chance of taking home a lasting memory of your OLMUN experience!



Polo Shirt



T-Shirt



Skyline Tee



Pins



Tote Bag