

# NATO sends 700 more troops to Kosovo to help quell violent protests

NATO chief Jen Stoltenberg warned troops “will take all necessary actions to maintain a safe and secure environment for all citizens in Kosovo.”

NATO said on Tuesday it will send more troops to northern Kosovo to help quell violent protests, following clashes with ethnic Serbs that wounded 30 peacekeepers.

“We have decided to deploy 700 more troops from the operational reserve force for Western Balkans,” NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told reporters in Oslo, after talks with Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store.

He said NATO would also “put an additional battalion of reserve forces on high readiness so they can also be deployed if needed. These are prudent steps.”

A battalion typically ranges from 300 to around 1,000 troops. The NATO-led peacekeeping mission, KFOR, currently consists of almost 3,800 troops.

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