

## **THERE IS NO PEACE WITHOUT SECURITY**

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### **Abstract**

The Realist and Neo-realist school of thought contends that there is peace when there is no war. They also have defined security as the absence of the threat. In other words, when there is no war and no threat of war, we should have a peaceful and secure world. However, this line of reasoning does not take into consideration all the other conditions and events that can threaten the stability, strength and overall well-being—and thus the peace and security--of a country or region. In this paper I present the argument that a true state of peace and security can exist only when basic human needs and rights are provided for and protected. Peace must be sought concurrently with efforts to improve the security of the individual human beings of each country. Examples of some of the most troubled nations of the world are cited and analyzed.

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