

**‘Post-War Policing by Communities in Sierra Leone, Liberia, Rwanda’,**

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The article demonstrates that community-based policing in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Rwanda has survived conflict, but that its variable form and function is in part the product of conflict. Conflict has shaped public attitudes to state policing; the ideology and insecurity of the resultant regime; and state capacity. In these three cases community-based policing usually has some form of relationship with the state police and is not without support, legitimacy, effectiveness and a modicum of accountability. In a context of limited state police resources, community-based policing is not to be dismissed lightly as a significant security provider for post-war democracies.