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### EUFOR PIFWC Operations

On Thursday 27th March a PIFWC search was held in Pale at the homes of three families suspected of being involved with the Radovan Karadzic support network. A week later, on Wednesday 2nd April, a PIFWC search was held in Krupac at the home of Dragan Draskovic, suspected of being a part of the same support network. On 22nd April, the Banja Luka home of Goran Marinkovic was also raided for the same reasons. These were the first search operations for a few months. See Page 9.

### Mine Action Walk

A report on Page 15 details the launch of International Mine Action Day on 4th April, including the Mine Action Walk to highlight this important issue for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### Walk For Life

Another walk, but for a very different reason, was held on Sunday 6th April, when the International Women's Club of Sarajevo organised a hugely successful "Walk for Life" around the centre of Sarajevo to raise money for Breast Cancer Research. EUFOR was proud to be a sponsor of this event, and details are on Page 15.



### Media Training Seminar

On Tuesday 8th April the Press Office hosted a media seminar with some AFBiH Officers to offer the EUFOR perspective on media training, and also to exchange ideas. It was a fascinating day, and more can be found on page 6.

### AFBiH Combined Company Training with EUFOR

The 2008 year of training continues for the AFBiH and EUFOR, and the latest training exercise on Thursday 10th April raised the profile of this further with exercises at the company level. See Page 8 for a full report.

### Multinational Battalion Change of Command

On Tuesday 15th April, the command of the Multinational Battalion passed to Lieutenant Colonel Joaquin Penuelas. General Villalain was present to mark this important occasion, and details are on page 4.

### Operational Commander Visits

On Wednesday and Thursday 16th and 17th April COM EUFOR hosted a visit by the Operational Commander, General Sir John McColl. He was here for an update briefing



and also met with the HR/OHR and COM NATO. Page 4 has a full report.

### Police Reform Laws Passed

This month has been important for Bosnia and Herzegovina, as both houses of parliament passed important police reform laws, which are a vital part of the political reforms being undertaken to ready BiH for the signing of the Stabilization and Association Agreement. This is the next democratic step towards EU membership.

### Combined Basketball Competition



As Forum was going to press, an exciting Basketball competition was being competitively fought in the gymnasium. Teams from many EUFOR nations and from AFBiH were closely matched, and details of the matches and the winner are on pages 8 and 9.

### New Spokesperson (again!)

Regular readers will remember that Major David Fielder left in early March, and he was replaced by Lieutenant Commander Philip Treloar for 5 weeks. Philip had a busy and enjoyable time in the Press Office, and passed his best wishes to all in EUFOR when he handed over the job to Lieutenant Commander Ian Pratt in early April.

May will see another new Spokesperson join EUFOR, when Lieutenant Commander Kerry Corkett relieves me. I have had a very interesting and intriguing time in the Press Office for 5 weeks. I would like to thank everyone in EUFOR for making my time here so interesting and enjoyable. I have found Bosnia and Herzegovina a fascinating country, and have been pleased to see it making real progress towards further political stability. I leave to go home on 1st May with great sadness, but I am sure that you will make Kerry Corkett very welcome in this first class headquarters.

By Lt Cdr Ian Pratt, Royal Navy, GBR

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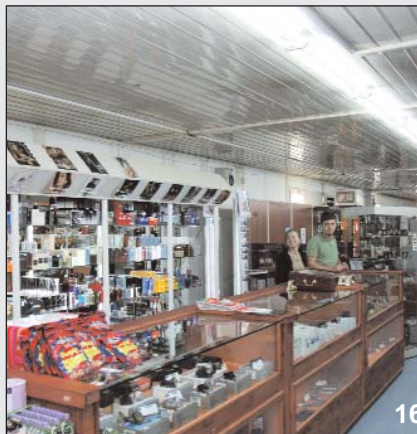
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## EUFOR High Command Visits Commander EUFOR

General Sir John McColl visited COM EUFOR, General Villalain, on 17th April at Camp Butmir. General McColl took over the role as NATO's Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe and the EU's Operation Commander for EUFOR Operation ALTHEA on 22nd October 2007.

During his visit, General McColl expressed EUFOR's continued full support to this important mission in BIH. General McColl emphasized the importance of continuing the close and excellent working relations between all international and local parties and stressed that EUFOR would continue to contribute to the safe and secure environment throughout BIH.

General McColl said:

"I have been impressed with the many areas of progress in BIH, since I was last here in February. The many reforms in the political arena, plus the continuing defence reforms and the comprehensive

combined training between the EUFOR and BIH Armed Forces have been greatly encouraging, and are creating a safe and secure environment for the whole community."



*Speech to the EUFOR staff during the conference*

## New Commander for Multi-National Battalion

EUFOR conducted a change of command ceremony to mark the handover of command within the Multi-National Battalion (MNBN) on 15th April at Camp Butmir. Lieutenant Colonel Francisco Mugica handed over command to Lieutenant Colonel Joaquin Peñuelas after 4 months in command. During this time the leaving commander has overseen a number of key events, especially many combined exercises with the armed forces of BIH (AFBIH).

Acknowledging Lieutenant Colonel Mugica's busy time in command, General Villalain, COM EUFOR stated: "Lieutenant Colonel Mugica has been commander of the Multi National Battalion at a very busy time of combined training between EUFOR and AFBIH, during this year of training in 2008. I wish to pay tribute to his professionalism and dedication which he has passed on to the forces of AFBIH in many successful combined exercises. I welcome Lieutenant Colonel Peñuelas and wish him similar success."



# Visits to COM EUFOR in April



*Austrian Armed Forces Deputy Commander MG  
Dieter Heidecker*



*Swedish Chief of Staff MG Berndt Grundevik*



*LTG Lazlo Tombol, Hungarian Joint Force Commander*



*Security Reform Advisor of the JFC HQ BG Gerhard Shullz*



*Director of Slovakian Armed Forces Military Police, BG Stanislav Bero*



*Italian Chief of Defence General Vincenzo Camporini*

## Media Seminar for AFBIH



Group of AFBIH Officers and Press Office representatives.



AFBIH representatives with EUFOR Spokesperson Lt Cdr Ian Pratt

EUFOR hosted members of the Armed Forces of BIH (AFBIH) to discuss media handling and TV interview techniques on 8th April at Camp Butmir. Seven officers from the BIH Ministry of Defence, Operational Headquarters and different Army Commands spent the day with the Press Office Staff from EUFOR.

The aim of the seminar was for the AFBIH Officers to learn about EUFOR procedures and exchange ideas. In particular, briefs on how the EUFOR Press Office is organized and runs the main activities in the public

information field were followed by practical training in how to conduct Interviews with TV Journalists.

Many questions were asked during the event and the group was able to benefit from the experience of the multi-national expertise within EUFOR. Much useful and beneficial joint combined training was achieved and useful contacts made between EUFOR and AFBIH Officers. This continues the stated aim of 2008 being a year of training for

the AFBIH to build up capabilities in the different operational areas.

The media training allowed AFBIH to improve media techniques and learn about EU procedures. Consequently, these lessons will be taken away and used to help the AFBIH in their continued positive work towards NATO and European integration.

AFBIH and EUFOR are also looking forward to organizing other activities in the Media field in the near future.



Chief of Press Office, Lt Col Miguel Martin Bernardi

## Ceremony of Remembrance



EUFOR Swedish troops placed a stone memorial in Camp Butmir Memorial Park on 12th April. COM EUFOR and Major General Berndt Grundevik, Chief of Staff of Swedish Armed Forces were present at this solemn ceremony.

# Armed Forces BIH Inspection Teams Certificated



On 23rd April 2008, a ceremony was held at the Army Hall in Sarajevo to formally certify the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (AFBIH) Internal Weapon/Ammunition Storage Site Inspectors.



*COM EUFOR handing out certificates to AFBIH members*

COM EUFOR, Major General Ignacio Martín Villalain presented the Inspection Teams with their certificates at this ceremony, in the presence of Lieutenant General Sifet Podzic,

Internal Weapon/Ammunition Storage Site Inspectors have reached the required level of expertise, and are now capable of conducting

the BIH inspections themselves. This shows the excellent level of cooperation and mutual trust between AFBIH and EUFOR, and further progress in the defence reform process.

The presentation of these certificates clearly demonstrates that the AFBIH

inspections themselves. This shows the excellent level of cooperation and mutual trust between AFBIH and EUFOR, and further progress in the defence reform process.

At the ceremony, COM EUFOR, General Villalain stated:

“I am delighted to be able to attend this ceremony today. The certification of these Inspection Teams is another clear sign of the growing capability of the AFBIH, and I am so pleased to be here to present these certificates to you all with General Podzic. These certificates are being presented to acknowledge the training you have received, and all of you are to be congratulated on your achievements in gaining these certificates. It is dedication such as yours that will further the defence reform process and maintain the safe and secure environment in BIH.”



*COM EUFOR General Villalain and Lieutenant General Sifet Podzic*

# EUFOR and AFBIH Combined Training now at Company Level



*Joint Combined Platoon ready for the Crowd & Riot Control Exercise*

EUFOR troops exercised with a Company from the 4th Brigade of the Armed Forces of BIH (AFBIH). This training is part of a series of combined military exercises with AFBIH. The training started on 11th April at Comanche Base near Tuzla.

## Growing co-operation

Previous combined training has been at a platoon level of 30 soldiers, but this latest exercise has been at a Company level of 100 soldiers, demonstrating the growing co-operation between EUFOR and AFBIH and the improving operational effectiveness of AFBIH. The training during the week has included: check point operation, patrolling exercises, mine removal exercises, and radio communication training.

EUFOR Commander Major General Villalain said:

“The training being carried out this week is significant for both EUFOR and the AFBIH. In January the AFBIH stated that 2008 would be a year of training and we are now seeing this in action as the training starts at the Company level. These exercises have proved the capability and professional-

ism of all the troops and I am very pleased to see them work together so successfully.

Part of our key operational role in the Balkans

is to hand over progressively more responsibility to the country’s own armed forces. EUFOR’s mission is to contribute to the safe and secure environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and this training will greatly assist with this mission. I am very impressed by the growing professionalism and effectiveness of the AFBIH, and I will go on

working closely with the armed forces in the months to come.”

The training will enhance the operational capability already gained by AFBIH teams. Further Exercises will be held on a regular basis to continue the training package for the AFBIH.



*MNBN COM briefs EUFOR COS and AFBIH representatives before the start of the exercise*

## Basketball C

From 22nd to 24th April 2008, A basketball tournament was held at Camp Butmir, involving teams from the MNBN, IPU and the Operational Command of the AFBIH, as well as EUFOR/NATO civilian employees. In total, 11 teams played in a knockout tournament, with the finals played on the morning of 24th April in which the AFBIH team “Heartbreakers” won a hard fought battle against the Slovenian team. In the match for the third place that took place prior to the finals, “Rookies” won the medal for the third place.



*All teams tried their hardest*



# EUFOR PIFWC Operations

EUFOR conducted two search operations at the request of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY). EUFOR conducted a search operation on 27th March in premises in Pale of people probably connected to the Radovan Karadzic support network. EUFOR then conducted a second operation in Krupac on 2nd April in the premises of Dragan Draskovic, who is also believed to be associated with the Radovan Karadzic support network. On 22nd April a third operation was held in Banja Luka at the home of Goran Marinkovic. Again, he was suspected of supporting the Radovan Karadzic network. The aim of all these search operations was to find material or information which could assist the ICTY in the ongoing search for and capture of Persons Indicted For War Crimes



*IPU members on the site with Local Police in Pale on 27th March*

(PIFWC) by the Hague Tribunal and putting pressure on networks believed to be involved in protecting these persons. The operations were supported by NATO and were closely coordinated with the ICTY.

EUFOR is heartened to see Mr Ljajic (President of the Serbian National Council for Cooperation with the ICTY) announce that the Serbian authorities were close to catching Zupiljanin in the last week of March. This is in addition to the pleas from the Zupiljanin family who wish him to give himself up.



*IPU Operation from 2nd April in Krupac*

The local police, RS MuP, were informed of the operations and provided support. EUFOR commended them for their professionalism, courage and commitment.

## Rewards on offer

All readers are reminded that any person providing information that leads to the arrest or conviction, in any country, of a war criminal indicted by the ICTY may be eligible for a reward. A reward of up to approximately 4 million Euro or 8 million KM may be paid for Radovan Karadzic, Ratko Mladic, Goran Hadzic or Stojan Zupljanin. Individuals' holding such information should call BIH 065.516.674 or if outside BIH 00.387.65.516.674 or e-mail [mail@rewards-forjustice.net](mailto:mail@rewards-forjustice.net)

It was recently announced that there are also rewards on offer from Serbia for information leading to the capture of the war criminals. Serbia has put up a number of rewards, including up to 250,000 Euros for Zupiljanin.

## Competition



*COS EUFOR passes medals to the "Heartbreakers"*

# For Law and



“Guarda Nacional Republicana” (GNR) is a Portuguese Police Force, consisting of 24,500 military personnel, organized in a special body of troops, with authority from the Internal Affairs Ministry, with the aim of upholding the Law, Security and Public Order.

The homeland GNR Corps daily tasks are extensive and include duties as criminal police; administrative police; road traffic supervision and regulation; customs and fiscal police; nature and environment protection; search and rescue; honorific and State Representation, Close Protection of VIPs, and “Robust Police Missions” in and outside Portuguese territory.

GNR is participating in Operation ALTHEA as a founder member of the newly created European Gendarmerie Force (EGF). This multinational initiative of five European police forces with military status (France, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain), is considered to be a new tool for Crisis Management Operations, at the disposal of the European Union.

It is a robust International Police Force, specialized in Crime Fighting activities within the theatre of operations, with military structure and capabilities, able to operate under military or civilian command and control in both benign and hostile environments.



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# for the People



The GNR personnel in this mission are well trained, well equipped and very experienced with the tasks they are performing. Most of them have just arrived from a similar operation in East Timor, others have been in operations in Africa and Iraq. This group of Portuguese GNR have brought to Bosnia all their experience and mission oriented dedication, shouting out loud their motto – PELA LEI E PELA GREI (for the law and for the people).

GNR contributes to the IPU with 34 people:  
the mobile platoon in Alfa Coy;  
the Team in the Specialized Element;  
Staff Officers for the IPU Command Group.



# 120 years of the National Museum

The oldest scientific and cultural institution in BIH - the National Museum, commemorated 120 years of existence at the celebration held on 7 February. As was emphasized at the ceremony, there are only a few institutions in this part of Europe that can be proud of over a century of continuous work. Testimonies about the rich cultural, natural and historic heritage of BIH have been archived in the Archeological department, the Ethnology department, the Natural Science department, and in the Library of the National Museum. In this region, the National Museum was founded on 1 February 1888 as a state-owned institution. It managed to survive despite the unfortunate situations that were its constant companions. Two very significant exhibitions prepared by the employees of the museum were opened at the ceremony on 7 February. The exhibitions will be open to the public by the end of the year.

## Antique Mosaics

The first exhibition has been named «The Art of Antique Mosaics in BIH». The author of the exhibition, the archeologist of the National Museum Adnan Busuladzic, MSc exhibited 28 mosaics from the developed and late period of the Roman Empire (1 – 2 century AD) that are being kept in the museum.

Around 50 antique mosaics have been



found in the territory of BIH. Analysis has shown identical patterns to the mosaics in other parts of the Roman Empire. An interesting fact is that, among the motifs from the mosaics found in BIH, there are also many



maritime motifs and not only from the territory near the Adriatic Sea. A mosaic with maritime nuptials was found near Ilidza and mosaics with motifs related to the Roman god of the sea Neptune, fish and dolphins were also found.

## „Which Shirt is Mine?“

The exhibition „Which shirt is mine?“ is a work by the ethnologist of the National Museum, Svetlana Bajic. The author exhibited 50 female shirts and 12 accessories and shirt textiles that date to the middle 19th century and to the late 1980s. The author aims to show the public at least one segment of the material culture of Bosnian women, villages and cities, and to encourage a better understanding of the Bosnian but also European identity, in a museological and ethnological way.

## Saving The Hagada

The National Museum was almost on the front line from 1992 to 1995 and this period represents the hardest time in its entire history. It must never be forgotten that, during the war, the position of the museum's director was held by two great men Almaz Dautbegovic and Rizah Sijaric. Unfortunately, Sijaric were killed on duty, which represents a truly rare situation in the world - someone dying while trying to protect his country's national heritage.



# Turkey

Turkey (Turkish: Türkiye), known officially as the Republic of Turkey, is a Eurasian country that stretches across the

Anatolian peninsula in western Asia and Thrace (Rumelia) in the Balkan region of south-eastern Europe. Turkey borders eight countries: Bulgaria to the



Europe, thereby making Turkey transcontinental.

Turkey is a democratic, secular, unitary, constitutional republic whose political system

was established in 1923 under the leadership of Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, following the fall of the Ottoman Empire in the aftermath of World War I. Since then, Turkey has become increasingly integrated with the West through membership in organizations such as the Council of Europe (1949), NATO (1952), OECD (1961), OSCE (1973) and the G20 industrial nations (1999). Turkey began full membership negotiations with the European Union in 2005, having been an associate member since 1963, and having reached a customs union agreement in 1995.

## FACTS

**Full name:** Republic of Turkey

**Population:** 74.8 million (UN, 2007)

**Capital:** Ankara

**Area:** 779,452 sq km (300,948 sq miles)

**Major languages:** Turkish

**Major religion:** Islam

**Life expectancy:** 69 years (men), 74 years (women) (UN)

**Monetary unit:** New Turkish Lira

**Main exports:** Clothing and textiles, fruit and vegetables, iron and steel, motor vehicles and machinery, fuels and oil

**GNI per capita:** US \$4,710 (World Bank, 2006)

**Internet domain:** .tr

**International dialing code:** +90

northwest; Greece to the west, Georgia to the northeast; Armenia, Azerbaijan (the exclave of Nakhichevan), and Iran to the east; and Iraq and Syria to the southeast. The Mediterranean Sea is to the south; the Aegean Sea and Archipelago are to the west; and the Black Sea is to the north. Separating Anatolia and Thrace are the Sea of Marmara and the Turkish Straits (the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles), which are commonly acknowledged to delineate the border between Asia and

# United Kingdom

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, commonly known as the United Kingdom, the UK, or Great Britain, is



a sovereign island country located off the northwestern coast of mainland Europe consisting of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales - the four constituent countries. It includes the island of Great Britain, the northeast part of the island of Ireland and many small islands. Northern Ireland is the only part of the UK with a land border, sharing it with the Republic of Ireland. Apart from this land border, the UK is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean, the North Sea, the English Channel and the Irish Sea. The largest island, Great Britain, is linked to France by the Channel Tunnel.

The UK has fourteen overseas territories, all remnants of the British Empire, which at its height encompassed almost

a quarter of the world's land surface, making it the largest empire in history. As a direct result of the empire, British influence can be observed in the language and culture of states such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa, and the United States of America, and other less globally influential independent states. HM Queen Elizabeth II remains the head of the Commonwealth of Nations and head of state of the Commonwealth realms. The UK is a developed country, with the fifth (nominal GDP) or sixth (PPP) largest economy in the world.

## FACTS

**Full name:** United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

**Population:** 60.7 million (UN, 2007)

**Capital:** London

**Area:** 242,514 sq km (93,638 sq miles)

**Major languages:** English

**Major religion:** Christianity

**Life expectancy:** 77 years (men), 82 years (women) (UN)

**Monetary unit:** 1 pound sterling = 100 pence

**Main exports:** Manufactured goods, chemicals, foodstuffs

**GNI per capita:** US \$37,600 (World Bank, 2006)

**Internet domain:** .uk

**International dialing code:** +44

## Impressions from the EUFOR Mission

**OR-6 Veronique Alzetta,**  
France, IPU



This is my first time in a mission abroad.

In France I am an Intel Department operator in the Gendarmerie Command of Marseille.

Here in Sarajevo I am working as a “watch-keeper” in the IPU Ops Room.

My colleagues come from Italy, Spain, Portugal and The Netherlands; the atmosphere is very friendly and collaborative.

Of course my ability to speak Italian very well, in addition to English and obviously French is helpful in my current job.

**OF-3 Johan Mooi,**  
The Netherlands, IPU

52 years old, married, one daughter.

In The Netherlands I am the Head of the Criminal Investigation Department of Zwolle.

Here I am leading the IPU Intel Office. This is my second time in BIH, the first was during the war.

This new professional experience is very interesting and stimulating; we are developing new procedures and skills, which could be useful not only for IPU and EUROGENDFOR, but

also for our national Law Enforcement Agencies. I wish the same collaboration in the field of intelligence here was also realized in our Countries, in order to better fight international organized crime.



## LOT Gradiska donation

On Friday 28th of March LOT Gradiska visited two schools, one in the AoR Gradiska southern part, and one in AoR Dubica western part. The reason for the visit was a planned donation to the



*Pupils from Knezice school with their gifts*

pupils of the particular schools. Two weeks before, the members of LOT Gradiska decided to organize a donation for schools.

The children mostly come from farming families, which don't have a lot of income. They struggle to provide all the money for the children's schoolbooks and other necessary material. LOT prepared gift bags for each child. Inside could be found a ruler, some pens, some pencils, color pens, a rubber, four notebooks, a notepad, chewing gum and a flyer of LOT Gradiska, all neatly wrapped in a paper bag provided by LOT/EUFOR. Notebooks, paper bags and

some pencils were provided by EUFOR and financial donation from LOT members provided 140KM and made it possible to add other useful things. The school in AOI Dubica has 10 pupils and one teacher; it is a very poor branch school of the main school of Knezica.

When the LOT team members entered the classroom all the kids stood up and greeted them. The pupils' eyes began to shine and glow, when the team handed over the gift bags. The children were really thankful and very happy. In the rural areas, where the parents don't have a lot of money, even a very small gift can make a child very happy. Each one of them thanked the LOT team many times for the precious gifts they received. When the LOT team left the building the children all came out and waved.

## LOT House Re-Organisation

EUFOR announced organisational changes to the Liaison Observation Team (LOT) house structure in northern Bosnia Herzegovina on 7th April. EUFOR's LOT house network operates within a system of five Regional Co-

ordination Centres (RCCs) across the country. Each LOT and region is largely manned by staff from a EUFOR contributing nation.

The LOT house system provides the eyes and ears on the ground for EUFOR, con-



*The new RCC Areas of Responsibility*

tributing to a safe and secure environment and allowing the community to assist the country move forward towards a successful future.

Moving certain LOT houses into different group-

ings will help to enable EUFOR to maintain the system and go on providing local reassurance and contact.

The re-organisation affects the LOT House at Dobo, which has been manned by a Polish contingent from 13th April 2008.

## Walk for Life

Around 3,000 people participated in the Walkathon named “Walk for life” on 6th April and participated in raising funds for buying a breast screening Mammogram machine for a local hospital. This device will greatly help in discovering breast cancer in its early stages.

The ‘Walkathon’ Walk for Life was organized by the International Women’s Club of Sarajevo to increase breast-cancer awareness, EUFOR Commander, Major General Villalain of the Spanish Army, welcomed it and said:

“EUFOR is delighted to be supporting the ‘Walkathon’ Walk of Life organized by the International Women’s Club of Sarajevo to increase breast-cancer awareness. We are helping to pay for advertisements and promotional give-away materials in order to



Participants start the Walk for life

increase awareness of the campaign and support efforts to raise funds to buy vital equipment. Helping women of all ethnicities gain access to state-of-the-art Mammogram machines in walk-in centres will make a huge difference to the successful diagnosis of breast cancer in this country.”

## EUFOR Commander Supports International Mine Action Day

International Mine Action Day was marked on 4th April 08 and helped highlight the mine awareness campaign in Bosnia and Herzegovina, “For Another Safer Step”, with a “Mine Action Walk” that commenced at 1000 hrs from The National Museum in Sarajevo to Bijambare Mountain Resort.



Welcoming International Mine Action Day, Major General Villalain, Commander of EUFOR said:

“Part of EUFOR’s mission in Bosnia ensuring the environment remains safe and secure is to deal effectively with the tragic legacy of conflict. In September last year we successfully handed overall responsibility for countermines operations to the

Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina but our EUFOR mines information coordination team is committed to ongoing joint effort and actively raising awareness across the country of the lethal threat still posed by mines. Today’s Mine Action Walk is an important step in the campaign for the safe future of this country and its young people.”

## Impressions from the EUFOR Mission

**OR-4 Ryszard Gemela,  
Poland, MNBN C COY**

I come from the town of Wlodawa on the Polish-Belarusian border. Apart from being a soldier, I am also a wrestling instructor in Poland. As a soldier, I gained experience abroad in Iraq. I was deployed to Iraq from February to August 2005. I served in Camp Echo in Ad Diwanyah where my job was convoy escorting. I got married just before the mission. I enjoy EUFOR because of the multinational cooperation between the countries and common training.



**OF-1 Murat Yaldiz,  
Turkey, IPU**

I have served in different appointments ranging, from anti-drugs smuggling Unit, Platoon Leader, to Coy Commander of a Territorial Gendarmerie.

Since the beginning of February 2008, I have been working in the IPU, as Plans Officer in the Operations Branch.

It is my first mission abroad, and it is a great opportunity for me to work in a multinational environment where I have the opportunity to work along side other contributing countries. I’m proud and honored to take part in the “Althea mission”, all of us have a great responsibility, not only to our Country, as an ambassador, but also to the whole world, because at the end, there is only one world for all of us to live on.



## Boutique France

Close to the Soldier Store, next to Café Knez you will find the French PX. It's a kind of luxury store in Camp Butmir offering famous brands like Mont Blanc fountain-pens, Armani or Police. The wine selection is excellent and there is no other shop in Camp Butmir with such a variety as the French Boutique. You'll find Champagne and good liqueurs like cognac, so if you're looking for a nice drop to drink you might be in the right



place. You can also buy some perfume for your girlfriend - or boyfriend. It's not the cheapest shop for this but you can choose from a lot of fragrances. Generally the prices are on the middle level compared to other PXs in Butmir. If you want to buy a trendy, sporty or classic watch, then la Boutique de France is the place for you.

Opening Hours: Tuesday to Sunday 10am – 7pm. Closed on Mondays.

## Spanish PX

The Spanish PX is a small, natty and cozy shop with a real Spanish flavor.

When entering the Spanish PX, you will be welcomed by a friendly staff who offer you an interesting range of products at



quite competitive prices. It is highly recommended you take a close look at the perfumes, which come not only from Spain, but also from the most well-known perfume brands. The unique "brave bull" from the Iberian Peninsula is stamped on a wide variety of nice articles. If you wish to share with your family a taste of the Spanish sea, you can purchase several different kinds of canned fish.

However, of most interest is the variety of wines from Spain, a country with more than 50 different types of wine. You will find a good selection of Spanish wines at impressive prices for their quality; wines from the famous areas of Rioja, Penedes, Sherry or Cava, and different varieties: red, white, rose and sparkling. Sangria, this typical Spanish drink, can also be found.

The PX is open every day of the week, from 10AM to 8PM from Monday to Sunday.

## "Zum Krämer" – The German PX

Right opposite the Dining Facility you will find the small PX of the German Military Contingent in Camp Butmir. You can't miss the blue containers with



the big logo. The range of goods is not very large, but they do offer competitive prices and you get a good bargain when buying a Festina Watch or a Rowenta Lighter. Perfumes, cigarettes and sweets are offered as well as toiletries, but you will not find liquors sold in the shop.

Prices for sunglasses are not too high compared to other northern nation PXs in Butmir that seem to target impulse buyers. Germans, Swiss and Austrians might be interested in the variety of German language magazines and books you can buy there. And last but not least, the staff are always friendly and ready to help you whether you are looking for sunglasses or a watch.

The PX is open 7 days a week, Monday to Friday 9am – 7pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am – 7pm.

## Italian PX

The Italian PX is situated behind the Millennium Bar, next to the American PX. It is a small, friendly PX with a relatively small range of goods for sale. Nevertheless, they are all useful. All the usual goods found in all the PXs are there, such as clothes, electrical goods, perfume and food, but with an Italian flavour, of course. The Italian biscuits snacks looked particularly inviting.

Prices looked reasonable compared to others, and the quality of the goods for sale looked good. The reviewer only sampled a little Italian chocolate, which was very tasty!

The PX is open every day of the week, from 10AM to 8PM from Monday to Saturday, and from 10AM to 7Pm on Sundays.





## Danish PX

The Danish PX can be found in the IPU part of Butmir Camp, close to the IPU Dining Facility. It is well laid out, and of a reasonable size. There is a good range of all sorts of items for sale, and there is plenty of room to view them. Prices looked reasonable, and it is well worth the extra walk from the main camp to have a look around. The outdoor clothing for the Danish winter looked particularly interesting, and you can

even buy a casino table cloth for those extra special parties. There didn't seem to be a huge range of purely Danish goods, and the range was generally pretty international, but the quality looks very reasonable.

There was a noticeably large range of confectionary for sale, and the chocolate also tasted good at this PX!

The PX is open every day of the week,



from 9:30AM to 8:15PM from Monday to Sunday.

## American PX

The American PX is located in the heart of Camp Butmir's "PX land". It is right next to the Italian and Norwegian PXs.

The PX offers a wide variety of all sorts of items, from baseball bats to video games and from small delicacies to electronic equipment. It is worth noting that the prices are all in dollars.

Most people will visit the American PX to check up on the latest electronic equip-

ment, such as laptops, TVs, iPods, cameras and so on. The PX also offers a wide selection of DVD movies which are also avail-



able for loan. The American PX is one of the larger on the Camp, as it stretches on two floors. Upstairs is mostly reserved for clothes and the most commonly sought articles are jeans, of which PX has a wide variety. All in all, a trip to this PX can take many hours for avid shoppers!

The PX is open every day of the week, from 10AM to 8PM from Monday to Sunday.

## Soldier's Store

The Soldier's Store may be a little hard to find for newcomers to Camp Butmir. It is not on any main route that Camp Butmir folk normally take. Still, for those willing to stretch their legs just a little further, the store can be found next to the Knez Bar.

The Soldier's Store is most famous for its wide variety of clothes. Even though their prices are on the high side for Camp Butmir, few will complain because of the quality you get for your money.



Do not be misguided by its name - The Soldier's Store could pass quite nicely in any of the larger shopping centers in downtown Sarajevo. Most sought after are the fleece jackets and boots.

The PX is open every day of the week, from 10AM to 8PM from Monday to Sunday.

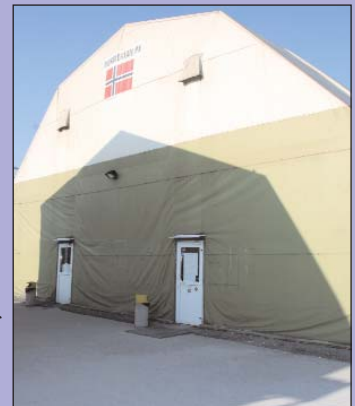
## Norwegian PX


The Norwegian PX is easy to find - you will be looking right at it as you exit the Italian PX or it will be on your left if you exit the American PX.

The Norwegian PX is one of those shops on Camp Butmir which offer a lot of articles, but to which people come to shop for specific purposes. In this case, the Norwegian PX is famous for its handmade jumpers. Their perfumes are also highly sought-after.

The prices are average for Camp Butmir. The only real exception are their watches, which tend to be expensive as they are well-made.

The PX is open every day of the week, from 10AM to 8PM from Monday to Sunday.



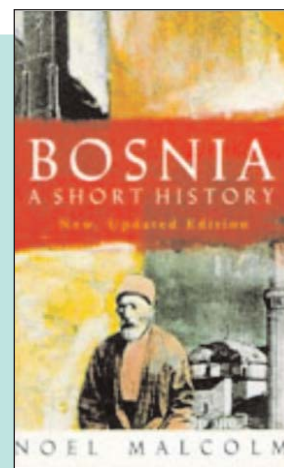
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## Bosnia: A Short History

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Noel Malcolm's "Bosnia A Short History" is the first in a two part series which valiantly attempts to produce an historic reading of the roots of the contemporary conflict in the former Yugoslavia. This book attempts, through rigorous academic research, to provide a fluent narrative of the many sub-stories of Bosnian history from Roman times to the destruction of

the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina as manifested in the Vance-Owen Plan. This is a work for novices to the region and for those who may have some knowledge of contemporary Bosnian politics yet lack the historic dates that are essential to the claims of the competing national ideologies of BIH's Bosniak, Serbian and Croatian communities.



## Bosnian words The Calender

- Monday **Ponedeljak**
- Tuesday **Utorak**
- Wednesday **Srijeda**
- Thursday **Cetvrtak**
- Friday **Petak**
- Saturday **Subota**
- Sunday **Nedjelja**
- Day **Dan**
- Week **Sedmica**
- Month **Mjesec**
- Year **Godina**
- Today **Danas**
- Tomorrow **Sutra**
- Yesterday **Juce**
- January **Januar**
- February **Februar**
- March **Mart**
- April **April**
- May **Maj**
- June **Juni**
- July **Jul**
- August **August**
- September **Septembar**
- October **Oktobar**
- November **Novembar**
- December **Decembar**

## Edo Majka

There is no need to understand his words; Edo Maajka grabs you with his music and convincing flow. His music proved very popular in former Yugoslavia: Edo is the best sold and most famous hiphop act ever. Due to his ability to 'eat' you from stage he performed in venues all over Europe and the United States. In life he is social and open-minded, and regard-



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ing social issues he is critical and sincere. This former Bosnian refugee has feelings to share, and shares it through his music.

## Triage

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The famous Irish actor Colin Farrell arrived on 7th April in Sarajevo to start preparations for a movie by Oscar-winning Bosnian director Danis Tanovic.

Farrell is to play the male lead in the movie titled Triage, based on the book by US journalist Scott Anderson,

which follows the memories of war photographer Mark Walsh, who went through numerous war zones in the world, including Bosnia.

"Danis (Tanovic) wrote a great screenplay, very original, and therefore I accepted this role," were the words of famous actor in Sarajevo.



## Soldier in the Spotlight

My name is Sergeant Petra Oudman. I was born in July 1983 in Groningen, in the very northern part of the Netherlands. I am the third child of a family with six children. When I return to the Netherlands, after my mission, I plan to buy my own first apartment. Before I joined the army, I studied Social Pedagogic Work. During the four year course I did one of my apprenticeships in an orphanage in Romania, for a period of six months. I have been in the army since the end of 2005. I am working as the crypto custodian in the HQ since the middle of October 2007. I will be returning home in mid April 2008. For me this is my first mission abroad. I think it is very interesting



working with so many different people from different Nations. Because of my work I have also had the chance to meet a lot of different people who are stationed all over Bosnia. I have also been able to travel a lot throughout Bosnia, sometimes even by helicopter. This is a different job from the one I do in the Netherlands; over there I am the team leader of a mobile communication group, consisting of five soldiers. During my spare time I enjoy going to the Gym, especially the circuit training each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I have also liked going to the different bars to meet and talk to people.

## Photo of the month



**Dutch NSE staff come together for a photo before leaving the mission**

**BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA JE SADA  
MIRNA I SIGURNA**



**VRIJEME JE DA SE OKRENEMO BUDUĆNOST**



Evropska unija širi mir i sigurnost i van  
svojih granica. EUFOR je dio te misije.