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New Deputy Commander of EUFOR



Brigadier General Carmelo De Cicco on his departure said:

"I would like to thank everyone who has assisted me throughout my tour of duty. First of all, I wish to express my deep gratitude to COM EUFOR, Maj. Gen. Villalain, for the trust and the friendship he has always showed me as my Commander, as well as to COM Nato HQ (Sarajevo), Maj. Gen. Wightman, for the generous cooperation he always demonstrated in the accomplishment of my duties. I would also like to thank the men and women from the many countries forming EUFOR, for the significant effort they put into their daily duties and for the outstanding professionalism they displayed on every occasion I had the pleasure of seeing them at work. Finally, last but not least, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the local civilians who work in all EUFOR installations either in the military mission or within the several private businesses: thank you for the substantial contribution you give to the mission and for the pleasant courtesy you always showed to me.

Let me also add that I am very pleased with the decisive progress that BIH has made during my time as DCOM. I only mention, for instance, the initialling of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement to the European Union, which is at the final stage for signature, and the remarkable achievements in the sector of Police Reform.

Additionally, I have been delighted with the close mutual cooperation established between EUFOR and AFBIH, which are marching together along the road to a complete stabilisation of the Country."

On 20th May 2008 EUFOR's new Deputy Commander (DCOM). Brigadier General Roberto D'Alessandro took over his duties from the outgoing DCOM, Brigadier General Carmelo De Cicco, who departed after six months in Bosnia-Herzegovina.



Brigadier General Roberto D'Alessandro has previous experience of service in the Balkans (1995-1996), when he served in the Multi-National Division (South-East) in Mortar. He is very much looking forward to serving in BIH and is keen to reinforce the message that EUFOR is a force for good that is working together with the population and Armed Forces of BIH, in bringing the country closer to the European Union.

Brigadier General Roberto D'Alessandro was born in Sulmona, Italy on 15th of June 1959. He attended the Military Academy, Italy from 1978 to 1980, then as First Lieutenant of Artillery Corps, he attended the bi-annual course at the Army Corps School, where he earned a degree in Strategic Sciences. As an Air Defence Artillery (ADA) Lieutenant, he was posted to the 121st ADA



Brigadier General Roberto D'Alessandro

Regiment as platoon Cdr and later, was appointed Battery Commander (1986-1988). Between 1988 and 1992, he was assigned as staff Officer of the Army General Staff, Operations Branch and then after having attended the Staff Course at the War and Staff College (1992 – 1993), he returned to the Army Staff as a Staff Officer in the Operations Center. He attended the War College Course (1994-1995) and then Joint Staff College (1995), after which in the rank of Major he was part of the Multi-National Division (South-East) during operation 'Joint

Endeavour' in Bosnia Herzegovina (1995-1996). On his return to Italy he was posted to the Army General Staff, Plans Branch as a Staff Officer and in 1997, he Commanded the 1st group of 17th ADA Regiment, before being appointed as Chief of Plans Section at the Army General Staff. In June 2001, he attended the International Fellows Program at the US Army War College (Pennsylvania – USA) after which he

received a Diploma and Masters in Strategic Studies. In November 2002, he returned to the 17th ADA Regiment in Command and led the unit during NATO Operations in Albania (July – October 2003). Returning to the Army General Staff in December 2003, he was Chief General Affairs until January 2006, when Brigadier General D'Alessandro was appointed as Chief Plans at the Army Operations Center of the Army General Staff and from the 1st of November 2007, he became acting Deputy Chief of the Center.

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AFBIH Take Over Inspection of Ammunition Storage Sites

On 7 May 2008, a ceremony was held at Pazaric Krupa to formally sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Lieutenant General Sifet Podzic, Chief of the AFBIH Joint Staff and COM EUFOR, Major General Ignacio Martín Villalain. This states the responsibilities of AFBIH and role of EUFOR, regarding the establishment of management /inspection systems at ammunition storage sites.

The signing of this MoU represents another step forward in the recognition and capability for the AFBIH to become directly involved and responsible for the inspection and management of their ammunition storage sites. This progress demonstrates the continued commitment between AFBIH and EUFOR, to further advance the defence reform process.

"It is with great pleasure that we are here



Ammunition Storage in Pazaric Krupa.



Signing the Memorandum of understanding between EUFOR and AF BIH.

today to acknowledge another fundamental stage for AFBIH to fully accept the responsibility of management and inspection of their ammunition storage sites, in support

of the defence reform process. The signing of the MoU further emphasises the cooperation and commitment between AFBIH and EUFOR" said Major General Villalain , adding "I would also like to take this opportunity to comment on

another task that is at a crucial stage at the moment, which is the requirement for legislation to regulate Civilian Movement Control of weapons, ammunition and military equipment. EUFOR cannot hand over this responsibility until appropriate legislation is introduced.

Draft legislation is in the Parliamentary process at present and I call on all involved to work towards adoption of this legislation".



Ammunition Storage Site Inspector brief Major General Villalain and Lieutenant General Podzic about the management of the site.

Deputy Commander EUFOR Visits Bratunac and Srebrenica

Deputy COM EUFOR, Brigadier General Carmelo De Cicco visited Bratunac and Srebrenica. He visited the Liaison and Observation Team (LOT) House in Bratunac to meet the Austrian EUFOR team who help the local Authorities to maintain a safe and secure environment, and went on to meet the Mayor of Bratunac, Mr Nedeliko Mladenovic at the Town Hall. A range of local issues were discussed, in the interest of the community. To conclude the visit, Brigadier General De CICCO visited the Memorial Centre in Potocari to pay

his respects to the victims buried there, on behalf of the entire Italian contingent in EUFOR and of himself. He laid flowers and conveyed



Deputy COM EUFOR presents a EUFOR plaque to Mr Nedeliko Mladenovic, Mayor of Bratunac.

his personal thoughts in a message in the visitors book of impressions. "I am very moved today. I recognise the terrible loss for the families of the victims, and I am convinced that this memorial will continue to serve as a great reminder to all of us to prevent such atrocities ever to occur again", Brigadier General Carmelo De Cicco said when expressing his feelings.

Spanish Minister of Defence Visits Commander EUFOR

The Commander EUFOR, Major General Villalain, welcomed the Spanish Minister of Defence, Ms Carme Chacon Piqueras and a delegation from the Ministry on Tuesday 29th April 2008.

Ms Carme Chacon Piqueras visited the Headquarters of EUFOR to be briefed on EUFOR's work in BIH, in assisting the local community to create a safe and secure environment. Major General Villalain provided a more focused brief on a wide range of issues impacting on EUFOR and BIH to the Minister.

Major General Villalain said: "I have been very pleased to welcome Ms Carme Chacon Piqueras. It has been very useful to discuss the role of EUFOR and the valuable contribution provided by the Spanish military contingent to our work in BIH."



The Spanish Minister of Defence reviews the Spanish contingent during a parade.



COM EUFOR welcomes Ms Carme Chacon Piqueras Spanish Minister of Defence.

Winners of the EUFOR School Competition Travel to Slovenia

During June and July 2007 EUFOR carried out a nationwide secondary school competition in Bosnia-Herzegovina, with the theme 'Bosnia-Herzegovina on the path to European Union'. The children had to develop a community project. Winners of the project attended a ceremony in Sarajevo, where they were informed of their prizes, which included a trip to Slovenia.

The purpose of the competition was in common with those of EUFOR, to promote a stable, safe and secure and multi-ethnic BIH on the path to EU-Membership and to give the youth of BIH more information about the European Union, EUFOR and



EUFOR Personnel with the winning children.

Europe. On 12 May 08, the 38 worthy winners and their teachers met at the Slovenian Embassy, Sarajevo to begin their 4 day trip

to Slovenia. The children from Travnik, Lopare, Sarajevo and Bileca Schools, were clearly excited and looking forward to their venture, in anticipation of the experience of visiting a different land and culture.

COM EUFOR is keen to support such positive activities undertaken by the young people of BIH, who are the people of the future in this country. He added "EUFOR

remains committed to supporting BIH move closer to EU membership and assuming full responsibility for this process".

Japanese Delegation Studies EUFOR Mission

The EUFOR Commander, Major General Villalain, welcomed Mr Katsuhiko Nakao and a delegation from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Thursday 25th April 2008.

The delegation came to the Headquarters of EUFOR to learn of EUFOR's work in BIH, assisting the local community to create a safe and secure environment. They met COM EUFOR, Major General Villalain, and were briefed on a wide range of issues that EUFOR has dealt with in its mission in BIH.

General Villalain said:

"I have been very pleased to welcome Mr Katsuhiko Nakao and his delegation from Japan. It has been very useful to discuss our way of working with them in



Head of delegation Mr Katsuhiko Nakao meets COM EUFOR.

BIH, and as a good way of confirming our own procedures. EUFOR is clearly highly regarded in the wider world, a

sure sign of the excellent work being done to help create a safe and secure environment in BIH".

EUFOR Support Peace Support Training Centre Seminar



PSOTC and EUFOR Officers at Seminar presentation.

During the first week of May at Camp Butmir, EUFOR specialists supported the Peace Support Operations Training Centre in hosting a Regional Inter Agency Planning Seminar. The event was attended by over 50 military officers from the Armed Forces of; Serbia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Croatia, Slovenia and BIH.

The aim of the seminar for the regional Officers was to learn from and train in NATO, EUFOR and national procedures. Many questions were asked during the event and the group was able to benefit from the experience of the multi-national expertise. Much useful and beneficial combined joint training was achieved and useful contacts were made between the attendees and their hosts.

The seminar provided an excellent opportunity for the visiting officers to meet and work with a variety of international organisations as

well as non-governmental organisations based in Sarajevo. This was a key point of the inter agency element of the seminar. Consequently, these lessons were used to help the Armed Forces of the respective countries to develop and forge closer ties in working towards NATO and European integration.



Lt Cdr Kerry Corkett presents Media Operation.

Visits to EUFOR in May



US National War College visit EUFOR.



Ambassador of Switzerland Rolf Lenz and Delegation of the Foreign Affairs committee.



French Senators: Didier Bouland, Chrishan Cambon and Etienne Sallenave.



Lt. Gen. Ahmed Turmus, Undersecretary of TUR MOD.



Lt. Gen. Andres Navas Raez, Spanish CMOPS.



Lt. Gen. Guenter Hoefler, Austrian Joint Forces Commander.

AFBIH and EUFOR Soccer Tournament



Indoor tournament.

EUFOR Headquarters in Camp Butmir hosted indoor and outdoor football tournaments between 6th and 15th May 2008. Teams from all EUFOR assets, the Operational Command of the Armed Forces Bosnia-Herzegovina (AFBIH) and the AFBIH 4th Brigade as well as EUFOR civilian employees competed. In total 12 teams played in each tournament, representing Bosnia-Herzegovina, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Ireland. The finals took place on the mornings of 8th and 15th May.

The matches were closely contested and played in a true spirit of friendship and cooperation. The winner of the indoor competition in a spirited final was the AFBIH 4th Brigade closely followed by the Turkish NSE Team and the Polish Coy team from MNBN took third place. The winner of the outdoor tournament was AFBIH 4th Brigade



EUFOR Chief of Staff awarding the medals.

as well, with Turkish IPU Coy coming second and AFBIH Operational Command team taking third place.

The award ceremony was held in front of the Camp Butmir gymnasium. The first three teams had the honour to receive medals and certificates from EUFOR Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Robert Löwenstein accompanied by Brigadier General Sakib Foric of the AFBIH Operational Command.

Brigadier General Löwenstein stated:

“This has been another entertaining sporting event hosted in Camp Butmir, which builds on an increasingly strong foundation of competition on the sports field and equally on the closer working relationship between EUFOR and AFBIH. I have been impressed by the standards of the teams and congratulate all participants of the tournament”.

Combined Training



Delta Coy of EUFOR Multi-National Battalion (MNBN) conducted combined Exercises with AFBIH between 28th and 30th April in the Training area of Eagle Base and Commanche Base (Tuzla). The Exercises are a part of a complete training package scheduled by the MNBN in which all Companies of the Battalion cooperate

with AFBIH Units. Platoons from the 5th Brigade, 2nd Battalion based in Visoko participated in the Exercise.

The following techniques were practiced: –

Mine training including dealing with unexploded ordnance disposal, controlled by the

EUFOR’s Turkish EOD team. – Crowd and Riot Control (CRC) Exercises were conducted by Delta and AFIBH Coys simultaneously. This Exercise included control area operations with interchange of the Platoons within the Coys. – MOUT training (breach-

ing into and searching a house) by designating different training areas to mix the Companies. – Basic firing exercises (including zeroing rifles) using personal weapons. “combined training was a good experience for the participating Companies” Delta Coy Commander pointed out after the exercises.



Explosive Ordnance Device Exercise

The Spanish and Albanian Explosive Ordnance Device (EOD) undertook combined training exercises (CTX) between 23-28 April and again 3-6 May.

The purpose of the CTX was the exchange of experiences and procedures in performing EOD team duties, with a view to maintaining and promoting a common line for the use of EOD assets.

Prior to carrying out the CTX, Albanian EOD were briefed about equipment and procedures used by the Spanish EOD.



Later the Albanian Team executed the Exercises planned and supervised by the Spanish team leader:

- A scenario given in Rajlovac Base occurred where Albanian EOD faced several situations including booby trapped unexploded ordnance and ammunition (UXO).

- The scenario carried out in Archer Base, focused on EOD performance in minefields, when dealing with two different situations; extraction of a wounded soldier and recovery and evacuation of a light vehicle.

- There was also a demolition exercise and demonstration of special charges used by Spanish EOD Team in Kalinovic range. This was to demonstrate the effect of the charges when used over UXOs, which cause a low detonation.



“I am very happy with the mutual co-operation and to adopt a common line for the use of EUFOR EOD assets, which is essential for operational efficiency” Lt Cdr Valero Oton Balanza, ESP EOD team leader stressed after the CTX conclusion. Future combined exercises between Albanian and MNBN EOD teams (Spain, Turkey and Poland) are envisaged.

AFBIH Actively Participate in EUFOR Map Exercise

Between 19 and 23 May EUFOR carried out Map Exercise ‘Determination’ and invited officers from the AFBIH to participate. The Exercise was controlled by EUFOR Headquarter and rehearsed contingency planning procedures and information flow, for responding to genuine and crisis situations.

The Exercise is part of an ongoing training programme for EUFOR and on this occasion officers from AFBIH were fully involved in the event, having previously acted as observers at a sim-



AFBIH officers fully involved in MAPEX.

ilar Exercise. This reaffirms EUFOR’s intent to use its expertise to cooperate with the AFBIH whenever a suitable opportunity arises.

The Commander EUFOR, Major General Villalain said:

“This successful Exercise was extremely beneficial to all involved and demonstrates the increasing ability for AFBIH to be fully engaged in the processes

of maintaining a safe and secure environment, even if on this occasion it was for exercise purposes and in a fictitious scenario”.

Turkish LOTs Organised a Children's Festival



Children's and EUFOR personnel at the painting exhibition.

On 23rd April EUFOR military personnel from EUFOR Liaison Observation Team Houses organised and participated in an extremely successful 'Children's Festival' in various cities of BIH (Sarajevo, Zenica, Visoko, Kladanj, Zavidovici) in support of educational projects for the children of BIH.

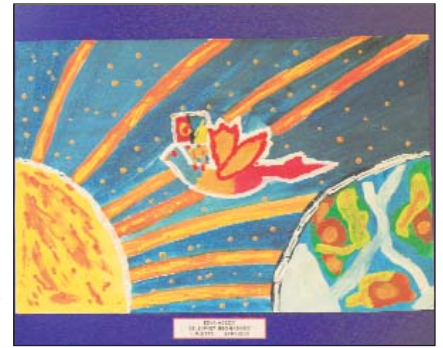
The festival is part of wider support and sponsorship which included the construction of a language classroom, sports field and chil-

dren's garden in several cities of BIH.

The Festival involved a wide range of activities for children from local schools and their families, which included sports, games, singing performances, as well as a painting competition.

On 6th of May the Turkish Cultural Centre, Sarajevo, supported by EUFOR personnel opened an exhibition of 38 paintings produced by children

for the Festival painting competition. The paintings illustrate the ideas and visions of Bosnian children and superbly express the promotion of peace and friendship all over the world, in a way that only a child's imagination can do. The exhibition remained open until 10th May 08.



Exercise Blue Shark

From 6th to 8th May, EUFOR Multinational Battalion (MNBN) carried out Exercise 'BLUE SHARK 1' at Archer Base and Rajlovac. The purpose of the training was to maintain the capabilities of MNBN. The Exercise was performed in two phases.

The first phase took place (6-7 May) and involved a Rapid Response Planning Process, executed by Headquarter MNBN. As a result, fragmentary orders were issued to Bravo Coy and Delta Coy.

During the second phase (8th May) the Tactical Command Post (TCP) was deployed in Archer Base and three Companies (Bravo, Charly and Delta Coy) to the Rajlovac training area.

Charly Coy acted as role-players in a fictitious scenario where a riot against EUFOR personnel in



a Liaison Observation Team house took place. Control Area Operations, Check Points, Green Box and Blue Box including Crowd and Riot Control and other Peace Support Operations skills were employed by Bravo and Delta Coys. Finally, an exercise evacuation of EUFOR personnel was undertaken by use of a Mi-17 helicopter.



Care Packs from Greece

On 30th April 2008 a delegation from the Hellenic National Defence General Staff, comprising of the head of Hellenic chaplains, Protopresvitero Apostolakidi Georgio and his assistant Archimandrite Istratoglou Alexio arrived in Sarajevo, to distribute a donation from the Ministry of Defence and Hellenic National Defence General Staff, to Muslim and Orthodox villages of BIH.

The total weight of the donation was 18,000 Lbs, included 400 boxes containing clothes, toys, food, and shoes. It was distributed equally to Stolac, Tjentiste, Ustikolina, Kopaci and Kijevo with the approval of the religious Authorities of BIH.

EUFOR gave the permission to the Commander of the International Military Police, Lt Col Brfas, Georgios, to assist the Greek delegation. Greek MPs, Polish soldiers, and one translator from HQ



Nine tons of aid goods provided by the Greek MOD and National Defence General Staff.

Commandant together with a convoy distributed the donation to the villages on the 1st and 2nd of May.

Everyone who took part in this delegation realised that there are many areas in BIH where the people who live there still need the

support of the International Community in order to improve the quality of their lives.

The Greek delegation expressed their thanks to BIH authorities and supporting EUFOR elements, for the assistance they provided to accomplish the task.

Italian Soldiers Awarded DEU Sport Badge

Upon an initiative of the Italian contingent, 24 Italian soldiers recently performed all activities required to receive the award of the prestigious German sports badge.

Guided by Captain Volker Strohschein, they rallied at the 'Atletski Klub Sarajevo' to face the challenges of the sporting competition. Inspired by the immediate vicinity of the Olympic

grounds of 1984 the soldiers felt obliged to give their best. At the end of the 2 day event, 22 participants were awarded the bronze level German sports badge, and 2 soldiers completed their first repetition of the sports badge bronze level.

Five of the Italian soldiers still hungered for more and they took up the challenge of performing the tasks necessary to gain the Bundeswehr achievement medal. During the course of the company live firing training on range Pazariæ, they had to complete the P8 pis-



(left to right) LTC Mockler, LTC Senatore, MAJ Tedesco, CPT Greco, SSgt (OR7) Gianfreda, SGT (OR5) Grimaldi, CPT Strohschein.

tol exercises.

Comprehensively briefed on the use of the pistols, they eventually completed this hurdle, scoring 'Gold'.

The last part of the event was to complete the 30 kilometre march. Pleasant temperatures and dry weather was the setting

for this event, which was completed not only by the Italians, but also by a Swiss soldier who, also managed to complete the march within the required time.

The commander of the German National Support Element, Lieutenant Colonel Mockler awarded the Bundeswehr achievement medals (4 x Gold and 1 x Silver level) and 24 sports badges. Amongst others, he also awarded a sports badge to his Italian counterpart, Tenente Colonello Felice Senatore.

History of The Rejuvenation of Archer Base Facility

The History

After many years of high capacity flying operation at Archer Base Helipads, air traffic began to decline and during 2006/2007 Archer Base Tower remained unmanned for a couple of months. However, with the arrival of the Swiss Helicopter Detachment (Heli Det) in June 2007 from Banja Luka, where a professional Air Traffic Service had been in operation, this was accompanied by the rejuvenation of the Aircraft Tower. The layout of the existing heliport was excellent but it had to be raised to an appropriate Headquarter standard.



Tower Crew: OF-2 Edgar Meyer, OR-6 Rosa Cano, OR-7 Jose Seva.

Requirements for Tower Personnel

The main work of Archer Base Aircraft Tower personnel is to follow and maintain radio contact with all airborne helicopters all the times while flying over Bosnia-Herzegovina, the safe guiding of all in and outgoing helicopter traffic at Archer Base Heliport, issuing guidance for helicopters which are not based at Archer Base, assigning them landing spots for refueling, short and long term parking, maintenance engine test runs etc. One important task is to deal with Helicopter Flight Requests, which are

processed and checked beforehand by EUFOR HQ Air Operations. Often it is necessary and sensible to combine up to three flight requests in one task. This can be done only with the professional crews of the assigned EUFOR Helicopter Detachments (Heli Det) which comprises of the Macedonian Heli Det with their MI-8/17 and the Swiss with their A-532 Cougar Helicopter. Two Spanish Heli Dets are assigned directly to COM EUFOR and for Medevac Standby.

The Rejuvenation of the Facility

After the erection of the Swiss helicopter hangar and with the construction of a new helipad, coupled with new lighting and the

new Helicopter Operations Center, the work to re-establish an operational helicopter facility was nearing completion. Finally work to erect a barrier over the access road to the new helipads, the construction of a fuel farm and a new hangar with new helipad were completed. Parallel work at Archer Base Tower also progressed well. The technically most challenging work was to set up the new EUFOR frequency as the old EUFOR frequency was dis-

torted by Rome and Prague approaches which are working on the same frequency, but this challenge was also overcome.

Another String to the Bow

An additional element to Archer Base Tower is that it does not only consist of the Air Traffic Control service but it also has a professional Meteorological Station, providing a valuable service for EUFOR.

Today At Archer Base

We now enjoy a fully functioning helicopter and weather service in Archer Base, crewed by highly trained experts who provide a professional and safe facility.

International Children-Integration-Week 2008

Since 2004 the Cimic Element within the Austria Contingent of EUFOR ALTHEA has been responsible for choosing about 25 children aged between 12 to 16 years, plus four escorts to join the International Children-Integration-Week in Styria/Austria. The children come from 2 non-governmental organisations of the Tuzla canton: "Land of Children" and "Steps of Hope".



Chief Cimic Austria dismissing children and escorts to Styria.

Every year about 400 children are invited from nine European countries of middle and eastern Europe, particularly from the Balkans. They

are accommodated mainly in barracks of the Austrian Army, but also in some private houses. The program for the week is colourful: creative-workshops, barbecues, discovering the ancient city of GRAZ, being hosted by the Austrian Army using station-games and cross-country-trips, a trip to the Baroque castle of Eggenberg, a concert on the Schlossberg, swimming in the spa of Loipersdorf, etc. Cimic Austria in EUFOR Althea mission organised all travel arrangements for the children and their escorts.

Guardia Civil: "Honour Is My Emblem"



The Spanish Guardia Civil is a Police Force with military structure and was founded in 1844. To carry out the civilian and military tasks, the Corps has been divided into many different specialties such as the anti-riot unit, a special intervention unit, the anti-terrorist unit and EOD technicians. Somewhat uniquely, the Guardia Civil also have responsibilities for environmental and nature protection.

APEX Tasks in Althea mission:

- Crowd Riot Control (CRC)
- Reconnaissance to update information for LOTS
- Operations leading to identification and detention of war criminals
- Close protection service and VIP escort

in Bosnia-Herzegovina they share tactics, techniques, and procedures with other EUFOR nations. The Guardia Civil has won international respect in various missions abroad including Angola, Congo and within the Spanish Contingent in Iraq.



(IPU). To be assigned to the APEX the applicant has to complete the International Operations Course beforehand. The course teaches a range of skills including; police defence, weapons, antiterrorist control, human rights, mountaineering techniques and anti-riot exercises.

Cooperation with Other Nations

For the first time the Spanish Guardia Civil is part of European Forces. Deployed to the European Gendarmerie Force (EGF)

Specialised Unit in EUFOR

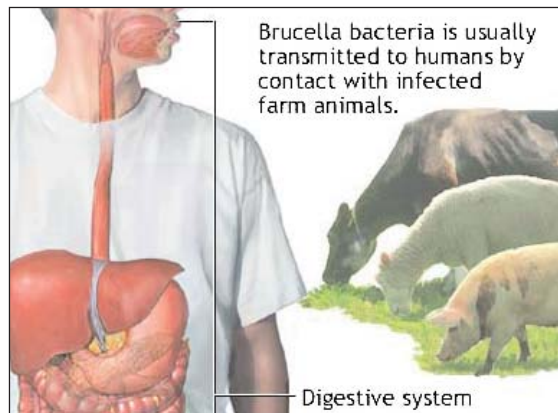
The Deployable Police Group (APEX - Agrupacion de Proyeccion Exterior) is a component of the Spanish Guardia Civil unit serving inside the Integrated Police Unit



Medical Advice after Alert in BIH

Staff in the Medical Centre were recently put on alert after reports of cases of the infection Brucellosis (a systemic bacterial disease that can result in serious multi organ damage) occurring in certain areas of BIH. There was a real possibility that EUFOR personnel could come into contact with this potentially dangerous infection.

As long as Brucella continues to be identified in cattle, swine, goats and sheep. It is strongly recommended avoiding drinking untreated milk or eating products made from unpasteurized milk. The main method of transmission of infection is through contact with animal tissue, breaks in the skin, blood, urine, and the ingestion of raw milk from infected animals. It is wise to avoid contact with potentially infected or unknown ani-



Brucella bacteria is usually transmitted to humans by contact with infected farm animals.

Digestive system

- Avoid drinking untreated milk
- Avoid eating products made from unpasteurized milk (e.g. cheese)
- Avoid contact with potentially infected or unknown animals
- Use gloves and wash hands frequently
- In any case of doubt immediately report to a doctor

mals, but if unavoidable use gloves and wash hands frequently. The infection can lie dormant for between 5 and 60 days without symptoms (headache, weakness, profuse sweating, chills, arthralgia, depression, weight loss and generalized aching) of illness showing, therefore in any case of doubt it is recommended to immediately report to a doctor.

EU At a Glance

Europe Day

You may have come across the fact that 9th May is "Europe Day" and perhaps asked about its significance. Probably very few people in Europe know that on 9th May 1950 the first move was made towards the creation of what is now known as the European Union. In Paris that day, against the background of the threat of a Third World War engulfing the whole of Europe, the French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman read to the international press a declaration calling France, Germany and other European countries to pool together their coal and steel production as "the first concrete foundation of a European federation". Today's ambition is completely different: to build a Europe which respects freedom and the identity of all of the people which compose it. Only by uniting its peoples can Europe control the mastery of its destiny and develop a positive role in the world. The European Union is at the service of its citizens. While keeping their own specific values, customs and language, European citizens should feel at ease in the "European home".



The European Flag

This is the European flag. It is the symbol not only of the European Union but also of Europe's unity and identity in a wider sense. The circle of gold stars represents solidarity and harmony between the peoples of Europe.

The number of stars has nothing to do with the number of Member States. There are twelve stars because the number twelve is traditionally the symbol of perfection, completeness and unity. The flag therefore remains unchanged regardless of EU enlargements.

The European Anthem

This is the anthem not only of the European Union but also of Europe in a wider sense. The melody comes from the Ninth Symphony composed in 1823 by Ludwig Van Beethoven.

For the final movement of this symphony, Beethoven set to music the "Ode to Joy" written in 1785 by Friedrich von Schiller. It is not intended to replace the national anthem of the member states but rather to celebrate in their unity and diversity and was adopted in 1985 by the EU Heads of State and governments as the official anthem of the European Union.


The EU Motto

"United in diversity" is the motto of the European Union.

The motto means that, via the EU, Europeans are united in working together for peace and prosperity, and that the many different cultures, traditions and languages in Europe are a positive asset for the continent.

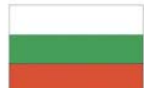
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Sights of Mostar's Surroundings

The city of Mostar is situated in a beautiful valley bedded between the high mountains of Herzegovina. It is thanks to the river Neretva that Mostar was able to develop as a city in the desert-like landscape of Herzegovina. Neretva's size turned Mostar very early into a trading centre of the region. What makes this city famous is its bridge. The Old Bridge was built by the Ottoman empire in 1565. It was the great architect Mimar Hajrudin who had succeeded with the impossible mission to cross the Neretva river with a single span stone bridge.

Mostar got its name from the Bridge, or more precisely from the bridge keepers who were called "Mostari". Mostar's population in 2003 was 105,448. With its hot summers and mild winters, Mostar is also one of Europe's sunniest cities.

Sights on the road to Mostar

Pocitelj

The town is 14 km from Metkovic and was a Turkish settlement which still has some of the original features, including a Mosque, Medrasa and Turkish bath. High up over the river is a fortress built by King Tvrtko In 1383. It played a strategic role by controlling the Neretva Valley. The town was severely damaged during the civil war, but restoration work is progressing and the mosque and some old houses have been restored. The village is a good place to rest and have a cup of coffee in one of the cafes of the central square.

If you want to go to the fortress you have to ignore the natural urge to turn left and walk towards it. There is a

Pocitelj



path that you can find by walking slightly to your right from the towns parking lot towards the back of the village. With a bit of agility you can climb the stairs in the tower and take in the surroundings through the arch holes.

Orthodox Monastery

Half way between Pocitelj and Buna there is a newly renovated monastery. The signs are only visible when coming from Mostar, but it is easy to spot on the right side of the road and about 100m up a small road. The

monastery and church is representative of the third ethnic group that used to be in the area, but which were more or less forced in to exile during the war in 1992.

Blagaj and Buna River

Blagaj's highlights are the Buna Spring and the adjacent Ottoman house and monastery called the Dervish House. The Dervish is an ascetic sect in Islam best known for going into a trance by dancing and spinning around. There are still Dervish people practicing in Bosnia Herzegovina, as

well as in Turkey and The Middle East. The spring is amazing it flows out of the bottom of a 200m high cliff wall and creates the Buna River. The Ottoman sultan was impressed, and ordered a tekija to be built right next to it. This 16th century house/monastery was built for the Dervish cults and is still one of the most mystical places in all of Bosnia Herzegovina. Blagaj's old town is worth taking a walk through.



This lazy Herzegovina town moves at a slow pace and many of its old structures are reminiscent of Ottoman days. A newly built heritage trail around the town is a rather pleasant 30-45 minute walk starting at the Tekija Dervish House and visiting the Velagic house built in 17th century, which is a beautiful example of Ottoman stone masonry. In the vicinity are also old flour mills. On the way to Blagaj try to visit a wonderful hidden restaurant that you may find if you follow the driving instructions and not the road signs.



Tekija Dervish House at Buna River

Directions:

- Drive towards Mostar. One of the last villages before you reach Mostar and the airport is Buna (same name as the river). Turn right in Buna just after you have passed the river. Turn first left and then keep to the right following a narrow winding road.
- One km down the road there is a restaurant in a lovely setting - perfect for a rest and it is very reasonable prices.
- Continue on the road after the restaurant until you reach a T-junction.
- Turn left and next T-junction is in Buna where you turn right and follow the road through Blagaj.
- Keep to the right along the river until you reach a parking space just before the Dervish House.
- There is a parking fee of 4 Kuna per hour.

Gabela and Mogorjelo

A trip across the border in Metkovic can take you to several interesting places just inside Herzegovina. The closest places are two old fortifications. Gabela, 4 km from Metkovic, was the gate to Neretva after the fall of Naronia in the 600th's, which is high-



Mogorjelo

ly recommended if you like fortifications. Mogorjelo, Roman Villa Rustica (large industrial-like farm) from the 200th's. At 102x 86m it is a fairly large ruin.


The Villa had close links to Naronia to whom it was the major produce supplier. The site was excavated more than a hundred years ago and is now a beautiful park lined with shady trees and there is a good playground for children and you can take horse rides here.

Directions:

- From Metkovic drive towards Mostar and Sarajevo (road 9).
- About 4 km after the border station turn left in Visici.
- After 1 km you pass a bridge over Neretva. Continue 700m to a crossing.
- For Gabela, turn left and go uphill. For Mogorjelo, follow the road to the right for about 4 km through Struge and you see the ruins on your right hand side with parking in front.
- Gabela is challenging to find, the ruins are so little known that many of the locals do not know where they are.
- When you turn left at the crossing, go uphill where you go through two sharp bends.
- After about 600m turn left into a very narrow road where you may think you have gone wrong but just continue for 300m.
- When you see a church on your left you know that you are going in the right direction.
- After the 300 meters you arrive at an open place where you can park.
- The entrance to the ruins is on your right.

Now imagine that this could be ancient city of Troy. Many believe it is and the surrounding landscape does fit the description in the Illiad.

Weather Outlook

	Weather Outlook	Mean Temp	Mean Min Temp	Mean Max Temp
	June	19 °C	11 °C	23 °C

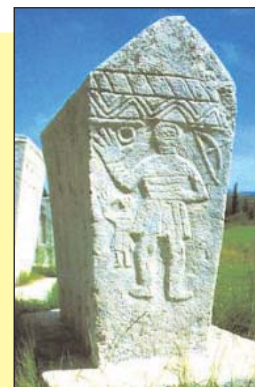
Stone Sleeper

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Stone Sleeper is Mak Dizdar's best-known work, a cycle of poems inspired by a distinctive landmarks found in BIH. Dating from about the 10th century, 500 stones covered in symbolic carvings are still standing, despite the region's many upheavals over the years. These monuments were assumed to be tombstones, but historians now believe the inscriptions may describe people's way of life at the time, rather like the hieroglyphics of

Egyptian tombs.

The mysterious stones have never been fully deciphered but in BIH they have come to symbolise the resilience of the country and its people. Many local artists have created work in one form or another based on the stones. Dizdar's poems speculate on how the "stone sleepers" who lie beneath the ground would deal with contemporary life, and how Bosnians can best live together.



Bosnian words

Prepositions
(and a few more little words)

And	I
From	Iz
That	To/Ono
Here	Ovdje
All	Svi
Now	Sada
My	Moj/Moja
Our	Naš
Because	Jer
Or	Ili
On/at	Na
This	Ovi/Ova/Ovo
For	Za
There	Tamo
Your	Tvoj/Tvoja
Yours (pl)	Vaš/ Vaša
Theirs	Njihov
Also	Takodje
In/to	U
Yes	Da
No	Ne
But	Ali
Only	Samo
Is	Je
His	Njegov

Indexi

Indexi was a rock band popular in the former Yugoslavia. It was formed in 1962 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and disbanded in 2001 when singer Davorin Popoviæ died. Some of their most notable songs are "Plima", "Sve ove godine", "Svijet u kome živim", "Sanjam" and "Bacila je sve niz rijeku", which was later covered by many other ex-Yugoslavian



groups, notably Crvena jabuka, and used in many movies, like Lepa sela lepo gore.

They were known as the "Pioneers of Progressive Rock", and were inspired by many bands like the Beatles and Yes.

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Do you remember Dolly Bell

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One of Kusturica's earliest films, displays many common things of the old communist Yugoslavia but still has an interesting setting and story.

In brief, this is a drama with some comedy included. To fully appreciate the film you would actually need to have been there around the 70's, but even so it is an interesting drama of a European country with

influences from the east (Soviet) and the west (USA and others).

This movie is highly recommended, not just as a great drama/comedy but also as a great display of Bosnia some 30 years ago.



Soldier in the Spotlight

*OF 1 Giuseppe Martorana,
ITA Carabinieri*

My first experience in Bosnia-Herzegovina (BIH), IPU Camp Butmir 2, was as the Medical Section Chief, in 2005, and was an opportunity to develop as a doctor and a man. Having returned to Sarajevo in December 2007, I am now in charge of the Medical Section and have even stronger feelings than I had the first time around. I became a Medical Doctor in October 1998 and then specialised in Obstetrics and Gynecology from 2002, after a period spent in the USA at the University of California, Irvine Medical Centre, Division of Gynecologic Oncology, where I performed research mainly related to cervical and endometrial cancer. Then I joined Arma dei Carabinieri forces in June 2003 where I remain



based working in the Carabinieri Medical Section in Palermo, my hometown, since October 2003. Above all I would like to point out the significant contribution provided by a military doctor, as a result of the wide experience gained from working in many aspects of the medical profession. The role of operating with such a diverse population is reflected in the wide ranging medical issues we deal with. My main

efforts are concentrated in curing common diseases (flu or allergies), occasionally dealing with more complicated and dangerous ones, and minor and major muscular and bone disease linked to physical training. However, I can report that the medical situation is mostly stable within BIH.

Photo of the month



Tactical Exercises for
Bulgarian Contingent in
Mi-17 Macedonian Helicopter.

BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA JE SADA MIRNA I SIGURNA



VRIJEME JE DA SE OKRENEMO BUDUĆNOSTI!



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

