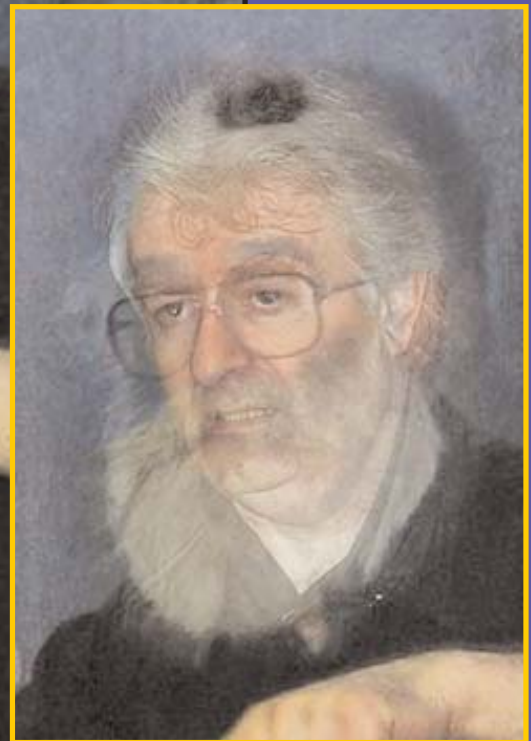
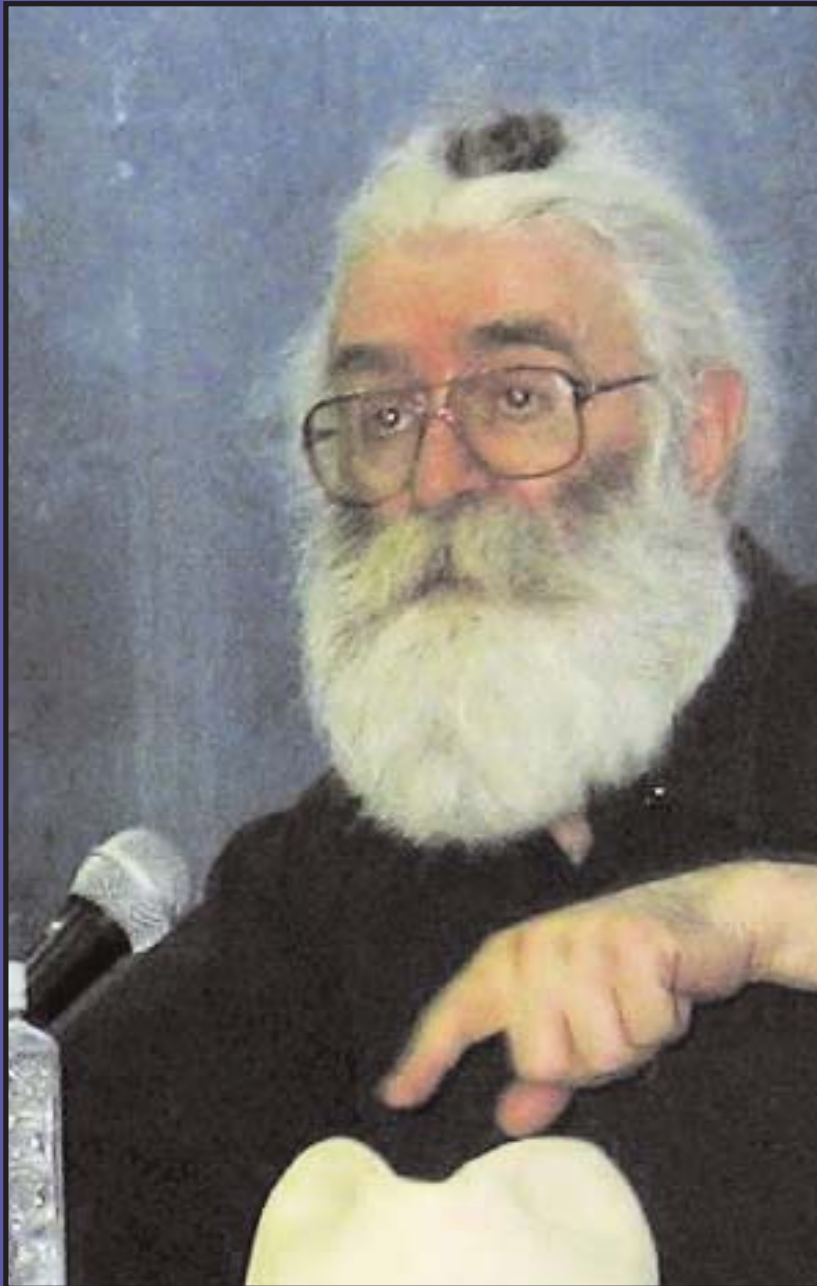


August 2008

EUFOR **F**orum EDITION 34

EUFOR Forum online at www.euforbih.org



**Radovan Karadzic Captured
EUFOR Continues PIFWC Operations**

Foreword Brigadier General Robert Löwenstein COS EUFOR



EUFOR members,

I have had plenty of opportunities already to mention how much I appreciate the versatility of our multinational EUFOR mission ALTHEA. This mission finds its daily routine on the richness which is brought into it by your cultural diversity and your different professional backgrounds. I encourage you to continue to make best use of this richness, in order to produce the highest performance for our mission, this country and the international community. I have already experienced some impressive examples of your mission engagement and your professional skill levels. But let me underline that everybody must continue to be committed to our mission!

As we shared joy and grief throughout last month, it is important to understand that there was no such thing as an individual, singly produced product within EUFOR. Everything was achieved by a highly disci-

plined team effort. This positively includes the intercultural challenges that would come along. We need to keep adapting to the changing cultural diversity in this multinational mission.

Our operation is part of a coherent EU approach. It will add to the EU's political engagement, its aid programs and ongoing police and monitoring missions. We thus support the long term aim to help BiH make further progress towards European integration in the Stabilization and Association Process.

All this requires every one of us to walk the thin line between flexibility and discipline, both in our thoughts and actions. As for me, I completely trust and rely on every EUFOR-soldier's dedication to his or her individual job and sharing of the challenging overall mission accomplishment of EUFOR.

However we will not tolerate our unique characteristic and richness in cultural diver-

sity being threatened by individuals. As part of our military code of conduct, and our work ethic, we must all exercise self-effacement.

I request you to be always considerate and sensitive about your statements; they could turn out to be interpreted politically.

I request you to be careful about what you say or write. There is no freedom of expression as long as you represent the international community. Be aware there is a diplomatic element to your presence in BiH.

Please treat each other as you would expect to be treated yourself.

I now call on you all to go on achieving our EUFOR objectives. I enjoy very much working in such a productive and beneficial environment with you. Continue to make it a team effort and remember, we have one mission and we are one team!

EUFOR Forum

Commander EUFOR
Major General Ignacio Martin Villalain
 Chief EUFOR Press Office
Lt Col Luis Cervera Trillo-Figueroa

EUFOR Forum Staff:

Directors:

Captain Alfonso Rovere

Editors:

Lt Cdr Kerry Corkett

Mr Haris Daul

Layout

Mr. Jasmin Zeherovic

Photographs contributed by:

Isabel Manzano

Pasquale De Biasi

Andres Moreiro



The EUFOR Forum is produced by HQ EUFOR. It is fully funded by EUFOR, and authorised and published for the EUFOR forces in the area of responsibility.

The contents are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the coalition governments' defence departments.

The EUFOR Forum welcomes submissions. For deadline information phone the editor on +387 (0)33 495148, Fax: 495221; IPN 941-5148, Fax 941-5221

All copies must be submitted to:
 EUFOR Forum
 Press Office
 Building 200, Butmir Camp
 Sarajevo

Submissions can also be made via e-mail to cpic_forum@eufor.eu.int
 Please give full names, rank and nationality of all persons referred to in articles and photos.

Digitised photographs should be submitted in JPG format with a minimum resolution of 200 dpi. The EUFOR Forum does not normally return materials and will assume no liability for material submitted.



10



10



16



19

Summary - August 2008

EUFOR Events

Karadzic Arrested	4
PIFWC - EUFOR Operations	5
COM EUFOR Visits Cazin and Vitez	6
Visits in July	7
Spokesperson Media Summary for July	8
Cooperation Between AFBiH and EUFOR	9

EUFOR Activities

Exercises Conducted by MNBN	10
CIMIC Actions of Spanish Contingent	10
Feria Del Carmen in Camp Butmir	11
EUFOR 2008 Finals Game	11
Freedom of Movement for EUFOR Personnel	12
DCOM visit to RCC 4	12
Music Festival in Srebrenica	15

Inside EUFOR

Vive le Bastille Day	14
Luxembourg and Slovenia celebrate together	14
Humanitarian Aid from Turkey	15
Basketball Competition in Camp Butmir	16
Ranks in EUFOR	13
Soldier in the Spotlight	19
Photo Corner	19

About BiH

Bosnian Words	18
---------------	----

Information

Movie	18
<i>Karaula</i>	18
Book	18
<i>Sarajevo Blues</i>	18
Music	18
<i>Isprocetka</i>	18

Radovan Karadzic arrested

Bosnian Serb war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic, one of the world's most wanted men, has been arrested in Serbia after more than a decade on the run. The Bosnian Serb wartime political leader disappeared in 1996.

He has been indicted by the UN tribunal for war crimes and genocide over the 1995 massacre at Srebrenica. The European Union, which the new government hopes to join, has put Serbia under considerable pressure to hand over indicted war criminals to the UN tribunal in The Hague. But Karadzic's wartime military leader, Ratko Mladic, remains at large.

The arrest of Radovan Karadzic was welcomed by war crimes prosecutors in The Hague as a "milestone".

"Radovan Karadzic was located and arrested tonight (Monday evening, 21st July)" by Serbian security officers, a statement by the office of President Boris Tadic said, without giving details.

"Karadzic was brought to the investigative judge of the War Crimes Court in Belgrade, in accordance with the law on co-operation with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY)."

THE CHARGES

- **Eleven counts of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and other atrocities**
- **Charged over shelling Sarajevo during the city's siege, in which some 12,000 civilians died**
- **Allegedly organised the massacre of up to 8,000 Bosniak men and youths in Srebrenica**
- **Targeted Bosniak and Croat political leaders, intellectuals and professionals**
- **Unlawfully deported and transferred civilians because of national or religious identity**
- **Destroyed homes, businesses and sacred sites**

Serbian government sources said he had been under surveillance for several weeks, following a tip-off from a foreign intelligence service.

Doctor of alternative medicine

Radovan Karadzic spent years living in Belgrade and practising alternative medicine, according to Serb officials. During a decade on the run, he had cultivated a long white beard and called himself Dragan Dabic, Serbian minister Rasim Ljajic said.

Karadzic, 63, lived in a "very convincing" way using false papers, he said. He even gave public lectures and was a regular health magazine contributor.

"He was involved with alternative medicine, earning his money from practising alternative medicine... he was working in a private practice," said Mr Ljajic, the Serbian minister for relations with The Hague war crimes tribunal.

Karadzic's lawyer, Svetozar Vujacic, said that his client had lived in Belgrade for a considerable period of time, "while people who were in contact with him had no clue who he was".

"He did not have any security and he lived by himself" in New Belgrade, a modern suburb of large tower blocks, said Mr Vujacic. The lawyer said Karadzic was now looking like his old self after having a shave and a haircut at his own request.

Karadzic's assumed persona was so complete that he had a girlfriend, claimed to have grandsons living in the US and frequented a bar which sported pictures of himself and fellow alleged war crimes fugitive Ratko Mladic. The owner of The Madhouse bar, Misko Kovijanic, said Karadzic would often come in and drink red wine.



How wartime President of Republika Srpska transformed into doctor of alternative medicine Dragan Dabic

Persons Indicted For War Crimes (PIFWCs) – EUFOR Operations

EUFOR has operated since its inception in support of The International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia (ICTY). The ICTY has indicted a total of 161 persons for serious violations of international humanitarian law in the territory of the former Yugoslavia and only two indictees remain at large as a result of the arrest of Radovan Karadzic on Monday 21st July 2008.

It has been the situation that EUFOR as was the case for its predecessors IFOR and SFOR, that all have been actively involved in supporting the ICTY in the identification and disrupting of support networks for fugitives, in a bid to close in and arrest PIFWCs.

Obviously an enormous amount of work is involved in each of the PIFWC Operations seen in the public raids, where evidence and information is gathered for further in depth analysis by police and ICTY.

The nature of PIFWC Operations, by definition requires strict Operational Security and as such they are probably only observed first hand by a few, but they are supported by many. However, these Operations are a good example of EUFOR's effectiveness in what is clearly a challenging aspect of the mission 'ALTHEA'.

Since EUFOR began in December 2004, we have been involved in over 20 PIFWC Operations, only made possible through the close cooperation and trust of a range of authorities and policing organisations, coupled with effective application of intelligence. This also includes cooperation with Serbian authorities who in the past two months have arrested two indictees (Zupljanin and Karadzic). This year EUFOR has already undertaken 5 PIFWC Operations. EUFOR Press Office Releases

indicate our PIFWC activities reported to the media this year as follows:

- On 27th March at the request of the ICTY, EUFOR conducted a search operation in premises in Pale of people probably connected to the Radovan Karadzic support network. The aim was to find material or information. It is believed that these three people are associated with the Radovan Karadzic support network.

- On 2nd April at approximately 0530 at the request of the ICTY, EUFOR conducted a search operation in the premises of Dragan Draskovic in Krupac. It is believed that this person is associated with the Radovan Karadzic support network.

- On 22nd April at approximately 0600 at the request of the ICTY, EUFOR conducted a search operation in the premises of Goran Marinkovic in Koste Majkica, Paprikovac District. We believe Mr Marinkovic uses his extensive business links to fund the fugitives.

- On 30th May at approximately 0430 at the request of the ICTY, EUFOR conducted and focussed a search operation in the premises of East Sarajevo University, assigned to Mr Kosta Cavoski, in Pale. We believe Mr Cavoski uses his links with Pale to support the fugitive Mr Karadzic.

NB. This resulted in the local authorities, immediately prohibiting Cavoski's movements into BIH from Serbia.

- After the arrest of Stojan Zupljanin, on 11th Jun, the Commanders of NATO and EUFOR jointly announced 'they are delighted that their combined continuous efforts to identify, disrupt and close down the networks supporting PIFWCs contributed to the

successful arrest of Stojan Zupljanin by Serbian authorities'.

- On 15th July at approximately 0530 hrs at the request of the ICTY, EUFOR conducted an operation at the residence of Lilijana Karadzic, in Pale, with the aim of establishing what links and support the Karadzic family has with the PIFWC Radovan Karadzic, as well as identifying asset ownership.



EUFOR Spokesperson at Lilijana Karadzic Residence

- After the arrest of Radovan Karadzic on 21st July, The Commander of EUFOR welcomed the news of the arrest of war crimes fugitive Radovan Karadzic by Serbian authorities. The Commander said "this moment was significant for justice, for BIH, the wider Balkans and International Community. I also recognise the constructive steps taken by the new Serbian government".

..... and EUFOR continues in its work supporting the ICTY regarding the remaining two fugitives, Ratko Mladic and Goran Hadzic.

Article by Press Office

COM EUFOR Visits Cazin

COM EUFOR, Major General Ignacio Martín Villalain, visited Adil Besic barracks in Bihac on 1st July. At the time, the AFBiH 2nd Infantry Battalion of the 6th Infantry Brigade was deployed there. During this courtesy visit, COM EUFOR met the Command and was briefed about the current situation of the 2nd Infantry Battalion AOR, also about the history of this garrison and future projects planned to be developed.

The second part of Bihac visit consisted of a tour of Zeljava, an ex-Yugoslavia Air Base where COM EUFOR was briefed about the history of this famous military facility.

Following the visit to the former Air Base, MG Villalain paid an official visit to Romanian LOT house in Cazin where he was introduced to the LOT personnel. During the meeting they discussed the current security, political and economic situations in the Cazin area, Cantonal, entity and national levels. Other topics discussed included the local elections, increase prices

of basic products, mine fields, the education system and the projects regarding Una National Park.

COM EUFOR also decorated one of the officers completing his tour of duty with the Althea Service Medal, for his contribution to EUFOR mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

General Villalain expressed his gratitude for all the good that EUFOR and the Romanian contingent have done so far. COM EUFOR was pleased with LOT house Cazin's activity and he thanked them for their hospitality and contribution to the success of the mission.



COM EUFOR inspecting Zeljava, old Air Base

At the moment there are 57 Romanian personnel serving in EUFOR in BIH in the Integrated Police Unit, Liaison Observation Team houses, Regional Coordination Centers and HQ staff.

COM EUFOR Visits Vitez

COM EUFOR, Major General Ignacio Martín Villalain, paid an official visit to the Bulgarian LOT House in Vitez on 15th July. The visit of Major General Villalain started in the LOT House where he was introduced to the LOT personnel.

During the meeting they discussed the current security, political and economic situations in the Vitez area. They also spoke about the upcoming local elections, the educational system and the readiness of the local authorities to act properly in the case of forest fires.

Also, MG Villalain paid a visit to VITEZ-IT factory which is the biggest ammunition



COM EUFOR with members of LOT Vitez

factory in BIH. During the visit, COM EUFOR visited both the production and the storage sites in the factory. There he met with the director of the factory and was

briefed about the current situation and future projects.

The COM EUFOR was very pleased with the LOT House Vitez activities and he thanked them for their contribution in the success of the EUFOR Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He expressed his gratitude for all the effort that Bulgarian contingent put in order to improve the safe environment in BIH.

At the moment there are 117 Bulgarian personnel currently serving in EUFOR mission, with a large portion of them being responsible for the security and safety of the Camp Butmir base.

Visits to EUFOR in July



Czech General OF7 Josef Proks



Irish Ambassador Mr McCabe



German Ambassador



Romanian Ambassador Daniel Banu



Delegation of Albanian Parliament



Netherlands Chief of Operations Major General A.C. Oostendorp

Spokesperson Media Summary – July 2008

With the beginning of the summer break in BIH, came a much reduced pace from the local journalists, whose focus was on key events such as the Srebrenica marches and commemoration, which also kept EUFOR busy in terms of monitoring the situation, to ensure that BIH remained Safe and Secure throughout. However, this calm in the media was shattered by the news of the arrest of Radovan Karadzic.



COM EUFOR Interview to local Media – Dnevni List

On Saturday 12th July, COM EUFOR gave an exclusive interview to a local journalist (the article was printed in Dnevni List on Sunday 20th July). The story includes comments provided by COM EUFOR, covering a range of EUFOR and BIH subject areas.

Press Office Liaison Visit - Brussels

The newly arrived Chief of the Press Office (LTC Luis Cervera) attended Brussels between 14th-16th July, on a productive liaison visit to meet representatives of the Public Information Departments of the Council of the European Union (EU) and the EU Military Staff (EUMS).

EUFOR PIFWC Operation

In the early hours of Tuesday 15th July a PIFWC Operation was undertaken at the house of Liljiana Karadzic (wife of the fugitive Radovan Karadzic) in Pale. The Operation demonstrated a change in focus to recent PIFWC searches, where on this occasion the emphasis was to investigate asset ownership, including of the house itself, linked to the support network of the PIFWC Radovan Karadzic. This resulted in wide media coverage. Full report on Page 5.

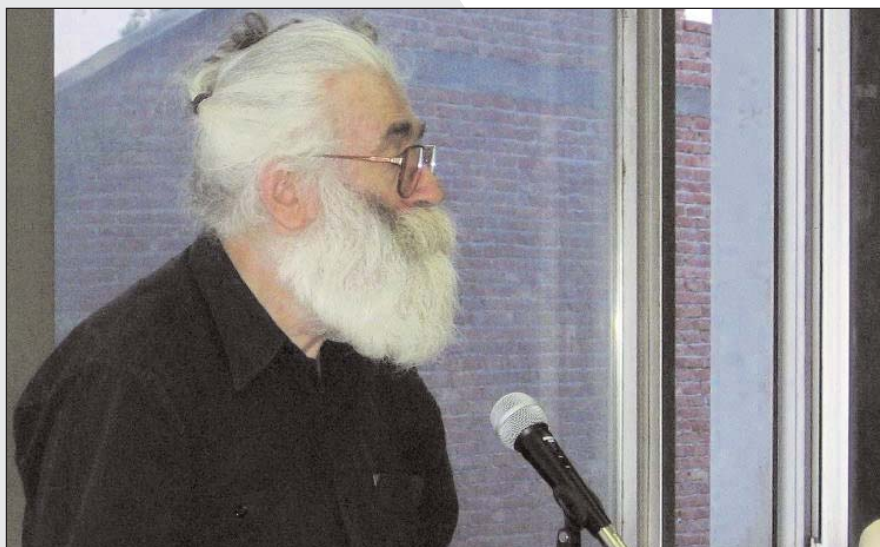
EUFOR Commander – Arrest of Radovan Karadzic Significant

On Monday 21st came the news that Radovan Karadzic arguably the most wanted remaining Person Indicted For War Crimes (PIFWC) had been arrested in Serbia – COM EUFOR welcomed the arrest, indicating this act as ‘significant for justice.....’. Full report on Page4.



What can I say; the almost unbelievable news of the arrest of Radovan Karadzic after 13 years as a fugitive of The Hague related to atrocities in BIH, has obviously dominated the latter part of the July. This brought with it a focus in the media on PIFWCs in general and an interest on historical EUFOR PIFWC Operations. Another very memorable month comes to an end on a very positive note.

By Lt Cdr Kerry Corkett Royal Navy, GBR.



Good Cooperation Between AFBIH and EUFOR

Commander of the 6th Infantry Brigade of AFBIH, General Stamenko Novakovic visited RCC 1 on 26th June in company with the Liaison Officer in charge for all military and civilian affairs, Colonel Savo Gnjatic.

General Novakovic was welcomed and hosted by Lt Col Geert Lieverlo (Chief RCC1), Major Luca Govi (2IC RCC1) and Capt K Walner (Chief Admin). During the introduction of the RCC1 staff the General said how much he appreciated the visit, especially for the strengthening of good relations with AFBIH. This visit again proves that AFBIH and EUFOR can work well and in harmony together.

Good collaboration was evident earlier this year, and this visit proved that even with different military backgrounds, joint work at a multinational level could be performed, which is of significance as AFBIH sets its sights on a future in NATO.

Lt Col Geert Lieverlo greeted General Novakovic first and then gave a small tour through the RCC premises, where he introduced the General to his staff. Lt Col Lieverlo said, he was pleased that work was going very well, thriving and to a high-quality, thanks to his team successfully completing all tasks set by HQ EUFOR in Sarajevo.

After the tour, General Novakovic



attended a presentation, on the main tasks and structure of the RCC1.

After the presentation, refreshments were

served and in friendly atmosphere the two commanders spoke about future activities. A

previous Medal parade was an excellent

example of the kind of area of cooperation anticipated for such events.

Lt Col Geert Lieverlo, thanked General Novakovic for his visit RCC1, whereupon they expressed their strong willingness and enthusiasm to reinforce the current relations, and to support each others armed force where possible in the future.



Second Shooting Competition in Vlasenica for LOT Houses and RCC



On 18th June RCC 4 organized a pistol shooting exercise at the Police shooting range in Vlasenica. The competition was under control of the RCC Commander Colonel Teichmann.

The local Police unit was also invited to the competition and achieved respectable results. Nevertheless the winner was Captain Benedikter from LOT Bratunac.

On completion everyone participated in some welcome fish-eating in Sekovici.

Exercises Conducted by MNBN

Between 14th and 18th July, EUFOR Multinational Battalion (MNBN) carried out exercise “BLUE SHARK III” at Archer Base and Rajlovac. The purpose of this training was both to maintain the capabilities of MNBN and to test the newcomers from the A Coy (Hungarian).

The Exercise was performed in two phases and it was executed in a fictitious scenario. During the first phase (14th -16th July) a Rapid Response Planning Process was executed by HQ MNBN. As a result, fragmentary orders were issued to all companies.

During the second phase (18th July) the Tactical Command Post (TCP) was deployed in Archer Base and three companies (A, B, D Coy) in Rajlovac training area.



After the end of the A Coy’s entry training it was evaluated and the result was satisfactory. A Coy then achieved the Full Operational Capability (FOC).

B Coy acted as role-player in this fictitious scenario where a riot from D Coy against EUFOR personnel in a LOT house

took place. Control Area Operations, Check Points, Green Box and Blue Box including Crowd and Riot Control (CRC) and other Peace Support Operations skills were carried out by A and D Coys. Lastly, an evacuation of EUFOR personnel exercise was executed by a Swedish Cougar helicopter.

CIMIC Actions of the Spanish Contingent

During July, the Spanish contingent undertook a number of CIMIC (Civil and Military Cooperation) assignments to benefit the population of BiH. These activities included:

- Delivery of a range of materials (combustibles for the heating, medicines, for office cleaning, bottled water, food and clothes) to the old asylum “Otac Kristofor” of the locality of Nova Bila. This institution is run by three Spanish nuns of Cordoba which has welcomed in about 80 older ones.

- On the 1st of July the Spanish language course 2007-2008 came to an end in the city of Mostar. This course comprises of the Cervantes Program, of diffusion of the language and Spanish culture, carried out by the Spanish contingent since 1999. This also took place in Trebinje and Bileca, with a total attendance of about 110 students divid-



ed into four levels of learning. Lt Col. Peñuelas, Commander of the Spanish Force in BiH, awarded certificates to each student “for its satisfaction and like recognition to the made effort”.

- On the 1st and 9th of July, a delivery was made of clothes and footwear to the children of the orphanages “Egipatsko Selo” of Mostar and “Children’s Home” of Sarajevo. This was donated by the Solidarity

International Foundation “Compañía de María” (FISC) of Cádiz (Spain).

- With typical character, every 15 days, the Spanish equipment LOT take food to a Bosnian family who live in the locality of Lubuski. They provide flour, oil and basic products to them.

- Delivery of a donation to the institution for the mentally handicapped “Mjedenica” of Sarajevo with the intention of financing an

excursion to the beach in September. The money was collected through contributions of the personnel of the Spanish contingent by means of the sale of handicraft products made in the institution workshops.

The Spanish contingent take great pleasure to be able to help these kind of people in BiH and we hope that the contributions serve to make the recipients just a little bit happier”.

Feria Del Carmen 2008 in Camp Butmir



On the 16th July, the Spanish Contingent in Camp Butmir organized a variety of events to celebrate the Virgen of Carmen Day, who is the Patron Saint of the Spanish Army. The event was attended by The Spanish Ambassador for BIH and COM EUFOR.

The sequence of events began with light hearted fun and games, with the worthy winners receiving a prize.



A raffle followed in aid of Mjedenica Education Center in Sarajevo and at sunset the event moved on with the opening of a fair. Whilst under the canopy people were given the opportunity to taste some typical Spanish food and a selection of beverages, including wine or “rebujito”

All people attending the event enjoyed the Spanish ambience, full of good humour, sevillanas and joy.



EURO 2008 Finals Game



Final game of EURO 2008 Championship between Germany and Spain was viewed in Camp Butmir by supporters of both teams.

Freedom of movement of EUFOR personnel

EUFOR members remain in all circumstances and at all times under the exclusive jurisdiction of their respective national elements (Art.7 SOFA). This provision safeguards EUFOR personnel from any legal prosecution or punishment imposed by local authorities.

Due to recent frictions concerning border crossing, payment of highway fees and issuing traffic tickets, EUFOR Chief Legal Advisor met with representatives of BIH and Croatian authorities. This resulted in a mutual understanding for future procedures.

With regard to crossing the border to and from Croatia it was agreed that EUFOR personnel only have to produce their ID Card in order to be exempted from any further immigration or customs formalities (e.g. handover of passport). The EUFOR ID Card will be presented to verify the identity of a holder. However, in no circumstances should anyone permit data stated at the ID Card to be recorded.

Furthermore, in case of the operational necessity EUFOR personnel

According to the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (GFAP), signed 1995, and the Status of Forces Agreements (SOFA) all EUFOR members enjoy the privilege of freedom of movement to ensure unimpeded and expeditious execution of the mission ALTHEA tasks (SOFA Art.9).



HQ EUFOR Chief Legal Advisor Col Dr. Peternell, AUT ARMY, presents his ID Card to the pay toll station clerk

are also entitled to detour any vehicle convoys, with all warning hazards flashing, paying particular attention not to endanger other road users.

You should also know that, based on the SOFA, EUFOR personnel (on presenting the ID Card) are allowed to use highways free of charge, no

matter if they are using official EUFOR, rented or any other vehicle.

With reference to traffic violations (e.g. speeding) you are reminded that all EUFOR personnel have to respect the laws of BIH and the Republic of Croatia. However, local traffic police are not entitled to fine EUFOR personnel. Any violation of local law regulations will be reported to the respective Troop Contributing Nation (TCN), which is responsible to take appropriate measures against their respective member.

DCOM visit to RCC and LOT Houses

On 14th June 2008 DCOM EUFOR Brigadier General D'Alessandro visited LOT Houses under RCC 4 responsibility. He was accompanied by the new Chief IAD and the Chief LOT-Desk and their MA's.

The day started at LOT Zvornik where he received an overview of the work the Greek LOT members. Next was RCC 4 where he received a further briefing and finally was

the visit to LOT House Tuzla.

During the drive, the convoy stopped at distinctive points where a military geographical and historical appraisal was given by RCC Commander Colonel Teichmann.

The DCOM prior to leaving said he had the highest regard for RCC 4 and their ability to handle events such as Srebrenica anniversary.



GERMANY

ARMY NAVY AIRFORCE

OR 1
OR 2
OR 3
OR 4
OR 5
OR 6
OR 7
OR 8
OR 9
OF 1
OF 2
OF 3
OF 4
OF 5
OF 6
OF 7
OF 8
OF 9

GREECE

ARMY NAVY AIRFORCE

OR 1
OR 2
OR 3
OR 4
OR 5
OR 6
OR 7
OR 8
OR 9
OF 1
OF 2
OF 3
OF 4
OF 5
OF 6
OF 7
OF 8
OF 9

HUNGARY

ALL SERVICES

OR 1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4
OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 8 OR 9
OF 1 OF 1 OF 2
OF 3 OF 4 OF 5
OF 6 OF 7 OF 8 OF 9

ITALY

ARMY NAVY AIR CARABINIERI

OR 2
OR 3
OR 4
OR 5
OR 6
OR 7
OR 8
OR 9
OF 1
OF 2
OF 3
OF 4
OF 5
OF 6
OF 7
OF 8
OF 9

Vive le BASTILLE DAY!

Bastille Day is the French national holiday, celebrated on 14th July each year. In France, it is called Fête Nationale ("National Celebration"), or more commonly quatorze juillet ("14th July"). It commemorates the 1790 Fête de la Fédération, held on the first anniversary of the storming of the Bastille fortress-prison on 14th July 1789, during the French Revolution.

In Camp Butmir, on 13th July, a military parade was held at the Memorial Park, hosted by the French ambassador in BIH, Maryse Berniau and COM EUFOR Major General Villalain. During this parade, Colonel Cambournac, French Senior Representative, and LTC Charlin, chief of the French NSE, laid flowers on the memorial stone for French soldiers killed in peacekeeping missions in BIH.

After the parade, an official cocktail party was organized. The French ambassador opened it with a short speech where she expressed special thanks to EUFOR for its contribution to peace in BIH. It was also an opportunity for the attendees to taste select fresh champagne. After this official event, it was time for the party in the Millennium, accompanied by good French wines and beers, where fun took the lead for the evening.



Joint celebration of Luxembourg and Slovenia National Days



Luxembourg and Slovenia celebrated their national days together in Millennium Bar, Camp Butmir. Luxembourg National Day is 23rd June, and it is the celebration of birthday of Grand Duke Jean de Luxembourg. Slovenian National Day falls on 25th June and it marks independence from former Yugoslavia proclaimed in 1991.

Turkish LOTs Organized a Youth and Sports Festival

Turkish LOTs organized and participated in a wonderful "Youth and Sports Festival" in various cities of BIH (Sarajevo and Zenica).

The festival ranges from dance competition, music from local singers, figures from various local groups, paraglide activities and also to sponsorship which included the construction of some schools.

On 24th May 2008, at the building of Bosnian Culture Center eight amateur dance groups from several high school students entered into a competition and the winners were rewarded. In addition, all the participants listened to songs from local musicians and watched figures from local dancing



several cities in BIH (Sarajevo, Visoko, Zenica, Mostar).

Additionally, within the context of these activities, as a contribution to the Bosnian children, an infant school and its playing garden were opened while the building of Ahmet Muratbegovic Donji Kakanj Roscevina School in Kakanj were repaired with the sponsorship of Turkey.

groups, while, on 31st May, similar activities including street ball competition took place at Alija Izetbegovic Square in Zenica. Also, members of Turkish Aeronautical Association organized and participated in an extremely successful paraglide activities in



Humanitarian Aid from Turkey

By request of RCC5, the Turkish Red Crescent Society sent 1000 boxes full of nutritional aid (20 tons), from Turkey to BIH, on 23rd May 2008.

The aid was handed out to worthy causes, identified in a list provided by local authorities in RCC5 AORs and Srebrenica, as you would expect without prejudice of ethnicity. The members of Turkish Military Contingent handed out the aid packs themselves, in cooperation with local authorities and LOT Houses.

Everyone who participated in this activity realized that there are many people in BIH



who are in need of the support from international humanitarian organisations.



The members of Turkish Red Crescent also expressed their sincere gratitude to EUFOR personnel and BIH authorities for their assistance.

Turkish PX

The Turkish Kantin (PX) is located near the HQ Commandant Building. The Turkish Kantin will always welcome you with very friendly and smiling staff. In the Kantin you will find most well-known perfumes and different kinds of alcoholic beverages and cigarettes at competitive prices for Camp Butmir. You will also find Turkish delights and chocolates and also many local souvenirs to take to your home to remember the service days in BIH. Very soon, the RAKI (Special Turkish alcoholic beverage) and different sort of Turkish wines are going to be available in the Kantin. We also suggest you check out the quality jeans and T-shirts.

The canteen is open every day 9 AM to 8 P M.

Everything you need to know to get you moving

Every beginner asks at least a few of these questions at some point. Here are the answers:

How do I get started?

Start walking for an amount of time that feels comfortable - anywhere from 10 to 30 minutes. Once you can walk for 30 minutes easily, sprinkle one- to two-minute running intervals into your walking. As time goes on, make the running intervals longer, until you are running for 30 minutes straight.

Is it normal to feel pain during running?

Some discomfort is normal as you add distance and intensity to your training. But real pain isn't normal. If something feels so bad that you have to run with a limp or otherwise alter your stride, you're probably injured. Stop running immediately, and take a few days off. If you're not sure, try walking for a minute or two to see if the discomfort disappears. If it doesn't disappear, consult your GP.

Do I have to wear running shoes, or are other trainers fine?

Running doesn't require much investment in gear and accessories, but you have to have



a good pair of running shoes. Unlike all-round trainers, running shoes are designed to allow your foot to strike the ground properly, reducing the amount of shock that travels up your leg. They're also made to fit your foot snugly, which reduces the slipping and sliding that can lead to blisters.

What's the difference between running on a treadmill and running outside?

A treadmill 'pulls' the ground underneath your feet, and you don't meet any wind resistance, which makes running somewhat

easier. Many treadmills are padded, making them a good option if you're carrying a few extra pounds or are injury-prone and want to decrease impact. To better simulate the effort of outdoor running, you can always set your treadmill at a one per cent incline.

Where should I run?

You can run anywhere that's safe and enjoyable. The best running routes are scenic, well lit, and free of traffic. There also soft: choose trails or smooth grass rather than roads. Think of running as a way to explore new territory. Use your watch to gauge your distance, and set out on a new adventure each time you run. Talk to other runners about the routes they run. The more varied your routes, the easier running will feel.

Should I breathe through my nose or my mouth?

Probably the latter, which will allow you to get as much oxygen as possible to your working muscles. However, some runners breathe through their noses during training runs, believing that this keeps them more relaxed. Do what works for you.

Basketball Competition in Camp Butmir

On 4th July, a basketball competition was held in Camp Butmir gym. Participating were the teams of AFBIH, Greece, Slovenia and Turkey. AFBIH team came out as victors in the finals against Greece. This is the second such competition held in Butmir Gym in the last three months.



Left: Winners of the competition, AFBIH team

Up: Finals match between AFBIH and Greece team

Seminar on protocol



The first seminar on the type of protocol to follow in EUFOR was held on 1st July in Camp Butmir. Protocol will determine what action needs to be taken in case of visits of V.I.P.'s, escorts to civil and military authorities, etc. and logistical organization.

The seminary was organized by the EUFOR Joint Visitors Bureau (JVB). After an introduction from the DCOM EUFOR, General Brigadier Roberto D'Alessandro, Chief of EUFOR JVB Major Paulo Concalves and his staff illustrated the content of the new handbook to be taken as reference for all future activities that require the use of the protocol.

Camp Butmir – EUFOR Disciplinary Standards

Patrick Doyl, RSM

As with all Military Camps or Barracks, Camp Butmir prides itself on discipline.

Rules and regulations are there for a reason and it is very important that we establish a common standard for professional military conduct and discipline.

With 32 Nations and 500 civilians living and working in Camp Butmir discipline is very important and where overall responsibility rests with the Camp Commandant and his Regimental Sergeant Major.

Some important reminders of what is expected are given below (SOP 3901 refers):

ID Cards

For security reasons, ID Cards must be carried at all times regardless of dress.

Dress and Military Bearing

Dress and bearing of military personnel is very important especially when in uniform. Some guidance; EUFOR personnel are not permitted to walk around the Camp with hands in pockets, smoking, improperly dressed or without wearing head dress.



Dining Facility

The rules of the dining facility are for our benefit and must be strictly adhered to in order that hygiene is of the highest order. Accordingly head dress must be removed in the dining facility and not be placed on dining tables. Similarly, clean and suitable dress is essential especially when wearing civilian clothes and those failing to achieve the required standard should be aware they may be invited to leave the facility. Finally, food is not permitted to be removed from the dining facility, again on grounds of food hygiene.

Accommodation Blocks

Firstly a major point on fire safety, smoking is strictly prohibited within accommoda-

tion blocks. Another key point to remember in accommodation areas is to have respect for other personnel living there, which includes keeping noise levels down to a minimum in and around the blocks, and leaving the showers and toilets in a clean condition.

Alcohol Consumption

Sensible drinking is permitted within the bounds of Operational, professional, health and safety, and national responsibilities and restrictions.

Final Comment by RSM

Following the above straightforward reminders will go a long way to ensuring all personnel enjoy their tour of duty.

For clarification on any rules regarding discipline in the Camp, please call in and see the Camp Commandant or RSM in Building 103.

**M
O
V
I
E**

Dark, grim, haunting and visionary, "The Dark Knight" is nothing short of brilliant, the best and scariest comic hero adaptation you are likely to see this summer season, and perhaps during the whole year.

Richer in text, characterization, and subtext, the follow-up to "Batman Begins" reunites director and co-writer Christopher Nolan with star Christian Bale, who reprises the role of Bruce Wayne/Batman, and with Michael Caine and Morgan Freeman, as his loyal team members.

The story's most dangerous enemy is Batman's infamous nemesis, the Joker, the maniacal, remorseless fiend. As interpreted by the inventive actor Heath Ledger (in his last screen role), the Joker is colorful, outrageous, and dangerous, devoted the spectacle and excess for their own sake.

Of all the Batman movies, including the first four, singly and jointly made by Tim Burton and Joel Schumacher, "Dark Knight" is the most technically impressive and the most resonant in tone.



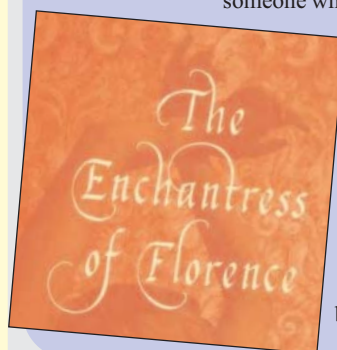
Bosnian words

OCCUPATIONS – ZANIMANJA

Soldier	Vojnik
Policeman	Policajac
Firefighter	Vatrogasac
Teacher	Ucitelj
Driver	Vozac
Waiter	Konobar
Singer	Pjevac
Musician	Muzicar
Actor	Glumac
Painter	Slikar
Artist	Umjetnik
Cook	Kuhar
Baker	Pekar
Laborer	Radnik
Plumber	Vodoinstalater
Electrician	Elektricar
Carpenter	Stolar
Dentist	Zubar
Doctor	Doktor
Lawyer	Advokat
Politician	Politicar

The Enchantress of Florence

Trying to describe a Salman Rushdie novel is like trying to describe music to someone who has never



heard it-- you can f u m b l e with a plot summary but you won't be able to

convey the wonder of his dazzling prose or the imaginative complexity of his vision.

At its heart, The Enchantress of Florence is about the power of story -whether it is the imagined life of a Mughal queen, or the devastating secret held by a silver-tongued Florentine.

Full of rich sentences running nearly the length of a page, Rushdie's 10th novel blends fact and fable into a challenging but satisfying read.

**B
O
O
K**

Viva la Vida

Coldplay's fourth release has been billed as their experimental record, as well as their political record. And it is both, relatively speaking. Viva la Vida or Death and All His Friends opens with an anthemic riff played not on guitar but on a Persian santur — a hammered dulcimer common to the traditional music of Iraq and Iran. The album's lead single, "Violet Hill," describes a scene in which "priests clutched onto Bibles/Hollowed out to fit their rifles." Half the album's tracks float images of war,

while others evoke God, religion or death.

Coldplay's desire to unite fans around the world with an entertainment they can all relate to is the band's strength, and a worthy goal. But on Viva la Vida, a record that wants to make strong statements, it's also a weakness.



**M
U
S
I
C**

Soldier in the Spotlight

I'm OR-9 (Primo Maresciallo) Mauro Giansanti, I was born on 28th Aug 1961 in Velletri, a small town on the hill at east of Rome.

I'm in the Army from 1982, I'm an IT and a database specialist, in the past time, in team, I had been developed informatics programs, particularly in financial and statistic field.

In mine Country, I'm working in Rome in one of the Branches of the Force and Financial Planning Division at the Army General Staff .

Even thought this is for me not the first mission abroad, I had been in Moscow until 1998 from 2001 at the Italian Defense Attaché Office as Military Assistant, it's the first operative mission.

As you can imagine they are completely different experiences, the first one, in Moscow, both of them very interesting and full of satis-



OR-9 Mauro Giansanti

factions, but the present gives to me other opportunity and different feeling.

I ever liked to work in multinational team and for me it is another good occasion work in Butmir with a so variegated context, it is a moment of growth not only professional but also interpersonal.

I never seen before Sarajevo but I've already had many chance to appreciate this beautiful and unique city also because of my liked best hobby, take photographs.

In Butmir I'm working as IA Division Admin, it means that you every days have a lot of stimulus, believe me it's impossible for me to be bored.

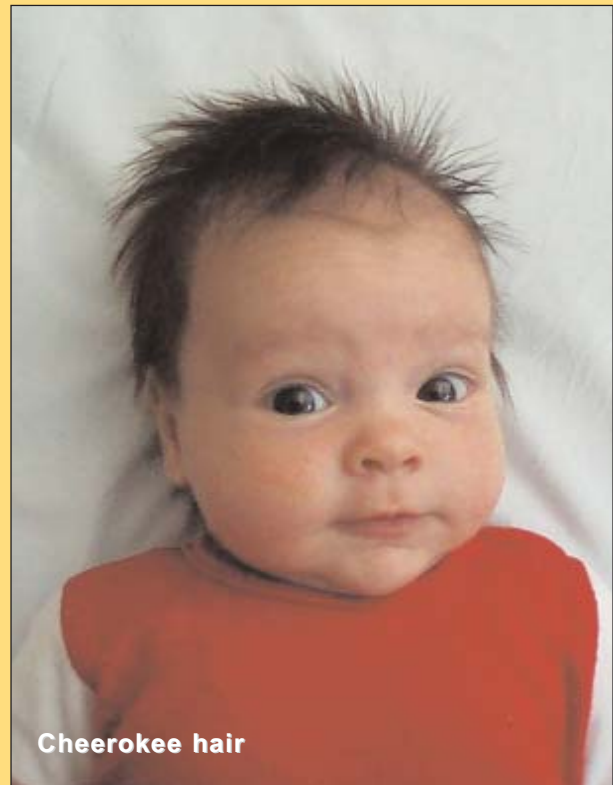
In Italy there is the most important part of my life, my wife Eleonora and mine two guys Gianluca "Pati" 15 and Alessandro "Bistecchino" 14.

Photo Corner

If you have an image of your child that you would like to have published in EUFOR Forum, please send them to us!



First smile of little baby girl Farah



Cheerokee hair