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EUFOR Transfers Further Responsibility to AFBiH

Spokeperson Media Summary August 2008

This month has seen the BIH summer break in full swing, with many institutions running with a skeleton work force – including that of the media. EUFOR has also had the opportunity to permit many of its personnel to take R&R, which included me. On my return in mid August it quickly became apparent that the activities in Georgia had absorbed most of the remaining journalists' attention, further reducing the international media attention on the Balkans. As always however, EUFOR has continued to function operationally, and a number of activities have taken place:

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No Breakthrough in Top Bosnia Meeting

Leaders of Bosnia's six most influential political parties met in Sarajevo on Saturday 23rd September to discuss a range of important issues. The meeting focused on key political topics impacting on BIH and its progress e.g. constitutional reform and EU integration. Unfortunately the outcome was that little of substance was achieved, but there was an improved atmosphere compared to previous meetings.



As the summer recess draws to a close in BIH, I have no doubt that the pace will pick up both for EUFOR and politically next month. We will see the handover of Chief of Staff in mid September and I anticipate a significant increase in political posturing for the local elections to be held on 5th October. I hope that all of those who managed to achieve R&R had a great time and returned rejuvenated for what promises to be a busy month ahead.

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AFBIH Progress

The signing of this MoU represents another step forward in the recognition and capability of the AFBIH to become directly responsible for another important aspect of military operations. Military Radio Frequencies play an important role in military communications and navigation. This progress demonstrates the continued commitment between AFBIH and EUFOR to further advance the defence reform process.



At the ceremony, COM EUFOR, General Villalain stated:

“It is with great pleasure that we are here today to acknowledge another fundamental stage for AFBIH to fully accept the responsibility use and control of Military Radio Frequencies, which finalises BIH taking responsibility for the full spectrum of frequency control, military and civilian. The signing of the MoU further emphasises the cooperation and commitment between AFBIH and EUFOR to maintain a safe and secure environment in BIH.”



IPU Medal Parades



IPU organised medal parades on 22nd and 30th July to officially salute all Italian, Spanish and Turkish platoons and a part of Italian support members that left soon after.

The IPU commander, Colonel Barbano, has expressed his deepest gratitude to them for their professional qualities, which justify and explain the fact that IPU remains one of the fundamental pillars to ensure a safe and secure environment in BIH.

It was also recalled that, since their arrival in BIH, they have participated in and assisted in numerous IPU operations, ranging from the support to EUFOR in granting public order maintenance, to the accomplishment of sensitive tasks on pursuing war criminals; from the provision of tactical reserve at COMEUFOR's disposal.

Their high proficiency standards have been recently highlighted

New Commander for EUFOR Multi-National Battalion

EUFOR conducted a Change of Command ceremony to mark the hand-over of command within the Multi-National Battalion (MNBCN) at Camp Butmir on 16th August. Lieutenant Colonel Joaquín Peñuelas González handed over command to Lieutenant Colonel José Manuel Estévez Payeras after four months of command. During this time he has overseen a number of key events, the most noticeable being 'Exercise Thunderstorm' in August when the MNBN took part in a joint exercise with the Integrated Police Unit (IPU), which fully tested and demonstrated the capabilities of these EUFOR assets.

The MNBN was established in February 2007 together with an IPU. The MNBN consists of four companies from Hungary, Poland, Spain and Turkey who provide the bulk of the Force. In addition there is a long range reconnaissance troop that can provide surveillance throughout BIH. These forces remain based in Camp Butmir and operate in support of maintaining the current safe and secure environment in BIH.



The outgoing MNBN CDR stated:

"It has been a great pride for me to command this Multinational Battalion and to contribute positively to the EUFOR mission in this wonderful country.

This has been my first visit to BIH and from the very beginning I have felt at home. I leave this country very impressed with its people, traditions and culture.

As a marine, I wish this country all the best for its future: fair winds and following seas".



on the occasion of the Srebrenica Commemorations in which IPU was once again called upon to backup the local Law Enforcement Agencies in granting the regular and peaceful course of action.

About IPU concept

The Integrated Police Unit (IPU) is COMEUFOR principal means of reacting to an emergency. The tradition of this unit leads back to August 1998, when the NATO Multinational Specialized Unit regiment was deployed in BIH for the first time, drawing the patterns of a new model of employment for the police forces in peace support operation.

The IPU is a regimental sized unit composed of a headquarters, a mobile unit (2 Coys and 6 Platoons) and 7 specialized element teams that includes all the specific special capabilities. The specialization of the IPU is the provision of troops trained for Civil Disturbance Operation (CDO) and Information Gathering Activities (IGA).

COS EUFOR Visits Dutch LOT House in Livno

Brigadier General Löwenstein (COS EUFOR) paid a visit on 16th August, to the Dutch LOT house in Livno. He was welcomed by Lt Col G. van Lieverlo and Captain E. van Assen.

Soon after COS EUFOR arrived at the LOT house, Capt E. van Assen (the OC of LOT Livno) gave a presentation about the current situation of their AOR. The briefing emphasized the difference between the Northern and Southern area of Canton 10, also the upcoming local elections and the organisation of the educational establishment.

After the presentation COS EUFOR was guided through



Livno, where he was shown the sightseeing's aspects of the city. This includes a marvellous view from the top of the hill onto the city of Livno and some parts of the Livno field. The visit finished with a lunch in Livno.

The COS EUFOR was very pleased with LOT Livno's presentation and thanked them for their hospitality during his short visit.

COS EUFOR Visits LOT Cazin

On August 23rd 2008, COS EUFOR, Brigadier General Robert Löwenstein paid an official visit to Romanian LOT house in Cazin. General Löwenstein was welcomed and hosted by Captain George Macreanu (OC LOT house Cazin), Lt Col Geert Lieverlo (Chief RCC1), Captain Gabriel Pruneanu (Ass. Coordinator RCC1).



During the introduction of the LOT house personnel they spoke about the current security, political and economic situation in Cazin area.

Other discussed topics were upcoming local elections, mine fields, the education system, the projects regarding UNA National Park and the Brucellosis cases in the area.

The second part of Cazin visit consisted the tour of Zeljava former Yugoslav Air Base where COS EUFOR was briefed about the history of this famous military facility.

General Löwenstein complimented EUFOR and the Romanian contingent for everthing which they had achieved. COS



EUFOR was pleased with the LOT house Cazin work and he thanked them for their hospitality and contribution to the success of the mission.

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

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Runners in Charity Run.

The arrangements included a fun run for the children followed by a 3 km run for adults. Participants included both civilians from the local community and EUFOR personnel. On completion, the EUFOR Chief of Staff, Brigadier General Robert Löwenstein, himself a keen participant in the run, was pleased to present a cheque

for the proceeds to the Managing Director of the Hospital, Mr Lerpara.

Brigadier General Löwenstein stated:

“This has been a most enjoyable day for everyone taking part and I was pleased to be able to personally participate, particularly in the knowledge that the outcome of our efforts would represent such an important contribution towards a very worthwhile cause”. He also applauded all runners for their contribution and gave special thanks to the LOT House personnel for organising the event, adding that without their combined efforts this could not have been the success it undoubtedly was.”

Dutch Director Operations MG Oostendorp Visit to Dutch LOT houses

The Dutch Director Operations Major General Oostendorp paid a visit to the Regional Coordination Centre (RCC) 1 in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 8th July until 10th July. He was welcomed by Lt Col G. van Lieverlo. During his stay in BIH he also visited LOT houses in Travnik and Livno.

The General was especially interested to know how the Dutch worked and how they lived in the LOT house as the NLD contingent.

MG Oostendorp visited LOT house Livno first and then he had a dinner in the local restaurant.

During the meal they spoke about several issues concerning work and living climate.

After the dinner Capt E. van Assen, Commanding Officer of LOT house



Livno, gave him a presentation about the activities and interests which were assigned by Commander EUFOR for that Area of Responsibility (AOR). The visit

finished on Wednesday 9th July, after which the General left for LOT house Travnik.

In the LOT house Travnik, the General was welcomed by Capt R. Tadema and was briefed about the AOR and LOT house Travnik. After this the General was guided through the LOT house and was informed about several issues. During his visit to LOT house Travnik he was introduced to the other members of the LOT house. In the end they had a dinner and enjoyed the local Bosnian food.

The General was impressed with the positive attitude and professionalism with which the Dutch military had been carrying out their duties in this mission.

LOT Drvar Humanitarian Action

After donations of toys and clothing by Portuguese, Spanish and Swiss colleagues in the past in the scope of RCC4, RCC2 and RCC1, the Dutch soldiers organized the same activity in Drvar a small village in the north-western part of BIH where they have been stationed during their EUFOR mission.

After the reconnaissance visit to Drvar the new LOT house commander started to collect clothing at his childrens' school in the Netherlands. The Distelvlinder School from Culemborg did an excellent job, and collected a huge amount of clothes.

The Dutch MOD transported the goods to HQ in Sarajevo as a part of their regular convoy. Shortly after the arrival of humanitarian aid to Drvar the new LOT team has initiated a lot of activities and undertook the task to meet the locals and discover who needed the aid the most. Since the schools are closed due to summer holidays in July and August, we managed to find families where the support was needed the most. They were struggling socially and in which there was very little income.

At the end of July and beginning of August the Dutch LOT team visited many families, accompanied by an interpreter. After picking up the imam or the orthodox



priest, the distribution would begin. The visits were not announced in advance in order for them to be pleasantly surprised. The families were so thrilled after discovering the reason of our visit.

On Sunday 10th of August, the team went to the Catholic Church in Glamoc to attend the children's service. After

the service, which was attended by approximately 50 children together with their par-



ents, a lot of clothes were distributed. Also EUFOR goody bags with pens, colored pencils, notebooks, baseball caps and key cords were accepted with the great enthusiasm both by children and their parents.

Although LOT Drvar has not done very much, we believe that the small humanitarian aid would help the children in the upcoming period and for the start of the new school year. In this way we managed to save some money for those families who already had very tight budgets.

LOT Drvar and the Dutch soldiers at last felt that they had done something useful for the population of BIH and the small community of Drvar.



Joint Military Affairs

The activities of the Joint Military Affairs (JMA) Branch are one of EUFOR's core tasks. They play an important part in maintaining a safe and secure environment for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Joint Military Affairs is about the transfer of certain responsibilities to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and the Armed Forces of Bosnia-Herzegovina (AFBIH). And it has to do with advising and assisting the AFBIH in several areas: de-mining activities with the goal of setting up BIH de-mining Training Centre, the inspection of Ammunition and Weapons Storage Sites, and the realization of Arms and Ammunition disposal projects. JMA is still a key military task.

Transfer of Responsibility

In recent years the EUFOR JMA Branch has been very successful in establishing close links with Bosnian authorities and the AFBIH. The education and training of Bosnian military specialists has greatly improved the capabilities of the AFBIH. EUFOR's assistance in setting up special departments within the MoD or AFBIH was much appreciated as well. As a result, this year has shown much progress in JMA by the transfer of important responsibilities.

In January 2008 EUFOR handed over all functions with regard to Military Movement Control to the newly established AFBIH Movement Control Centre in Doboj. Since then it has been working well.



JMA Branch and Info Ops Branch are preparing an AFBIH info campaign

After a long period of joint JMA-AFBIH inspections and training, BIH Internal Inspection Teams were certified to EUFOR standards in April of this year. Together with the JMA these teams had already completed inspection of the Weapons Storage Sites. In June they took over responsibility for the Ammunition Storage Sites as well. Combined JMA-AFBIH teams will continue the inspections of all 23 sites until the end of September. From that time onwards inspection will become the responsibility of AFBIH. The JMA Verification Unit will however continue to provide technical expertise for the implementation of the inspection regime.

Advise and Assist

BIH officials and EUFOR also signed an agreement on the transfer of Air Space Management in March this year. And there was more to come. Responsibility for Defence Frequency Management was returned to the AFBIH at the end of July. Control of the entire electromagnetic spectrum is now in the hands of Bosnian author-



ities.

All in all, 2008 saw a huge step forward in Bosnia and Herzegovina becoming more and more responsible for looking after a safe and secure environment. Many of the JMA tasks are now completed. Only a few tasks remain. The AFBIH are getting more and more experience in dealing with these various functions, which for many years have been managed by EUFOR and its predecessor SFOR.

EUFOR JMA staff continues to advise and assist their BIH counterparts in planning and support activities. Sometimes financial and legal obstacles still obstruct or delay further progress. But much has already been achieved in JMA and one day the remaining tasks will

also become a responsibility of BIH. EUFOR and NATO together will continue to support the transformation of the AFBIH into a modern and professional organization which will be a dependable partner in collective security.



History of Spanish Marines

The establishment of the Spanish Marine Corps started in 1530, when King Charles I ordered that the Old Companies of the Naples Sea were to be permanently assigned to the Naples Galley Fleet. However, it was during the reign King Philip II when the Spanish Marines were organized in Tercio,- Regiment/Brigade- sized units permanently assigned to the different fleets (Mediterranean Galleys Fleet, Atlantic Galleons Fleet, and the Armada, a naval expeditionary task force made up of the other two fleets).

Since its foundation, the Spanish Marine Corps has faced up to numerous situations affecting its organizational structure, missions and denominations. Its forces have fought from Flandes to Buenos Aires, from Cuba to Conchinchina.

The Tercio de Armada is the heir and successor of the Tercio de la Armada del Mar Océano, founded in 1566 by regulation of Felipe II. After changing name and structure during years in 1957 is established the Special Group, a precursor unit of the 1969 Tercio de Armada, setting up the nucleus of the Fleet Marine Forces.

Since then many different Tercio de Armada's task organizations have been deployed in areas of operation so different as Bosnia-Herzegovina (since July 1996 in the NATO operation Joint Force, in IFOR and SFOR missions, and since December 2004



SPANISH MARINE CORPS:

"... is the essence of the History of Spain, because wherever a battle has been fought at sea or ashore, there has been always a Spanish Marines...; it symbolizes the glory of the entire Navy, because without their large and meritorious services, the sad days experienced by the Navy would appear more tragic..., a Corps that hasn't had a single day of rest when the Country has been in jeopardy, a Corps that has fought at sea and ashore in all the latitudes, in all the battlefields and in all the region..."

Count of Torre Vélez in the Parliament of 1904.

in the UE operation Althea), IRAK / Indian Ocean (in the operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom from 2002 to 2004), and Haití (from November 2004 to April 2006, with FIMEX-H in the operation Caribbean Sea, in order to support the UN mission MINUSTAH), and Lebanon with the Spanish First Response Force to join United Nations Interim Force (UNFIL) from September to November of 2006.

Chief RCC1 Visit LOT Sanski Most

Lt Col Van Lieverlo, Chief RCC1, paid a visit on 9th August to the LOT house in Sanski Most. The visit started with coffee where the Chief had the opportunity to meet the members of LOT Sanski Most and talk to them about their experiences in their Area of Responsibility (AOR).

After the coffee the Lt Col Muñoz, second in command of LOT Sanski Most, gave him a presentation about the activities and interest for that AOR and the situation in the



LOT house. In the afternoon they went to the natural caves of Hrustovo. These caves are an important tourist

attraction in Bosnia and Herzegovina and are important anthropological geological resources in this area.

The visit ended with a lunch in a restaurant where they enjoyed the local Bosnian food.

Europe's Flag

Marco-Antonio Toledo Zambrana,
Paterfamilias

We can all distinguish in Camp Butmir the flag that, in some sense and as if bringing together different delegations, represents Europe. It is useful and enriching to retell the history of this flag as it goes beyond beauty. Let us consider:

In 1950, the newly established European Community organised a competition to decide the design of the flag that would represent Europe to the world. Five years later the flag chosen was the one from a Strasbourg painter, Arsene Heitz, a circle made of 12 golden stars over a blue background.

This flag was officially selected on 7th June 1988 and the 2004 European Constitution made it its own. The author, Arsene Heitz, made the following comment: "Inspired by God, I had the idea of designing a blue flag with the twelve golden stars of the Blessed Mary of Rue du Bac (Miracle



Medal Virgin) placed in Paris". Europe's flag brings to mind those words mentioned in the Apocalypses' Book, in Saint Joseph's vision where he captures "a bright sign in the sky: a woman dressed with the sun and a 12 star crown in her head".

It is important to remember that in 1950, there were not 12 members in the Union, in case any of us would think that the 12 stars represented 12 members, similar to 12 candles in a birthday cake, representing the

number of living years...

This is the origin of Europe's flag. Pope John Paul II said once in Santiago de Compostela (Spain): "Europe, be yourself". With these simple words he was inviting us all to consider and rediscover our Christian past, origin of a way of life, thinking,

feeling,... the church dressed Europe with monasteries, universities, schools, hospitals... an enriching culture translated in art, sculptures, architecture, paintings, music, etc, all the results of an unforgettable Christian humanism. To ignore this is to ignore evidence.

As a priest and man of faith, I cannot stop looking at Europe's flag and smile while saying a prayer: "Saint Mary, Queen of Europe, pray for us".

COM EUFOR Visits LOT house Bosanska Gradiska

COM EUFOR, Major General Ignacio Martín Villalaín, visited LOT Bosanska Gradiska on Tuesday 29th July 2008. The COM EUFOR was accompanied by his MA 3, Lieutenant Colonel Martin Mcannerydy (OF-4, Irish Army) and the SA specialist 1, Major Marius Stratulat (OF-3, Romanian Army).

The OC of the LOT house Bosanska Gradiska Captain Peter Schaer (OF-2, Swiss Army) announced COM EUFOR's arrival to those present. All LOT members and the interpreters got introduced to the COM EUFOR. Soon after the short introduction, all guests were served coffee which they enjoyed in the backyard of the LOT house. Captain Peter Schaer then had an official



briefing for all the visitors. This was followed by a guided tour through the city. All together finished The tour finished with a lunch in the local restaurant where those present could enjoy delicious domestic food.

The main purpose of the COM EUFOR visit was to discuss distinctions and happenings in the AOR at the moment. Furthermore it was important to talk about the importance of the LOT Bosanska Gradiska, as it is

located at the border of BIH with Republic of Croatia. It is important to stress that LOT Bosanska Gradiska covers 5 municipalities in the region (Gradiska, Dubica, Laktasi, Prnjavor and Srbac).

The COM EUFOR was interested in the ethnical situation in the AOR, and also in the living place of Prime Minister of Republika Srpska, Milorad Dodik, and in the end with the border passes between BiH/HR.

This visit was deemed as very important and has gone by in the pleasant atmosphere. At the end of the visit COM EUFOR thanked LOT Bosanska Gradiska for all their hospitality and for all the good work in general.

March in the Mountain Range of Jahorina

Different units that compose the Multinational Battalion (MNBN) have performed different exercises during their mission in BIH, and one of them has been to undertake a march designed to toughen up the troops. MNBN's staff performed it on 8th July and the last one was performed by C Coy on 11th August.

The zone chosen for that exercise was the mountain range of Jahorina, in the locality of Pale near Sarajevo. It began at 09:15 hours and finalized at 11:50 hours, so it lasted 2 hours and 35 minutes approximately. The route was 11,700 meters long. Weather was quite good since the day was sunny and the breeze that blew was fresh due to the altitude.

The exercise began in the parking of the rest area of the ski resort, at around 1,530 meters of altitude approximately.

The itinerary went between asphalt and loose rock road and there was a rest area at



around 1,824 meters of altitude.

After a brief rest the march was continued towards the second point within the itinerary of the march up to around 1,890 meters of altitude. After reaching their goal and after taking some photos of the incomparable landscape, the unit began with the descent to

around 1,700 meters of altitude, where the vehicles were waiting to bring them back to Camp Butmir.

Landscape was described as wonderful by C Coy members, since during the course of the route all the Jahorina could be observed from different angles.

Visit to "B.E. Esmeralda" in Croatia

A delegation from RCC1 started an official visit to "B.E. Esmeralda", Chilean Training ship, on 14th July. The delegation was welcomed by the Commanding Officer, Captain Victor Zanelli Suffo, who mentioned and explained the mission of the Chilean Navy and especially the mission of the "B.E. Esmeralda".

He mentioned that the "B.E. Esmeralda" has completed more than 50 years of service in the Chilean Navy enabling their national flag to shine and flutter in around 60 countries and sail in most of seas in the world.

The name "Esmeralda" evokes two naval events that constitute true symbols of the Chilean Navy: the capture of the Spanish frigate "Esmeralda" and the naval action at Iquique. These actions represent the most celebrated episodes of Chile's naval history,



a time which bears witness to the love and sacrifice of her loyal crew and the development of values which to this day continue to be instilled aboard the ship.


At the end of the official visit Captain

Zanelli gave a shield to the delegation and expressed his gratitude for the visit.













The "B.E. Esmeralda" is a floating Chilean embassy and is a special place in the heart of the Chileans serving and living far away from their country.


The "B.E. Esmeralda" left Split on 18th July and went to Piraeus in Greece.



























































The trip started from Chile on 4th May and will finish 7th December. During this time the B.E. Esmeralda will sail approximately 14,577 nautical miles. Completion of this journey is very important since it is the conclusion of the basic training for new sailors in the Chilean Navy.


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


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A Storm in Sarajevo – EUFOR Involved



The multiple awarded movie director Hans-Christian Schmid started in July 2008 with the shootings for his new project, a polit thriller with the working title “Storm”. Between 9th and 19th August Bosnia & Herzegovina was the location for the shootings.

The international production tells the story of the advocate Hannah, who is working as prosecutor at the ICTY in The Hague. In the area of conflict between the interests of international politics and the threats of Serbian nationalists, she discovers that the opponents are not only on the dock, but also in their own ranks.

“...When an important witness entrapped himself in contradictions, the court sends a delegation to Bosnia for on-site findings. The doubts concerning the credibility of the witness become hardened. Seemingly he’s

not telling the truth. After, they find his body dead in his hotel room. But the case is not given up...”

EUFOR Chief of Staff supported the production with soldiers and equipment from Austria, France, Ireland, Portugal and the



Netherlands during the film shooting on 9th and 11th August.

Irish Military Police and the Portuguese Guarda Nacional Republicana within IPU were part of the scene at Sarajevo

International Airport, where the arrival of the delegation was filmed. EUFOR troops played the role of security and escort for the VIP convoy of the ICTY. The shootings took place on location at the airfield of Sarajevo International Airport. Scheduled flights continued as normal, taking off and landing next

to the film set during the day. Portuguese IPU troops then integrated into the convoy that passed through Sarajevo to its destination while driving bumper-to-bumper, demanding high levels of driving skills. The EUFOR contribution was coordinated by EUFOR Press Office, assisted by InfoOps. Tasked by Chief External Cooperation Division, the French National

Support Element sent a non-commissioned officer to liaise with the film crew at the airport. The film crew was excited by the appearance and the professionalism of the participating EUFOR troops, contributing to the authenticity of the scene.



Visit to Tito's bunker

Around 35 members of RCC4, including the Austrian, Finnish and Greek LOTs, led by Colonel Friedrich Teichmann participated in the visit of the military facility ARK near Konjic on 2nd August, organized by AUCON. The facility is well known as Tito's bunker. The bunker was meant to serve as command center and shelter for ex JNA (Yugoslav Peoples' Army) and political top of ex Yugoslavia in case of a nuclear attack. During the visit, EUFOR members were presented with one of the indicators why Yugoslavia counted as the 4th military force in Europe during the seventies and eighties. With the amount of 4.6 billion US dollars invested in the construction, the bunker represents the third biggest investment of ex Yugoslavia.

An enthusiastic soldier of Armed Forces of BIH gave EUFOR members a tour around the bunker, which today serves as a museum. The bunker is divided in three parts. The first part consists of three above-ground houses which serve as camouflage for the bunker's entrances. The tunnels as second part are connecting these houses with the third part, i.e. the bunker itself as protection zone.

Working area of the bunker is spread on



6,500 square meters. The bunker has a well developed security, communications, air supply and environment conditioning, electricity and water supply system and is equipped with all technology and other needs for comfortable stay, including radio and telephone connections, bedrooms, offices, conference room, kitchen, bathrooms, etc. This shelter was meant to keep Marshal Tito and his top political and military leaders, along with additional sol-

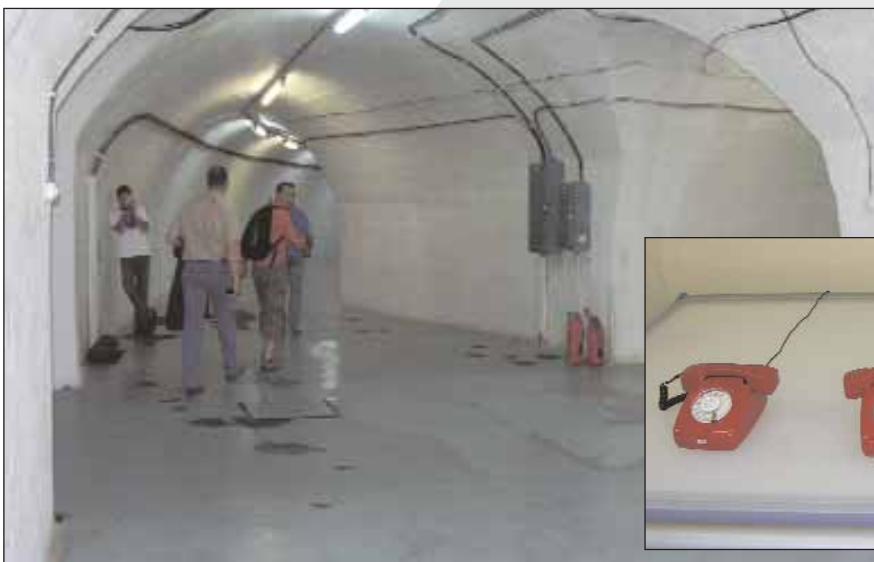


diers, alive for an extensive period without any outside contact.

It took two hours to take a tour around the bunker and that time was just enough to see the most interesting rooms. It was an amazing experience to travel back in time walking around the premises, since all parts

of the bunker remained unchanged from the day the bunker was completed, even to the smallest details like soaps, toilet paper and bed sheets.

After the guided tour the excursion for most of the participants ended with a delicious lunch in a restaurant on the way back to the different duty stations.



Neum

Neum is the only seaside town in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Around it there is about 21 km (13 miles) of coastline which is the only access of this country to the Adriatic Sea. It is located in the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina entity.

Features

Neum has steep hills, sandy beaches and several large tourist hotels. Prices tend to be lower here than in neighboring Croatia, making it popular with shoppers. Tourism, and the commerce it brings, is the leading contributor to the economy of the area. Border formalities with Croatia are relaxed at peak times.

Neum has around 5000 beds for tourists, 1810 in hotels with the remaining capacity in motels, villas and in private accommodation. Tourism in Neum is active only in the coastal region. The inland area behind Neum has a rich archaeological history and untouched wilderness and is starting to develop agricultural tourism.

The city hosts a yearly music festival called Etnofest Neum.

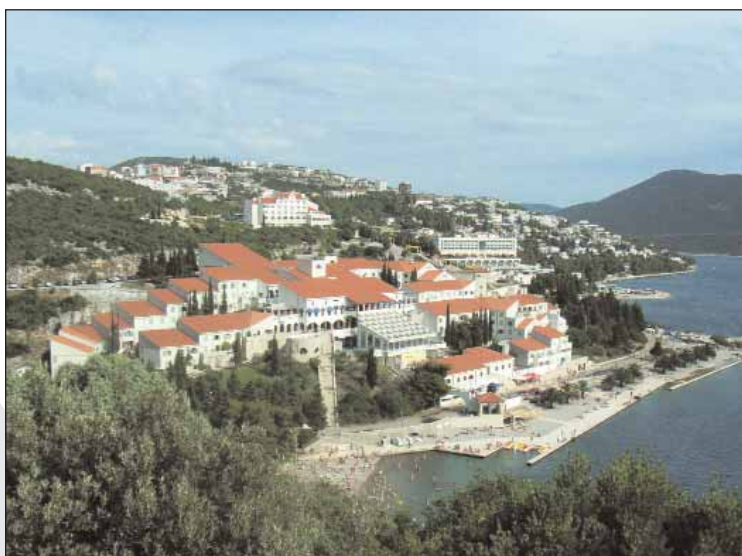
Climate

Neum has long, warm summers and short, mild winters. It ranks among the coastal towns with the most sunny days per year.

The average sea temperature ranges from 13°C in January to 32°C in July and August. Popular activities include swimming and sun bathing, walks along the beach, boating and various water-sports.

Geography

Neum is 60 km from Dubrovnik (80 km from the Dubrovnik airport), 70 km from



Croatian bridge must have a high clearance according to Bosnian view. The main freight port for Bosnia today is Ploce (Croatia) further north, which has a railway to BIH.

History

The Ragusan Republic gave the region of Neum to the Turks in the war between the Holy League and the Ottoman Empire. It

gave the Turkish army access to the sea, but just as important to Ragusa it gave them a protection from the Venetian territories.

The Ragusan Republic relinquished the region of Klek - Neum to the Turks in the war between the Holy League and the Ottoman Empire (second half of the 17th c.) as an exit to the sea and a protection corridor between the territories held by Ragusa and the Venetian territories (in Dalmatia). For the last time the Turks used the bay for military purposes while withdrawing after the entering of Austria into Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1878.

The fact that the border into Bosnia and Herzegovina must be crossed to reach the southernmost region of Croatia has caused the Croatian Government to plan a bridge from Klek to Peljesac to circumvent the area. Since this could potentially violate BIH rights under the International Law of the Sea, these plans have been put on hold until a mutually satisfactory solution can be reached.

Neum is not of any importance as a freight port. Among other reasons, the road to the rest of BIH is of far too bad quality, not suitable for heavy vehicles. The road is more suitable as a tourist adventure road. There are plans to build a real seaport and a better road, therefore the

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MWA Events for September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:00 PM Circuit Training 8:00 PM Pool Competition	8:00 PM Salsa Dance Lessons	6:00 PM Circuit Training 6:00 PM Self-Defence Training	8:00 PM Beer Promotion	12:00 PM Belgian Nat day 3:00 PM Personal Training programme	10:00 AM Sarajevo Sightseeing Tour	9:00 AM White water rafting Trip 8:00 PM Movie Night
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A Beginner's Guide to the Gym



Have you ever walked into an unknown environment and felt out of your depth?

Whether you're seeing a Personal Trainer or not, we have come up with some start up advice that will help you on your journey.

What to wear:

- Comfortable lightweight clothing is the key. As you burn off the calories your body temperature will increase and clothing that will allow some heat to escape is ideal.
- Comfortable, well fitting, fully enclosed footwear is essential. Most types of sports shoes will be appropriate

What to pack:

- A water bottle will ensure you can remain hydrated during your workout.
- Cardio equipment (equipment used to

increase heart rate eg treadmill, bike):

- Before getting on a treadmill ensure the belt is not in motion, it can make for a painful first experience if you get on a moving treadmill without noticing. If the belt is moving hit the stop button and then begin.

Resistance Equipment (weights):

- Time for some terminology:
- Rep: Short for repetitions. One full movement on a piece of equipment.
- Set: A collection of reps equals one set

Stretching:

- At the very least, stretching should be done after a workout. This will decrease the muscle soreness you may experience the following days. It also serves to keep muscles supple, assists flexibility, which then decreases the risk of future injury.

Sarajevo Half-Marathon

You are invited to 2nd Sarajevo Half-Marathon that will take place on 21st September (Sunday) at 10 a.m.

Start: Shopping center TOM, Istocno Sarajevo, approx. 2 km from Camp Butmir Main Gate

Registration center: at GYM, from 8th to 19th September

Course: It is flat for most parts

Entry fee: 10 EUR or 20 KM

Time limit: The time limit is 2 hours and 30 minutes

Refreshment stations, toilets: There will be four refreshment stations along the course at 5 km, 10 km, 15 km and in the finish. Toilets will be set up in the start/finish area

Results: Results will be viewed at www.sarajevomarathon.ba

Finish: Olympic Hall ZETRA, Sarajevo

All halfmarathon finishers will receive a unique medal and T-shirt.

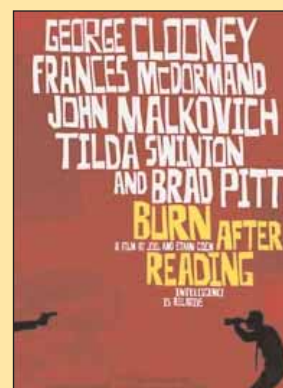
Burn After Reading

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With *Burn After Reading* the Coen brothers finds room for George Clooney, Brad Pitt and John Malkovich. What they have managed to come up with here, somehow, is a light-as-fluff flipside to hardcore "insider" films like *All the President's Men*, *Michael Clayton* or, indeed, *The Insider*: it paints the powers-that-be as goofy, chaotic and definitively non-sinister. This lot, you feel, couldn't bug their way out of a paper bag.

Burn After Reading may also go down as arguably the Coens' happiest engagement with

the demands of the Hollywood A-list - but this bit of career development may also be contributing to a diminishing of their particular film-making strengths. Or perhaps they are simply evolving. The highly-wrought grotesqueries with which they made their name seem well in the past; stars find it difficult to merge with the scenery. For better or worse, their films are now more simply natural to look at and experience. Whether it will pay off again at the Oscar ceremony or box-office remains to be seen.



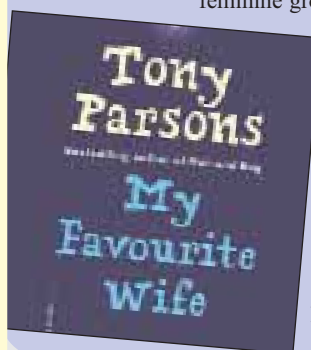
Bosnian words

FAMILY - PORODICA

Man	Covjek
Woman	Zena
Child	Dijete
Son	Sin
Daughter	Keerka
Husband	Muz
Wife	Zena
Marriage	Brak
Mother	Mama
Father	Otac
Brother	Brat
Sister	Sestra
Grandfather	Djed
Grandmother	Baka
Grandson	Unuk
Granddaughter	Unuka
Relatives	Rodjaci
Boyfriend	Momak
Girlfriend	Djevojka

My Favourite Wife

Since the publication of *Man and Boy*, Tony Parsons has sought to reclaim the feminine ground with a



series of best-sellers providing a bloke's-eye view of parenthood and

marriage.

While Parsons's no-frills narrative is admirably affectation-free, the novel fails to deliver the kind of adult payoffs that the best middlebrow fiction can offer. The fault lies not in the scenario or setting, but Parsons's lazy prose. Children "gambol", girlfriends grin "goofily" and married couples soap each other with "tender familiarity" in the shower. Even Barbara could be more hardcore than that.

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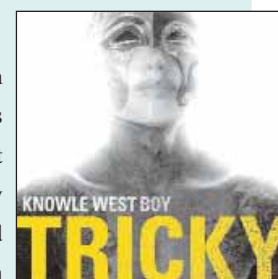
Knowle West Boy

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"Knowle West Boy", Tricky's first album in five years, finds him reconnecting with his roots in the Bristol "ghetto" after which the album is named. It's self-referential: despite the invigorating presence of Switch on "Council Estate" and "Slow", in comparison to Portishead he hasn't moved on a jot, but his standalone sound was always his strength. This is pure Tricky; sometimes at his near-best, sometimes coasting, but always unique.

Rather than the terrifying hisser of "Pre-

Millennium Tension", he's mainly in upbeat mood. "Baby Come On" and "Puppy Toy", with its cocktail-bar piano and smart-mouthed sass, are raunchy, irreverent and (yes) funny. The darkest moment is the space clank of "Veronika", the Italian vocalist of the same name coming on like a dead-eyed dominatrix.



Soldier in the Spotlight

I am Spanish Lieutenant Ana M^a Fernández Manrique, Medical Chief of the Spanish Contingent. I was born in Granada (Spain) on 27th March 1977. I'm the eldest of my brothers. I got a degree in Medicine and Surgery in Granada's Medicine University before joining the Spanish Armed Forces on 28th August 2006.

This is my second mission abroad. My first was in 2007 as part of Standard Naval Force at Mediterranean Sea (STANAVFORMED) for four months. I joined EUFOR in April 2008 and I will remain until the middle of August.

I'm very proud to be part of the European family in this mission and to contribute to return this country to normality. I think too that the work all nations are carrying out in this mission is very important for helping to stabilize this country.

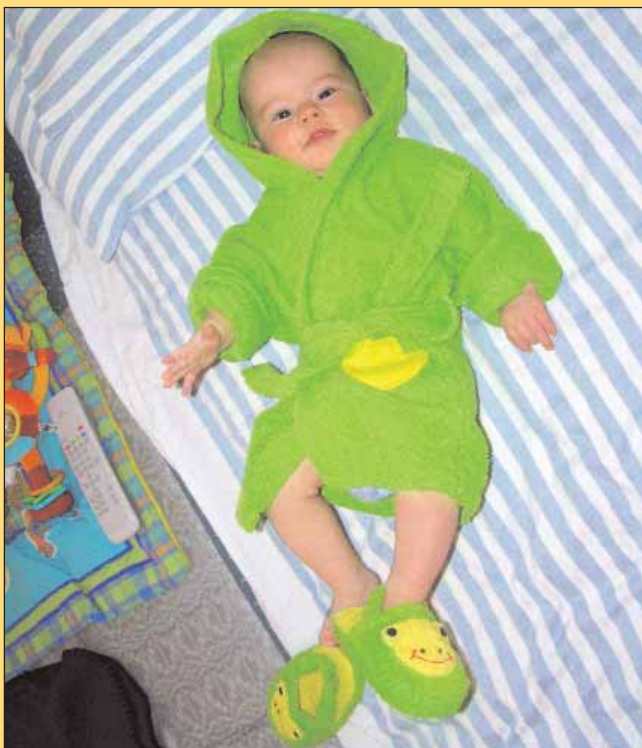
When I return to Spain I would like to enjoy a nice trip with my whole family and, of course, continue with my 45 minutes daily running three times a week in order to keep fit.



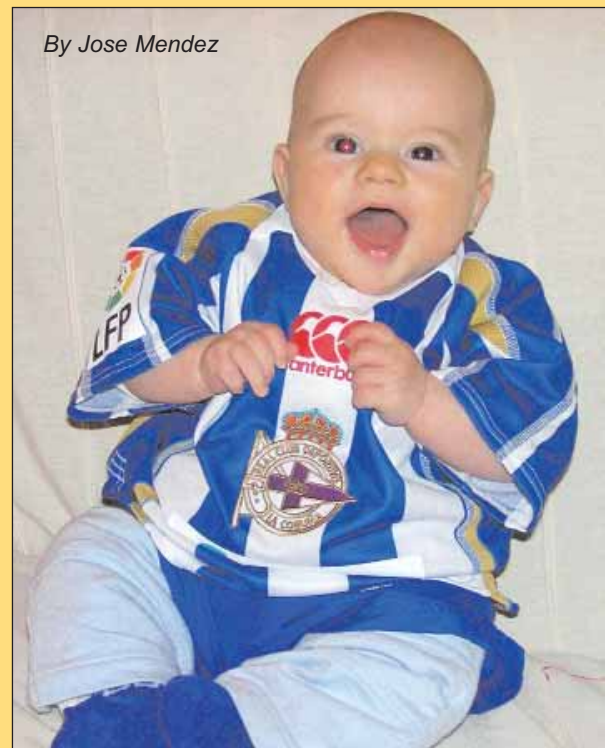
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Photo Corner

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



Lolo in Bathrobe



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