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EUFOR mourns the loss of lives





COMEUFOR Speech for victims of helicopter accident – 21st June 2008

On Thursday 19th June, a EUFOR Helicopter crashed north of Travnik. The accident resulted in the tragic deaths of two German and two Spanish Soldiers.

Military duty, by its very nature, exposes soldiers to dangerous situations. We accept this risk out of our sense of duty to our societies and to the global community.

All soldiers who serve here in Bosnia and Herzegovina as members of EUFOR do so to contribute to a better future for the People of this country. We do this on behalf of the European and the wider world community. This is a very important task and all who serve here should be proud of their contribution to the future of this nation.

Tragically some soldiers pay a higher price than others. This is the case with our four colleagues who gave up their lives that day in promoting peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina. I assure you their lives were not in vain and the People of this country will be forever in their debt.

Our condolences go out to the families and friends of our fallen comrades and we pray that they be granted the strength to come to terms with their loss.

The dedication and professionalism of these four Soldiers will act as an example to all of us as we continue to do our work here in EUFOR. All who gave their lives for peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be forever in our memory.

May they rest in peace.

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Bodies of two EUFOR German passengers (1st Lieutenant Tim Heinen & Master Sergeant Zoran Krakic) killed in the EUFOR helicopter accident on Thursday 19th June were repatriated on 24th June. They were flown to Germany after a short ceremony at Sarajevo Airport.



The bodies of the two Spanish EUFOR Air Crew killed in the crash (Lt Santiago Hormigo & Sergeant Joaquin Lopez), were repatriated to Spain on 20th June.

A commemoration ceremony was also held at Camp Butmir, Sarajevo on 21st June in the memory of all four EUFOR soldiers.



They were all posthumously awarded their European Union Operation ALTHEA medals, after giving the ultimate sacrifice in the loss of their lives to the mission in BIH.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.



Lt Santiago Hormigo Ledesma (ESP)

Sgt Joaquín López Moreno (ESP)

1st Lt Tim Heinen (DEU)

M Sgt Mirko Zoran Krakic (DEU)



EUFOR PIFWC Operation Against Karadzic Supporter Kosta Cavoski

EUFOR conducted and focussed a search operation in the premises of East Sarajevo University, assigned to Mr Kosta Cavoski, in Pale on 30th May at approximately 0430. The aim of the operation was to find material and/or information which could assist the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia ICTY in the ongoing search for and capture of persons indicted by The Hague Tribunal for War Crimes and putting pressure on networks believed to be involved in protecting these persons. Operation was conducted at the request of the ICTY and a number of items were taken from the scene for examination.

NATO support

Mr Kosta Cavoski is a member of the Truth about Karadzic Commission, which are supporters of Mr Radovan Karadzic, and who is regularly at the University in Pale. EUFOR believes Mr Cavoski uses his links with Pale to support the fugitive Mr Karadzic. The operation was supported by

NATO and was closely coordinated with the ICTY.

This operation is legally based upon the mandate of the ICTY, EUFOR and NATO under the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions and the General IPU with RS MuP Framework Agreement for Peace (GFAP) in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The local police, RS MuP, were informed of the operation and provided support. We would wish to emphasise that the initiation of this operation and significant elements of the security are being performed by the RS MuP. We commend them for their professionalism, courage and commitment.



IPU with RS MuP

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that any person providing information that leads to the arrest or conviction, in any country, of a war criminal indicted by the ICTY may be eligible for a reward. A reward of \$5m may be paid for Radovan Karadzic, Ratko Mladic or Goran Hadzic. Moreover Serbia has pledged a number of rewards, including €250,000 for Karadzic. Individuals' holding such information should call BIH 065.516.674 or if outside BIH 00.387.65.516.674 or e-mail mail@rewardsforjustice.net

NATO and EUFOR Commanders delighted at arrest of Zupljanin

War crimes suspect Stojan Zupljanin was arrested in Belgrade on 11th June. He is one of the four top Serb leaders wanted for war crimes by the United Nations tribunal in the Hague. He had been wanted for 13 years. He was arrested at an apartment just 5 miles from the center of Belgrade. He will now be sent to the Hague tribunal to stand trial on charges of crimes against humanity after being taken to an investigative judge in Belgrade.

EUFOR continues its efforts

The Commanders of NATO and EUFOR are delighted that their combined continuous efforts to identify, disrupt and close down the



EUFOR Spokesperson Kerry Corkett with the poster of PIFWCs

networks supporting PIFWCs contributed to the successful arrest of Stojan Zupljanin by Serbian authorities.

Increasingly, fugitive war criminals are finding themselves isolated, with fewer places to hide and fewer supporters to protect them. Obviously this is now the case within Serbia too.

EUFOR and NATO will continue to provide support to BIH and the international authorities to help counter illegal PIFWC support networks.

Visits to COM EUFOR



Lieutenant General Commander TUR
Special Forces Head of the TUR
Commission Servet Yoruk



GEPROAR ESP OF6 Infantry Marine
Corp Ramon Lopez Nuche



On the 2nd June, the Prime Minister of Slovakia Robert Fico, with the minister of defence, Varoslav Basca, visited COM EUFOR, and they attended the Slovak Medal Parade.

Undersecretary of Chilean Navy began an Official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

On 29th May, the Undersecretary of Chilean Navy, Carolina Echeverria Moya, together with two Chilean Senators, started an official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BIH). They had a meeting with the Chilean Troops that are a part of EUFOR.

As part of the tour, Undersecretary Moya visited the national contingents deployed in the towns of Sanski Most and Prijedor.

On Friday 30th May, Undersecretary Carolina Echeverria Moya moved to Camp Butmir, Headquarters of EUFOR, Sarajevo. She had a meeting with the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Miroslav Lajčák.

Subsequently, the Undersecretary had a meeting with Defense Minister of BIH, Selmo Cikotic.

Undersecretary Moya spoke about how the mission developed for the Chilean people in BIH. Furthermore she sent her greetings to the Regional Coordination Center (RCC) 1 and especially to the Dutch people within the RCC1. She



The Undersecretary of Chilean Navy, Carolina Echeverria Moya, with Chilean troops

thanked RCC 1 for the support and the working and living condition of the Chilean soldiers. Undersecretary Moya said: "It is very complicated because they work far away from their country. But it is easier to be in a mission like this when the people living and working here have good conditions. Chile is an important country in South America and at this moment it is also important for Europe, especially in the cooperation for this EUFOR mission".

The Corps of Military Attaches Visits EUFOR

HQ EUFOR hosted a visit of the multinational Corps of the Military Attaches on 4th June. The visitors comprised of representatives from ten countries who are all employed in positions within BIH, and are contributing nations to the EUFOR mission. The only exceptions are China and Russia, who expressed a keen interest in the effectiveness of the EUFOR mission in BIH.



Military Attaches during presentation in HQ EUFOR

The Military Attaches were informed of the wide range of work undertaken by EUFOR. Focus was placed on the commitment of EUFOR to continue to guarantee peace and a safe and secure environment, whilst working with the International Community and agencies in development of the stability of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Military Attaches found the visit very informative and hugely beneficial to their work.

Combined Exercises between EUFOR and AFBIH Forces

Multinational Battalion (MNBC) conducted two combined exercises with AFBIH at the end of May. These exercises are a part of a training regime scheduled by MNBN in which all companies of the Battalion cooperate with AFBIH units.

First, B Coy of MNBN has conducted exercises from 20th to 23rd of May in the Training area of Eagle Base/Comanche Base (Tuzla) and Pasa Bunar fire range. Spanish Company carried out the training with AFBIH Company composed by the command element and two platoons from the Battalion from Orasje and the third platoon from the explorer Company, 6th Brigade of AFBIH.

Night vision equipment appreciated

During this, the companies, within the context of the Peace Support Operations (PSO), performed the following exercises:

- Rifle shooting exercise in Pasa Bunar fire range with the active participation of AFBIH Platoon using the night vision sights and weaponry of the B Company. Cross training was carried out using both AFBIH M-16 and



Combined troops of MNBN and AFBIH during exercise

Spanish HK G-36 rifles too.

- MOUT (breaching into and searching a house) basic training at squad level.

- Check point drills. AFBIH Companies have considered this kind of training as police drills, but after the training, they started thinking about creating a standard operating procedure about check points in order to prepare for a possible deployment in Afghanistan or Iraq.

“Training with Spanish Company in MOUT checkpoints drills were the most useful activities for us and the use of night vision equipment was the most appreciating activity due to the lack of this kind of material in our units”, AFBIH Company Commander pointed out after the cooperation.

Possible Afghanistan deployment

A second exercise was conducted by C Coy of MNBN from 26th to 30th of May, also in the Training area of Eagle Base/Comanche Base (Tuzla). This cooperation has been the last one scheduled by MNBN among companies of the Battalion and AFBIH units. Polish Company carried



Sharing between EUFOR and AFBIH

out the training together with a BIH platoon from the Bijeljina's Infantry Brigade.

The following exercises were performed during this time by the units: CRC, MOUT training and VIP protection. Night Vision Goggles (NVG) equipment was also used. The training was followed by a tactical exhibition on 28th May for COM EUFOR and COM MNBN.

This cooperation was very satisfactory for both units. VIP escort and MOUT training were something new for AFBIH platoon so they were excited and eager to work and learn. Apart from this, MOUT and check-point drills were the most useful training for AFBIH because of the possibility that they will be deploying to Afghanistan soon.



Spokesperson Media Summary – June 2008

This month began at a relatively sedate pace in the Press Office, but we could not prepare for the tragedy which was about to unfold on 19th June when EUFOR lost a helicopter in a crash, which understandably generated an incredibly high amount of press interest.



EUFOR delivers Portuguese aid in Derventa

On Friday 30th May, EUFOR provided assistance to distribute a considerable amount of toys and clothes, donated by Portuguese school children. The donations were transported from Sarajevo to Derventa, where they were gratefully received. See Page 17.

EUFOR PIFWC Operations Continue - PIFWC Arrested in Serbia

On Wednesday 28th May a EUFOR led PIFWC search was carried out in the room of Kosta Cavoski in East Sarajevo University, Pale. He is suspected of being linked to Radovan Karadzic and his support network.

COM EUFOR was therefore obviously delighted with the news that continuous efforts to identify, disrupt and close down networks supporting PIFWCs contributed to the successful arrest of Stojan Zupljanin by Serbian authorities on Wednesday 11th June. More on page 6.

Visit of multinational Corps of Military Attaches

On Wednesday 4th June 2008, HQ EUFOR hosted a visit of the multinational Corps of the Military Attaches. The visitors com-

prised of representatives from EUFOR troop contributing countries as well as from Russia and China. Read more on page 7.

Blood Donations

A number of Hungarian soldiers, who were approaching their end of tour, came up with the idea of donating blood prior to their departure. On 10th June in Camp Butmir, EUFOR personnel donated their blood in support of the Blood Transfusion Institute, Sarajevo. Full article on page 16.

Kids Festival

As another 'Kids Festival' held at Zetra Olympic Stadium, Sarajevo (6th to 10th June) has come to an end, it is clear that this year has been another great success. It is obvious that all involved, whether as attendees, sponsors or organisers, thoroughly enjoyed this event. COM EUFOR was pleased to have been able to support the event and to attend the Festival. Page 14.

EUFOR Helicopter Crash

Sadly on Thursday 19th June EUFOR was faced for the second time this year, with dealing with the tragic aftermath of the loss of a helicopter, in which all four EUFOR personnel lost their lives. For the full story see pages 4 and 5.



As we come to the end of another month in Operation ALTHEA and reflect back on this month's activities, sadly our colleagues ultimate sacrifice in the loss of their lives in the helicopter crash is the most poignant memory, which I'm sure will stay with many of us for a long time to come.

**By Lieutenant Commander Kerry S Corkett
Royal Navy, GBR**

Italian National Day

Italian military contingent of EUFOR honored Italian National Day – the Festival of the Republic – with a ceremony held on 3rd of June in Camp Butmir.

Various military, civilian and religious authorities were present on the ceremony that celebrated the 62nd anniversary of the Italian Constitution.

Brigadier General Roberto D’Alessandro, as representative of the nation’s military, welcomed the Italian



Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina Dr. Alessandro Fallavollita. Ambassador, during his speech, reminded those present of the importance of the referendum held in 1946.

After the Ambassador read the message from the Italian President, honors to the fallen have been given on notes of the “Piave”, played by the AFBIH band.

Hungarian National Day

Hungary celebrated the Day of National Defence on 21st May. The occasion of the celebration is occupation of the Buda Castle on 21st May in 1849.

Every year on 21st May Hungarian people remember the heroes who lined up as soldiers under the tricolour of the nation on 21st May 1849, and faced death bravely, singing the national anthem while attacking the strongholds of the enemy.

2008 is very special year, because the Hungarian Defence Force is 160 years old

in this year. In Camp Butmir the Hungarian Contingent celebrated this occasion on 24th May, and they organized a National Day celebration.

To celebrate a National Day is a tradition at the EUFOR

Multinational Battalion (MNBC) which includes the Hungarian Contingent. The



common purpose is meeting other cultures, and developing team spirit inside EUFOR.

Portuguese National Day

Fulfilling their 10th of June tradition, the Portuguese Contingent of EUFOR celebrated their National Day throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. Proud of their 869 years of independence, with approximately the same European borders as today, LOT House Derventa and LOT House Modrica promoted



regional commemorations with political and administrative authorities, as well as several police and military representatives and local cultural activities leaders.

But it was in Sarajevo, where the Portuguese have 37 military per-

sonnel, that the event had its most significant impact. Over 400 people attended the Portuguese dinner barbeque and gathered around the typically seasoned meet and sardines, with the sound of Fado (Portuguese national music) as the background.

June 10th, marks the date of Luis de Camões’ death in 1580. Camões was a poet and a soldier, who wrote the poem “Lusiads”, Portugal’s national epic celebrating Portuguese history and achievements, particularly the maritime discovery period. On this day, all Portuguese communities throughout the world celebrate the “Portuguese day”.

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Anniversary of Carabinieri Corps



On the 5th June the Carabinieri Corps celebrated its 194th anniversary of foundation.

The Carabinieri Corps, synthesis of military and police Force, took part and is still participating in most of the peace support operations and stabilization missions in which the Italian Armed Forces have been involved worldwide.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina the Carabinieri have been present since the very first moment of the international commitment for the resolution of the conflict and they are still significantly represented within the EUPM and the IPU.

“Robust Police Forces” approach

The Integrated Police Unit (IPU) was deployed for the first time in 2004, coinciding with the transition phase from SFOR to EUFOR, receiving inheritance from the Multinational Specialized Unit, the first multinational force lead by the Carabinieri

Corps. IPU today represents one of the fundamental pillars of the operational contribution offered by the European Union to ensure a safe and secure environment in this Country.

During the past year the profitable employment in Peace Support Operation (PSO) of the so-called “robust Police Forces” has taken another significant step forward in this operational Theatre. EUROGENDFOR (EGF) is an outstanding multinational project that bonds the Police Forces with military status from France, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Spain.

High price paid by Benemerita

Born in 2005, the EGF confirms the best traditions of the Forces that constitute it and proposes itself as a new tool at the disposal of the international community for crisis management operations, both under a military or a civilian chain of command. As an evidence of the peculiar integration capabilities that distinguish the Carabinieri Corps as well as the EGF, today we can see a representative of the IPU Forces and one of the



Carabinieri Corps historical references



The ancient Corps of the Royal Carabinieri was instituted in Turin by the King of Sardinia, Vittorio Emanuel I by Royal Warrant on 13th July, 1814. It was given the dual function of national defence, in first position with respect to other branches of the Armed Forces, and policing with special powers and prerogatives. The Force was given a territorial task and was organized into divisions, one for each province. The mounted division “Corazzieri” was formed in 1868 as an escort of honour and security, first for the Sovereign, and since 1946 for the President of the Republic. The privileged position, as well as the presence of Carabinieri in every part of Italy, even in the smallest village, were and still are the most significant characteristics of the Institution.



Italian Army, which are operating along with the Carabinieri.

For the achievement of its mission the Carabinieri Corps has paid a high price in terms of human lives, in Italy as well as abroad, including Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the 194th anniversary of its foundation, the Carabinieri Corps, proud of being part of the Italian Armed Forces, renovates its commitment in supporting the Country and Europe; confirms its unconditional dedication to the service, and its spirit of self-sacrifice, which earned it the appellation of Benemerita (this means Meritorious).

Rafting excursion of RCC4

On 10th May members of RCC 4 and its LOTs went for a rafting excursion on the Neretva river.

Following an idea of RCC4's HQSqdLdr, Chief RCC 4 Col Teichmann proposed this trip to the 10 LOTs of RCC 4 Area of Responsibility (AOR) as a multinational, teambuilding measure. The main purpose was to give all RCC and LOT members the opportunity to meet and get to know each other in circumstances other than through work. It is hoped that this environment could ease and speed up the process of exchange of experience and promote the development of mutual understanding.

Breathtaking landscape

The 24 participants, 12 Austrians, 11 Finnish and one interpreter, met around 1000 in the morning at the rafting base Ivo in the vicinity of Dzajica near Konjic. After the introduction and a small second breakfast, everybody chose their Neoprene suit. The whole group was brought upstream some 25 km to the starting point by bus, while the boats had already been transported via an additional vehicle. Upon arrival helmets and life jackets were received as well as some basic instructions.

Finally, the paddling down the Neretva

through an impressive scenery started. The river has, over the centuries, cut very deep into the rocky ground and thereby formed a breathtaking gorge worth seeing. When the river itself needed more attention due to more challenging waters, the crews of the four boats tried to either overtake or at least ram each other and by these actions raising both levels of fitness as well as fun.

Aggressive walls

After a 30 minutes break on a flat bank we continued our trip with fresh energy and strength which soon was needed when one of the boats crashed into the rock wall of the gorge sending one of the brave paddlers overboard into the ice-cold water. Fortunately one of the other boats that was a little more downstream had already faced the same aggressive wall. It was thereby delayed and then able to drag the unhappy swimmer in. One look at the man got everybody shivering. After the happy ending of this "stunt"



the tour continued without further highlights except for the aforementioned beauty of the surrounding mountains and valleys.

After an overall time of maybe two hours, all teams managed to almost professionally land their boats at the rafting base. There we were greeted by the very friendly team of the agency who meanwhile had prepared a nice barbecue for us which we, after having got rid of the neoprene, we gladly enjoyed. During the conversations it was clear how much the event was liked by all the participants. In the late afternoon the big group of RCC 4 and LOT members split up again and took to the roads to their different temporary homes in Bosnia and Herzegovina.



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EUFOR Supports 'Kids Festival' in Sarajevo

As another 'Kids Festival' held at Zetra Olympic Stadium, Sarajevo (6th to 10th June) came to an end, it is clear that this had been another great success. It is obvious that all involved, whether as attendees, sponsors or organisers, thoroughly enjoyed this event. It represents the positive activities that can be achieved for the children of BIH. EUFOR was pleased to support this very worthwhile festival and particularly to see children from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina coming together, having fun together and sharing experiences.

In support of the festival, EUFOR provided a range of logistic support, which was mainly technical equipment and also EUFOR assisted in a number of activities such as Information stands and some



other events. Additionally, EUFOR provided voluntary EUFOR soldiers each day, who helped to run the event and ensured the whole festival was a great success.

Major General Vilallain, Commander EUFOR, visited the festival and was impressed by the commitment of those helping to run the event. He was particularly pleased to see so

many young people coming together from all over BIH and sharing in such an enjoyable experience, and to see EUFOR volunteers having fun actively interacting with the children.



Czech Republic Contingent Withdraws



The Flag of the Czech Republic was lowered in EUFOR's HQ, for the last time on Thursday 26th June. This marks the withdrawal of the Czech Republic from the EU Operation ALTHEA, after having been part of the Operation since EUFOR came into being in December 2004. The event was marked by a ceremony, attended by COM EUFOR and supported by EUFOR personnel of various nationalities. EUFOR will remain in BIH for as long as necessary and in sufficient numbers to remain operationally effective.

Visit to Camp Butmir by the SOS Orphanage Sarajevo



Spanish soldier applying unusual "make-up" on a girl



Kids were fascinated by the military equipment on display

RSM Paddy Doyle

On Saturday 15th June, 50 children and their teachers from the SOS orphanage in Sarajevo, visited Camp Butmir. Maj Wilson from the US NSE and RSM Paddy Doyle from the Irish Contingent did their very best to organize a fantastic day of fun and entertainment for them.

The children arrived at 11:30 and they were met with a military display from most contingents in Camp Butmir. They received gifts from each contingent and a brief history on each country. The children were fascinated by the military equipment on display and the soldiers who took part put in a great effort to entertain the children.

After the military display they visited a

helicopter from the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia contingent, where they were allowed into the helicopter and took a lot of photographs. A barbecue was then held for the children and all the personnel who took part. After lunch the children went to the Gymnasium where all sorts of fun and games were organized by Sgt Major Matthews and his Irish colleagues.

On leaving the gymnasium the Camp Fire Service put on a display and allowed the children to use the hoses and spray water. The orphaned children left Camp Butmir at 15:00 with lots of goodies and presents and very, very happy.

The credit for this well coordinated

event goes to all contingents who took part in the military display, the Camp Fire Service, Jim Makin and his staff in DPW and in particular to the US NSE and the Irish Contingent, who organized and supplied the finances for the event.



EUFOR troops did their best to organize a day of fun for the orphaned children

EUFOR supports Music Festival "Silvertown Shine" in Srebrenica



Band playing during the festival for a large crowd

The three day Srebrenica Music Festival is now in its 6th year and on this occasion EUFOR has been pleased to be able to provide support to this worthwhile event. The festival had a range of activities, which culminated in a concert involv-

ing entertainers from all over BIH. EUFOR assisted in the provision of finance and transport, the latter being of significance, as people were bussed in free of charge to the festival from a number of key towns and cities around the country.

COM EUFOR, Major General Villalain, was very keen to be involved in supporting the festival which brought together young people from all regions of BIH in a common theme, to enjoy each others company and the entertainment, and to take away lasting positive memories and experiences.

Bienvenue à Bruxelles - EU Open Day

Thousands of people walked through the sanctums of the European Union (EU) in Brussels in a single day during the EU Open Day on 7th June. On this day the EU Council and the EU Commission opened the doors to their buildings, offices and conference rooms. The aim was to show to the public not only where the representatives of the EU are working, but also what they are working on. Every division of the EU was present with an information



Mr. Senad Kamenica, Captain Nicolai Tschol and Captain Sebastian Hemmerde represented EUFOR at EU Open Day

desk, so visitors could inform themselves on EU politics, the work of the European Central Bank and of course, on the military missions.

More than 10,000 visitors

EUFOR was present with an information stand during the Open Day to provide first-hand information on the work of our troops in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). Many

visitors took the chance and talked to the soldiers and civilians present at the stand. They were informed about the work of the Integrated Police Unit, the Multinational Battalion, the Liaison and Observation Teams and on the latest results of the work of Joint Military Affairs (JMA) branch and PIFWCs.

Together with the EU Military Staff, the

mission in Chad and the colleagues from the different EU police and legal missions, more than 10,000 visitors from many EU and non-EU countries got an understanding of the EU's contribution not only to a safe and secure environment in BiH, but also to a safer world.

Visitors from many countries

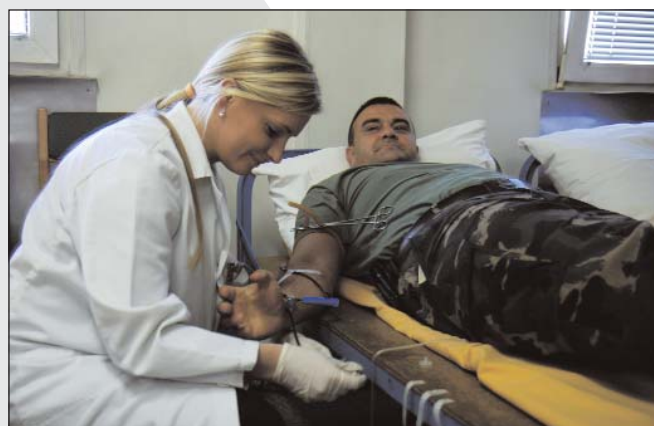
The EU's annual Open Day is organized by the EU Commission and the EU Council in order to give the European population an insight into their work in Brussels. The event takes place in the official buildings of the institutions with live music and shows on the surrounding streets. Visitors come not only from Belgium, but traveled from the neighboring countries like France, the Netherlands, Germany or Luxemburg to have a look into the rooms and buildings normally seen only on the TV news.

EUFOR Provides Blood Donations to Sarajevo Blood Transfusion Institute

A number of soldiers, who were due to leave BiH and return home on completion of their EUFOR mission, came up with an initiative to leave the country with a parting gift, by way of providing blood donations. The EUFOR volunteers came forward in Camp Butmir to donate their blood, in support of the Blood Transfusion Institute, Sarajevo.

COM EUFOR Major General Vilallain said:

“I recognise the need to have sufficient supplies of blood in reserve, not just for emergencies but also to ensure routine medical procedures can be conducted. It was therefore a pleasure to be able to assist in this worthy cause, and to see so many EUFOR personnel voluntarily providing their blood.”



EUFOR soldiers were happy to donate blood to Sarajevo Blood Transfusion Institute

EUFOR Delivers Portuguese Clothing and Toys to Children in Derventa

EUFOR provided assistance to distribute a considerable amount of toys and clothes, donated by Portuguese school children, on 30th May. The items were transported from Camp Butmir, Sarajevo to the region of Derventa where they were distributed by EUFOR personnel to grateful children, at several local schools and institutions caring for children with disabilities.

The donations were raised through an initiative where Portuguese school children were challenged to come up with ideas to help children of other countries. Once the distribution was complete, EUFOR personnel also took the opportunity to interact with the children, whilst providing very popular rides in the EUFOR vehicles.



EUFOR Provides Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina First Aid and Emergency Training



EUFOR and AFBIH personnel during training

On 22nd May EUFOR personnel commenced training first aid and emergency procedures for the first time to AFBIH personnel in Bugojno. This move represents an advance in the training provided by EUFOR and demonstrates EUFOR's commitment to providing assis-

tance to progress the AFBIH capabilities and self-sustainability. The training was provided by EUFOR specialists, to around 15 members of the AFBIH. This training is an essential element of any Army, whether for use in the battlefield or for use in domestic or global disaster relief missions. This marks a broadening of the activities already being provided to AFBIH by EUFOR, and demonstrates the ever increasing mutual cooperation between the Forces.

COM EUFOR, Major General Villain stated:

“Medical expertise is a necessary element to any Army and I have been very pleased to provide EUFOR personnel to assist in this training for AFBIH. This also marks an increase in the areas of cooperation, as we continue to support their positive work and towards BIH assuming full responsibility for the process of achieving NATO and European integration”.



EUFOR specialists provided advanced training to AFBIH

Sarajevo Blues

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One of Bosnia's most prominent poets and writers, Semezdin Mehmedinovic is the author of four books and has worked as an editor, journalist, and filmmaker. With Benjamin Filipovic he co-wrote and co-directed *Mizaldo*, one of the first Bosnian films made during the recent war in Bosnia-Herzegovina. After the war, Mehmedinovic and his family came to the U.S. as political refugees, settling in Alexandria, Virginia.

The English translation of his spare and haunting *Sarajevo Blues*, written under the horrific circumstances of the war, was praised by *The Washington Post* as one of the best literary documents of the conflict. Paul Auster writes that the book "is at once a battle report and a philosophical investigation, [charting] the collapse of a world with heart-breaking clarity and precision."

Mehmedinovic's most recent volume of poems, *Nine Alexandrias*, was translated by Alcalay and published by City Lights in 2003.



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| Bookstore | Knjizara |
| Book | Knjiga |
| Library | Biblioteka |
| Municipality | Opcina |
| Court | Sud |
| Shop (Any Type) | Prodavnica |
| Prison | Zatvor |
| ATM | Bankomat |
| Newspapers | Novine |
| Cemetery | Groblje |
| Mosque | Dzamiya |
| Church | Crkva |
| Theatre | Pozoriste, Kazaliste |
| Cinema | Kino |

Ispocetka

In factory Unis UTL in Vogosca Dino Merlin presented his new album "Ispocetka." This is his tenth album.

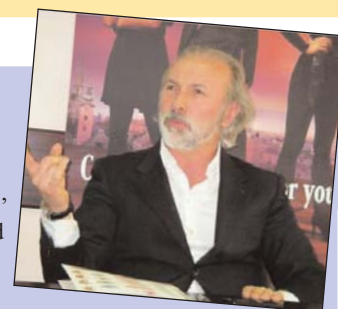
Album name suggests that "Ispocetka" (from beggining) opens a new chapter in the career of this artist, because "the man on the symbolic level is always at the beginning."

The songs on the album speak about life experiences with which many can identify. Three important issues can be identified -

marriage, faith and individualism.

Dino emphasizes that the album was recorded in 14 studios and eight countries.

Speaking about the success of the album in the region, Merlin stresses that the song "Dabogda" took first place in the top lists in Croatia, but is also listened to along the Danube.



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Karaula

In Rajko Grlic's *Karaula*, for all its ribaldry, every detail from the past seems freighted with an irony that hits out at the past and reverberates into the future, as the last chapter in the demise of Yugoslavia plays itself out today in Kosovo.

Set in 1987, Grlic's film starts out as a comedy revolving around the frustrations of company of Yugoslavian conscripts, drawn from all of the country's national



minorities, who are counting out their military service one day at a time at a small military outpost near the Albanian border.

Every day is like Sunday at the Territorial Army, until the commandante finds out his caught the clap from a local prostitute. Unwilling to face his wife, he instead invents a border conflict with the Albanians to prevent anyone leaving the camp, except for a young student doctor who is entrusted to make regular forays out to fetch penicillin for the cure.

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Soldier in the Spotlight

I'm Sergeant Miguel A. Hidalgo Martín from the Spanish Marines. I was born in Baracaldo (Spain) on 10th April 1974. In spite of being a beautiful boy I'm single.

I joined the Spanish Marines on 5th September 1995. I like sports very much and, of course, competitions. I have been in different Spanish sport teams since 2000.

I have participated in several competitions, which includes:

- Seven world championships of military pentathlon.
- Four world championships of naval pentathlon.
- Three world championships of military cross-country.
- Ten European championships of military and naval pentathlon.

My best result was the 5th place in the World championship 2003, that took place in Toledo (Spain). I like to participate in gymnastic circuits of the Camp Butmir Gym too.



This is my 3rd mission abroad. The other ones were in Trebinje (BIH) in 1999 and Lebanon in 2006. I work in the mail office of the Spanish NSE. I am responsible for receiving and sending of all the material and loads from Spain to Camp Butmir and vice versa. I'll stay in BIH until the middle of August.

When I go back to Spain I'm thinking about getting married and having a long holiday. And of course I'll continue training in my free time.

I think that the situation in this country is much better than it was before. I really enjoy contributing to the success of this mission.

Photo of the month

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Rabbits aren't safe even when hunting season is not on

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

