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Monthly Assessment Report 03/08

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Executive Summary

The security situation in BiH continues to remain stable.

The Joint Security & Defence Commission (JSDC) failed, on two occasions to adopt the draft Laws on Police Reform. However, both Houses will convene in early April in relation to this matter.

[Covered by the next reporting period: The Laws were eventually adopted by the BiH House of Representatives on 11 April and the BiH House of Peoples on 16th April]

On the 6 March the RS Government adopted a draft law previously know as the Law on Confiscation of Proceeds of Crime. EUPM has expressed concerns about the Law. The Minister of Justice has agreed, however, to facilitate a meeting with EUPM and OHR in time to allow amendments to be introduced before its first reading in May by the RS Assembly.

On 12 and 13 March EUPM and BiH Border Police visited the Airport in Zagreb in the first of a series of visits to all Border Polices in neighbouring countries.

On 19 March EUPM monitored an operation against the illegal production of DVD/CDs in the Mostar area. Approximately 50,000 discs were seized.

On 20 March EUPM hosted an Intelligence Forum where the National Intelligence Model was discussed. The model is not yet fully implemented which is hindering the flow of Intelligence between Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs).

From the 17 to 21 March a delegation from Italy visited BiH Police and Judicial Institutions to exchange experience and best practices in the area of “Protection of EURO from Counterfeiting”.

Five terrorist suspects were arrested on 20 March by FMOI Police assisted by OSA (Intelligence & Security Agency). The arrests took place in Sarajevo.

Mandate Implementation

Police Reform

Police Reform Laws – On 12 March the JSDC discussed and voted on the text and proposed amendments (submitted by SBiH, SDA, SDP and HDZ 1990) to the draft Law on Independent and Supervisory Bodies of the Police Structure of BiH and the draft Law on Directorate for Coordination of Police Bodies and Agencies for Support of Police Structure of BiH (PR Laws), which had been already adopted in first reading by both Houses of the BiH Parliamentary Assembly. JSDC failed to adopt the PR Laws by 6 votes in favour (SNSD, SBiH, both HDZs) and 6 against (SDA, SDP, SDS), and sent a ‘negative report’ to the House of Representatives (HoR). The HoR, at its session on 18 March, rejected the negative report, returned the PR laws to the JSDC. On 20 March the proposed PR laws failed again in the JSDC. Following the failure of the laws in regular procedure, an initiative was launched within the Collegium of the HoR to submit the PR laws through urgent procedure. A disagreement between SBiH and SNSD on amendments to the next of the PR laws led to postponement of the procedure.

Intelligence Forum – On 20 March, EUPM hosted an Intelligence forum to discuss the final analysis of information provided by the co-locators with regards to the current implementation level

of the National Intelligence Model (NIM). However, the analysis showed that the NIM is still not fully implemented and a lack of collaboration hinders the flow of intelligence between all Law Enforcement Agencies.

International Cooperation – Within the context of the activities of the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and in accordance with Pericles Programme 2007 “Protection of Euro from Counterfeiting”, a delegation from Italy visited the BiH Police and Judicial Institutions from 17 to 21 March. The purpose of the visit was to exchange experience and best practice regarding legal provisions, technical examination, and cooperation at a national and international level for the protection of the Euro currency against forgery.

The government proposes a draft Law on Examining the Origin of Property - On 6 March, the RS government adopted the draft law on examining the method of gaining property, previously known under the working title "Law on Confiscation of Proceeds of Crime". It envisages the establishment of a specialized agency, which could initiate a procedure to investigate disproportioned discrepancies between the traceable source of income and the assets owned by physical and legal persons acquired after January 1997 for amounts superior to €250,000. On 24 March EUPM met with the Minister of Justice to raise concerns linked to both the content and the procedure surrounding the adoption of this legislation. The Minister agreed to organise a meeting during which EUPM and OHR would be able to submit their comments, providing, in principle, time for amendments before the first reading scheduled in May.

BiH Border Police Airports has started its visits to neighbouring countries - On 12 and 13 March, EUPM BP representatives together with the delegation of the BiH BP Airports visited the Croatian National Airport in Zagreb, as the first in a series of visits to all border police forces of the neighbouring countries. The aim of these visits is to promote international cooperation between partners, exchange experience, establish an operational network for improvement of bilateral cooperation and in particular to achieve a professional multidisciplinary approach in relation to the effective integrated border management strategy.

The fourth generation of BiH Border Police Cadets Take Oath - On 27 March, after completing twelve month training, 92 cadets took their oath as police officers with the BiH Border Police at the Police Academy in Sarajevo. This is the fourth generation of newly graduated officers educated in accordance with EU standards, whilst the training for the fifth generation in May will commence as soon as all 100 applicants will have undergone a SIPA security check.

Support in the Fight against Organised Crime

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Criminal Justice

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Media

EUPM produced TV Talk Show “Zabranjeni Forum” on Organised Crime – As an introduction to the joint campaign which will be launched in April by EUPM and BiH law enforcement agencies, a two hour discussion was aired on TV Pink called Zabranjeni Forum (Forbidden Forum) on 6 March. Key actors in the fight against organised crime were invited to

participate to one of the most popular talk shows in BiH well known for its moderator's tough questions. Key panelist were: HoM, SIPA Director, FBIH Police Director, RS Police Director, President of the High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council, Chief Anti-Organized Crime Dpt of the BiH Prosecutors Office, as well as representatives of the Border Police, ITA, MoJ and MoS.

Political and Security Update

On 17 March a special session of the RS NA was held, dedicated to police reform. Unsurprisingly, the Assembly supported the efforts of the Government on the issue. Both Mr. Dodik and Mr. Ivanic, who addressed the Assembly, stressed that the package was crucial for the signing of SAA, and that it did not require any transfer of competences while maintaining the RS Ministry of Interior with its full capacities. SDS insisted on implementing the RSNA conclusions from 11 April 2007, according to which the police reform needed to be approved in a referendum.

Security:

The EUPM Security Phases, Alert Status, Threat Assessments Levels, Security Situations and Code Colours on effect, as per the EUPM Security Plan and the MEDUSA CONPLAN 2006. are:

SECURITY PHASES	ALERT STATUS	THREAT ASSESSMENTS LEVELS	SECURITY SITUATION
Phase 0	Alfa	Low (Green)	Preparation---Normal situation
Phase I	Alfa Plus	Low to Medium	Warning and precautions (EUPM)
Phase I I	Bravo	Medium (Blue)	Preventive & Partial withdrawal
Phase III	Charlie	High (Orange)	Gathering to Assembly Areas- AA's
Phase IV	Delta	Very High (Red)	Evacuation -Movement to CP's and SA's

Remark: - The meaning, details, actions to take and procedures to follow in each security situation are fully established and detailed in the EUPM Security and Evacuation Plan.

The **EUPM SECURITY ASSESSMENT** as of **30th April**, regarding potential risks for the EUPM Staff security, related to the political

PHASE 0	ALFA	LOW (GREEN)	PREPARATION – NORMAL SITUATION
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Relations with Host Country authorities

As EUPM is an established mission, currently there are no issues to report under this heading

Relations with EU, other IC organisations and representatives

As EUPM is an established mission, currently there are no issues to report under this heading

Other aspects

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Forecast for Next Month

8th April - D/HoM meeting with Crisis Management Delegation

9th April - D/HoM meeting with EUFOR Chief of Staff

16th April -HoM to Brussels until 19th April

22nd April -HoM meeting with RS MoI, PM and DoP in Banja Luka

23rd April -HoM meeting MoI and PC in Bihac

Comments by HoM None

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