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Delegations will find attached the EUPM Weekly Assessment report for the period of *26 August to 2 September 2008 (34/08)*



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Weekly Mission Report 34/08

5 September 2008

Executive Summary

EUPM continues to assist BiH Parliament Ad Hoc Commission for Establishing the Independent Board and Public Complaints Board, EUPM finalised drafts of the documents needed for the vacancy notice to be published for members of Independent Board and Public Complaints Board; no significant results of the work of Canton 7 government over the summer months; official start of Election Campaigning on 5 September.

Significant Mission Activities

Police Reform

EUPM continues to assist BiH Parliament Ad Hoc Commission for Establishing the Independent Board and Public Complaints Board - EUPM finalised drafts of the documents needed for the vacancy notice to be published for members of Independent Board and Public Complaints Board. EUPM drafted a decision determining the criteria for members, the text of the vacancy notice for the Independent Board and Public Complaints Board and the Rules of Procedure for the work of the Ad Hoc Commission. The documents, together with the letter from HoM, were delivered to the Chairperson of the Commission. On 2 September, EUPM met with the Chairperson

to deliver the Rules of Procedure and to discuss the text of the documents. The next session of the Commission has been scheduled for 3 September. EUPM will attend the session.

Commission on Harmonisation continues its work - The commission, established to harmonise relevant BiH laws with Police Reform (PR) Laws, held its 8th session on 28 August 2008. The Commission members have adopted the final version of the Law on State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) while the final version of the Law on Border Police could not be adopted as Border Police representatives did not attend the session. The amendments and changes to the Law on Ministries and other Administrative Bodies of BiH should be further revised to reflect tasks and duties of institutions established by PR Laws.

Furthermore, the Commission finalised the revision of the Law on Police Officials of BiH and concluded that provisions regulating basic and advanced training of police officials needs to be revised in order to be harmonised with the Law on Directorate i.e. the role of Agency for Education and Advanced Training of Personnel. Apart from harmonising laws the Commission members have decided to extend validity of interim provisions on employment. This will enable SIPA, Border Police and the Directorate to employ police officials working in other police bodies as well as officials working in law enforcement agencies until 31 December 2010.

The mandate of the Commission for Harmonisation has been extended for 15 days (15 September 2008) as envisaged by the Decision passed by the Minister of Security.

Independent Selection and Review Board (ISRB) session in Canton 8 – A session was held on 29 August with the conclusion that the vacancy for Police Commissioner (PC) will be discussed at the next session due in the next 10 days. Some ISRB members had shown surprise because Canton 8 Government had failed to inform the ISRB on the decision to appoint acting PC Zoran Galic on 10 July. There were some disagreements over the pertinence of the the PC vacancy. While some members of the ISRB believed that the acting PC “did a tremendous job” for the past two months by fighting some extremely sensitive and difficult issues and should be given more time to show his abilities, others were of the opinion that the ISRB is tasked to publish the vacancy for PC as the Law on Internal Affairs foresees and should not give any advantage to the present acting PC as a potential candidate for the position

Partner and Donor activities

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Operational

Berkovici police officers (Trebinje AoR) seized more three kilos of marijuana - On 29 August three persons were arrested under suspicion of illegal drug trafficking by Police Station (PS) Berkovici, with the active support of PS Stolac and PS Capljina police officers. The two main suspects are Slovenian citizens. The remaining one is a citizen of BiH and one identified suspect is still at large. The joint action of the different police forces resulted in the seizure of 3,145 grams of marijuana and two vehicles that had been used for drug trafficking. On 1 September EUPM attended a press conference in Trebinje in relation to the arrest.

EUPM Comments: EUPM commends the good and prompt cooperation between Republika Srpska (RS) and Federation BiH police. The seizure of marijuana has no link with recent operation Leotar performed by RS MoI Public Security Center of Trebinje.

Transparency International - EUPM is monitoring the investigation regarding the Transparency International case (*see WSR 27/08*), and will meet with the Director of Police in order to clarify RS MoI's position, and emphasize again (if necessary) EUPM's mandate. In spite of some obstacles, EUPM has established the following details:

- Their Operational Plan was amended based on the latest instructions from the State Prosecutor.
- An additional report was submitted to the State Prosecutors Office with the results of their financial investigation (property checks) of the main suspects.
- More statements (5-6) of persons involved were taken, including a statement from an IT technician who was allegedly forging documents in the offices of Transparency International.

Illegal immigrants apprehended and three people arrested accused of trafficking of human beings in Trebinje - On 29 August PSC (Public Security Center) Trebinje, based on gathered intelligence regarding illegal immigrants temporarily residing in a hotel located in Trebinje, performed a search of the hotel. During the operation ten Kosovo Albanians, including three under-aged persons, were apprehended in the hotel premises. The intelligence gathered during this operation lead to identification and arrest of the organizer of the transportation of the Kosovo

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Albanians from Montenegro to BiH and his accomplice. Both were handed over to the State Prosecutor for further proceedings. The apprehended Kosovo Albanians were handed over to Border Police Trebinje. The operational work is still in progress. The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) is now checking the mobile phone listings and footages of the hotel video surveillance in order to determine if other individuals from Trebinje are involved in the case.

Political & Security Update

Gathering of Bosniak FBiH associations in Potocari/Bratunac - On 29 August, approx. 1500/2000 participants from associations of war veterans, invalids/demobilized soldiers and families of killed soldiers from several FBiH Cantons gathered at the Potocari Memorial and Bosniaks Burial site of Veljaci in Bratunac. This gathering has been held once a year for the past few years for those who could not attend the Srebrenica Commemoration on 11 July (*see WMR 27/08*). After speeches by the Srebrenica Mayor and Director of the Memorial, a religious service was held, followed by a movie presentation and a photo exhibition. The gathering passed without incidents and the police secured the event efficiently

Ten direct threats to Republika Srpska officials in only two months - Every year Republika Srpska (RS) police receives between 300 and 400 reports regarding threats sent to RS citizens. However, they received 10 reports in only two months regarding threats sent to political officials, businessmen, NGO officers and journalists. RS PM Milorad Dodik, SRS candidate for Banja Luka mayor, the owner of the Company *Tamaris*, the President of the Helsinki Committee (Todorovic), as well as journalists and editors in some RS and BiH media outlets received death threats. The Head of RS MoI Crime Department claims that the police are doing their best to identify the origin of the threats.

Canton 7 (Mostar - Herzegovina Neretva Canton - HNC) - While the summer months produced no significant outcomes of the work of Canton 7 (HNC) Government and not a single step forward on any disputable issue was taken, the pre-election period is instigating some attempts to resolve problems as well as stronger rhetoric aimed to attract voters.

On 2 September, HDZ 1990 and SDA party leaders are to discuss outstanding issues – (Croat) media, education (Stolac), and Canton 7 police. The meeting might bring an idea about the

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direction which the HNC Government is taking. HDZ 1990 President confirmed at the party Convention held on 29 August that Canton 7 Government might fall apart if these talks fail, as Canton 7 Prime Minister had already alerted.

Graffiti in Zenica (Canton 4) - On 27 August PS Centar was informed that some graffiti had been written on an Orthodox church in Zenica saying: "Allah" and "Allah is from Darko one". Scene investigation was performed by an investigation team.

EUPM Assessment: *The local police takes such sensitive crimes seriously and pays full attention to identification of perpetrators.*

Also on in Zenica on 31 August unknown perpetrator/s wrote insulting graffiti on the old municipal building and a residential building in its vicinity. "Support to Karadzic" was written in blue colour.

EUPM Assessment:

CID PM I is investigating the case. Local Police informed EUPM that at the same time when these graffiti appeared there was a big rock concert in Zenica attended by approximately. 15,000 visitors.

Posters in support to Radovan Karadzic appeared in Banja Luka and Doboј - Posters in support to Radovan Karadzic signed by Serb National Movement "The Choice is Ours" appeared in Banja Luka and Doboј on 28 August, a day prior to Karadzic's second appearance before the Trial Chamber of The Hague Tribunal. The poster contained a message written in Cyrillic "Rise old Serbia and mighty Russia for the innocent man" with images of Serbian and Russian flags, as well as an image of Radovan Karadzic in the background. Besides Banja Luka, the posters have been seen in Bijeljina, but also in Belgrade and Novi Sad.

Again on 1 September posters with blue background and an image of Radovan Karadzic appeared in Doboј. The posters had message "Serb" written on it, and logo as well as a website address of the Serb far-right organization "Obraz" (literal translation: 'cheek'; figurative translation: 'honour') were printed at the bottom.

Prisons

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Security:

01. The **EUPM SECURITY ASSESSMENT** as of **04 September**, regarding potential risks for the EUPM Staff security, related to the political and public order situation is:

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EUPM assesses as:

LOW to MEDIUM the risks against the **EUPM staff private property**.

Media

Teaser phase of “Dare and Call Krimolovci (crime hotline)” campaign kicked off on 1 September - As announced in last weeks Sitrep Report a two week teaser phase of the anti organised crime campaign was launched on Monday 1 September.

EUPM marks the International Day of Missing Persons in BiH 30 August - EUPM was invited to support the campaign aimed at raising awareness on the fate of missing persons launched by the Missing Persons Institute of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) and the International Committee of the Red Cross. *“Marking the 30th of August, the International Day of Missing Persons, is an opportunity to remind the general public that there are still missing persons in BiH and appeal to the assistance of all those with the information to come forward,”* said HoM. The issue of the missing persons is important for the police and judiciary as a part of overall rule of law approach in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Potential Critical Issues:

Official start of Election Campaigning on 5 September

Reactions to the arrest and war crimes trial in The Hague of Radovan Karadzic.

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