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NOTE

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Monthly Report – April 2010
Reporting Period: 1 – 30 April 2010
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the reporting period the police seized approximately 19 kg of “skunk”, and various LEAs conducted several operations and seized approximately 225 kg of marijuana and ‘skunk”.

The State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA) conducted a search of 14 locations in the wider area of Herzegovina where they found several tens of thousands counterfeit CDs and DVDs as well as computers and CD burners.

EUPM met with the BiH Border Police (BP) management to discuss establishing a Police and Customs Cooperation Center between BiH, Montenegro, Serbia and Croatia.

EUPM is closely monitoring the police investigation of a case of embezzlement of up to two million KM (approximately 1 million EUR) by a microcredit foundation.

EUPM continued to provide support and input to several aspects regarding the future organizational set-up of DPC.

Republika Srpska Law on Police Officials (RS LOPO), the Constitutional Court of the RS ruled on 27 April 2010 against the vital national interest raised by the Bosniak caucus of the Council of Peoples.

On 28 April, EUPM closely monitored the final reconstruction of events which took place on 4 October 2009 in Siroki Brijeg involving different fan groups.

EUPM initiated a TV show “GOST I ONA” (literally meaning Guest and Her) on the situation of women in police, promoting mission policy and activities on gender matters.

A demonstration of war veterans and related associations took place on 21 April 2010 in front of the Federation Government building in Sarajevo in response to anticipated cuts in benefits.

On 30 April, the Srebrenica Organizational Board held its second meeting, chaired by the Srebrenica Deputy Mayor.

President of Serbia Boris Tadic opened the Mostar 2010 Economic Fair in April, also attended by BiH Presidency Chairman Haris Silajdzic.

EUPM hosted a Secretariat meeting of Spokespersons Forum on 9 April.

EUPM provided support to a civil society forum held in Sarajevo from 14–16 April.

2. COMMENTS OF HEAD OF MISSION

The political developments of March continued to resonate in the domestic political arena which is increasingly filled with electioneering activities. The debate continued to focus on aspects related to the war-time past and its aftermath. In line with the mission’s residual tasks in the area of police accountability, EUPM monitored the security preparations of a commemoration for JNA soldiers killed in May 1992. Against the background of the difficult political climate, the event was considered highly sensitive. The Police proved to be fully willing, able and capable to deal with the event successfully by ensuring a balanced approach allowing for the event to take place peacefully.

The Federation government came under severe criticism following a violent demonstration of Federation war veterans’ associations on 21 April protesting against a reduction of their benefits as a result of austerity measures taken in line with IMF recommendations. Mission security was at no stage affected and the police eventually controlled and ended the situation.

Twice during April, I held regular consultations with the Minister of Security, agreeing on EUPM assistance to the Directorate of Police Cooperation, SIPA reform and enhancement of the Financial Investigation Department. The Minister also informed that the police-prison cooperation memorandum (initiated by EUPM) will be signed by the competent Ministries and authorities on 17 May 2010.

Police Directors, the State Prosecutor and the representative of the Ministry of Security held their regular meeting on 22–23 April in Bijeljina, including my attendance. For the first time the Director of the Directorate for Police Cooperation attended. In sync with the further development of the Directorate, the meetings shall become further institutionalized during the coming months, underpinning the coming into operation of the electronic police data exchange system. The mission contributed to the discussions, focusing on the work plans of SIPA and the Directorate. A process was opened to assign prosecutors from the state prosecutor's office to the SIPA field centres in Banja Luka, Mostar, Sarajevo and Tuzla in order to further strengthen the fight against organized crime across agencies. The group also came to operational conclusions to step up activities in the fight against cyber crime.

The Director and his deputies of the Directorate for Police Coordination have established themselves as stake-holders in the policing system and step up efforts to gather a team of competent planners for the build-up period of this new agency. SIPA carried out successful anti-drug and anti-product piracy operations.

I welcomed, in a press statement, the first instance verdict of a key organized crime figure which proved the determination and ability of the criminal justice system to handle the most serious crime cases and the effectiveness of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The case is an example of international police and judicial cooperation, since the person was arrested based on an international arrest warrant in Germany and extradited to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The mission could register the adoption of the first revised cantonal law on internal affairs in Tuzla, opening the way for the conclusion of the residual tasks in the area of police reform. Following the rejection of the vital national interest invoked regarding the Republika Srpska Law on Police Officials, the law will eventually come into effect in the coming weeks.

High-level visits of EU and other dignitaries continued during the month, including that of the Italian Foreign Minister, the Presidents of Serbia and Croatia and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation as Chair of the Committee of the Council of Europe.

On 23 April, I was able to welcome at EUPM's 14th medal awarding ceremony numerous representatives of Bosnia and Herzegovina, participating and partner states, as well as of the EU institutions on the ground.

3. SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ORGANISED CRIME AND CORRUPTION

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4. RESIDUAL TASKS

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5. POLITICAL UPDATE

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6. SECURITY

Security remains stable.

7. MEDIA

EUPM hosted a Secretariat meeting of Spokespersons Forum – At the meeting on 9 April the Secretariat of the Spokespersons Forum passed two decisions; firstly, that all police agencies will support this year’s Kids Festival and use it as a platform for interaction with children on issues relevant to their safe upbringing, secondly, the Secretariat decided to host a communication symposium for police chiefs focusing on the development of law enforcement, including EU assistance to it, during the second half of May.

Outreach – EUPM provided support to a civil society forum held in Sarajevo from 14–16 April. The forum was organized by the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights Youth Initiative, Andre Malraux Center Sarajevo and CCFD Terre Solidaire from France, gathering more than a hundred participants from 50 non-governmental organizations and associations from BiH, the Balkans and EU countries. EUPM support was aimed to broaden the visibility of civil society actors as important vectors for the promotion of the rule of law and the fight against corruption.

8. RELATIONS WITH HOST COUNTRY AUTHORITIES

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

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10. OUTLOOK

1 May – NGO DOSTA announced Labour Day protest

3 May – Dobrovoljacka Ulica commemoration

8/9 May – EUPM to promote and commemorate the 10th Anniversary of BiH Border Police at the EU Institutions Open Door Day in Brussels

10 May – Mission holiday

11 May – The Head of Mission will host Mr Jürgen Maurer, Vice President of the Federal Criminal Police Office of Germany, and delegation.

17 May – Police-prison cooperation agreement to be signed

31 May – Head of Mission to attend regular meeting of law enforcement directors

Approved by Commissioner Stefan Feller

ANNEX I: PERSONNEL SITUATION

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