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## Crowd & Riot Control Exercise



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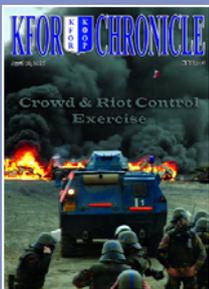
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# Bursting



## Demonstrators sow the wind and reaped the whirlwind during CRC Training "Hideous Hydra\*" in Camp Novo Selo

\* Hydra: horrible nine headed monster in Greek mythology

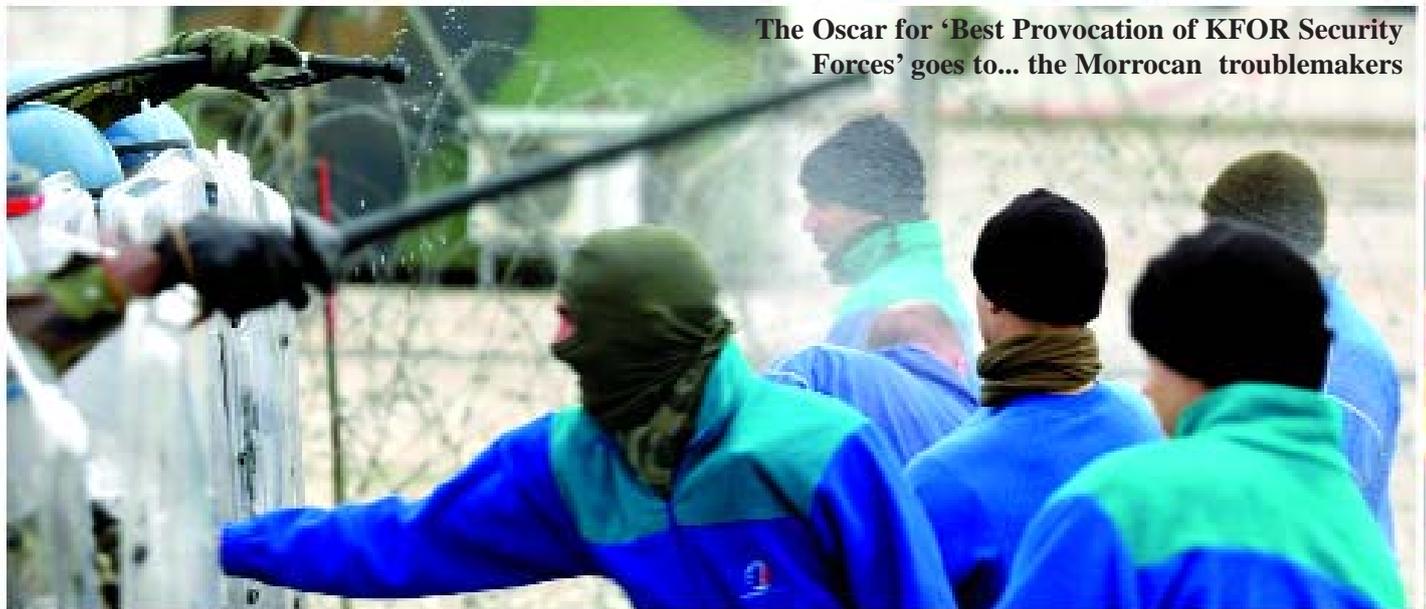
By Major Heimo Gruber,  
AUT Army  
Photos by Armend Aqifi

Novo Selo - The Headquarters of Multinational Task Force North was the stage for an impressive CRC training scenario April 6. Danish, French, Greek, Belgian and Luxembourgian troops had to deal with a demonstrating crowd, which consisted of Moroccan soldiers credibly playing the troublemakers. The security forces blocked several streets in order to restrict the demonstrators' freedom of movement. Rioters were yelling and screaming and finally started to throw water

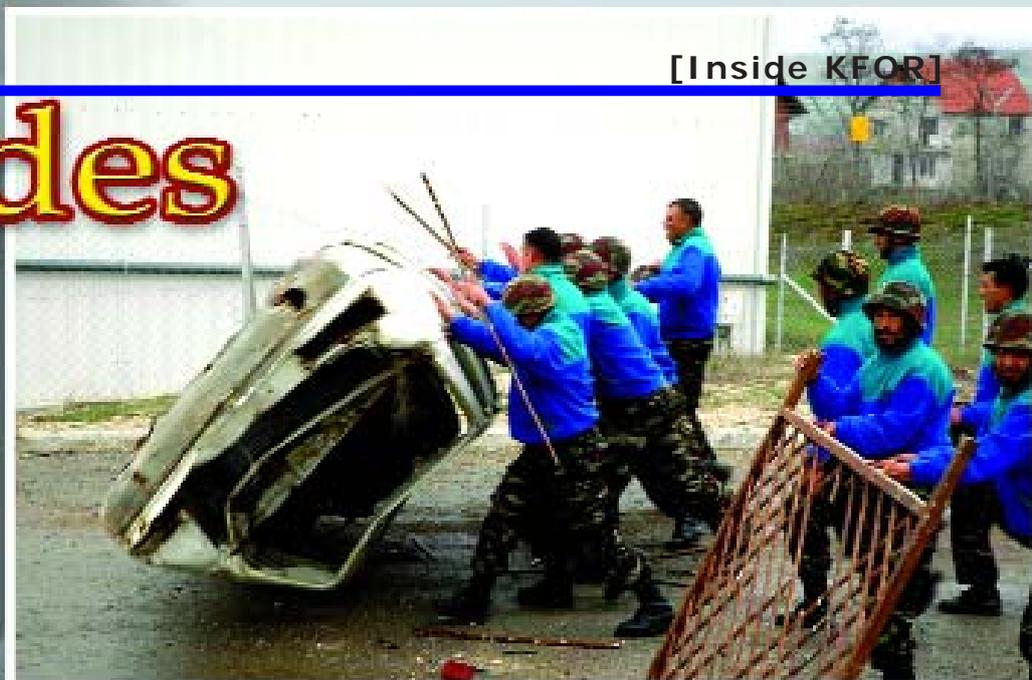
bottles at the soldiers who calmly remained in formation protecting themselves with their shields. Step by step, platoon sized units in full Crowd and Riot Control (CRC) gear supported by Armored Personnel Carriers (APC) pushed the violent crowd toward the outskirts of the fictitious city. As the two groups collided, the situation escalated. Rioters had set cars and barricades on fire to hinder security forces from following them. Tear gas cartridges, fired from a distance of 100 meters were rained down on the demonstrators leaving some in tears over their wrongdoing. Apparently they had underestimated

the multinational units' strong resolve. Regardless of Molotov cocktails thrown on their cars, French Gendarmerie drove their blue armored vehicles into the burning barricade breaking through the inferno of flames and smoke. With defeat staring them in the face, those demonstrators who had the chance to escape happily did so, while several were arrested. By the end of the day, supervising commanders were satisfied with their boys' performance but still saw room for improvement concerning swift reaction and coordination of participating units.

The Oscar for 'Best Provocation of KFOR Security Forces' goes to... the Moroccan troublemakers



# Barricades



Despite burning like hell from Molotov cocktails the French Gendarmerie vehicle broke through the barricades



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### COMKFOR Hosts a Reception for Diplomats

General Valotto organized a reception for the diplomats of the Contact Group and members of the Negotiation Team the evening of April 6. Kosovo's President Fatmir Sejdiu and several members of the government were also among the guests of this VIP event that took place at the Italian NSE in HQ KFOR, Pristina.

### Warm Welcome for the Swedish Minister of Defense

Leni Björklund, Sweden's Minister of Defense visited Kosovo April 10. After receiving a general briefing on KFOR and the current situation in Kosovo, the politician discussed the Swedish contribution with COMKFOR. General Valotto stressed the professional skills and the commitment Swedish soldiers show performing their tasks.



### Slovak MOD Came to Honour Those Who Lost Their Lives

In honour of the fallen Slovakian soldiers, civilian and military personnel who lost their lives at the end of the tour while flying home January 19 this year, Slovakian Minister of Defense Martin Fedor, and COMKFOR Lt. General Giuseppe Valotto, unveiled a plaque at the monument of KFOR soldiers who lost their lives while serving for peace, freedom and security in Kosovo. The ceremony was held April 11 at HQ KFOR, Film City in Pristina. Local and Slovakian journalists attended the ceremony.



# Tour with KFOR



## COMKFOR Receives the President of Portugal

Portugal contributes the KTM (Kosovo Tactical Maneuver Battalion) to KFOR. Portuguese President Anibal Cavaco Silva visited his troops April 21 and met General Valotto. COMKFOR pointed out that the KTM is an irreplaceable tool for the KFOR mission and expressed his fullest appreciation for the response capabilities of the Portuguese KTM soldiers.

## Farewell Visit by the Italian Minister of Defense

Due to the recent Italian election result, MOD Antonio Martino took the opportunity to pay a sort of farewell visit to the Italian troops in Kosovo. On April 21 COMKFOR welcomed Martino with a guard of honour lined up at Dakovica military airport. In the Italian base 'Villaggio Italia,' the minister addressed the formation of troops finishing with the words, "I will keep the memory of all of you in my heart as well as everything you have done for Italy's ambitions for international peace and stability."



## The Commander Meets Municipal Representatives in Dakovica

Addressing local politicians at the Municipality of Dakovica on April 22 General Valotto mentioned the progress that has already been made up to now and at the same time emphasized that there is still a lot to be done. "I know well the real problem in Kosovo is lacking economic development. But foreign capital will only flow into the region if investors consider Kosovo a safe place where the rule of law is respected and one can invest without risk," General Valotto said in his speech.



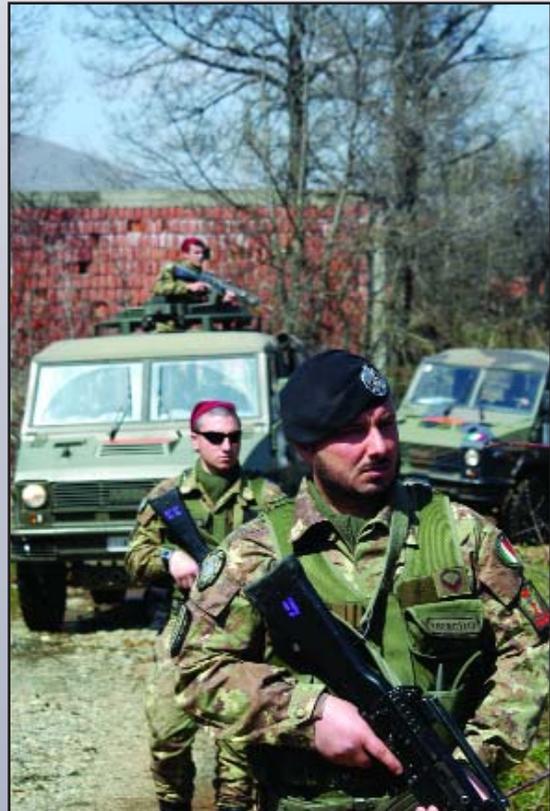
# Italian Border Patrol

"I like to patrol in mountainous terrain because it reminds me of my military service when mountains were our main training area," Corporal Marco Montanino proudly talks about his first year of service.

His squad regularly patrols the administrative border line with Albania running through the beautiful mountainous area in the Dakovica region, Task Force Aquila's area of operations. Of course their efforts cannot stop smuggling activities but help to decrease them.

The Italians also conduct patrols, check points and observation activities in the Morina and Kuciste pass areas by day and by night. Sometimes drugs and weapons are discovered.

"This region is not completely safe," the squad leader explains passing a mine sign, "there are still mines and UXO's in some specific areas. It demands a high level of training and situational awareness to operate in this area with the lowest risk possible."



Cpl Montanini gives his squad a ground orientation focusing on the administrative boundary line with Albania

# Praise the Lord!

Text by Col Rainer Schmidt,  
GER Army

On 23rd of April, the second INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WORSHIP took place at US-Camp Bondsteel, a joint effort between Christians of several denominations and nationalities. Chaired by AUT, GER and US chaplains, some 150 visitors filled Bondsteel's North Chapel, coming from neighboring Camps and celebrating a service all will remember. HQ KFOR COS, Brig. Gen. Orr gave a welcome address expressing his satisfaction this event became possible.

The church service began with glorious music performed by five different Gospel Choirs from Bondsteel and Film City. It was thrilling, it was swinging, and most in attendance had goose bumps. One of the highlights was performed by Gary Thompson and Carl Hudson from the Film City Gospel Choir, intoning "People get ready" as a sensitive duet. Even the people in the last row stood and clapped their hands, disregarding where they came from, enjoying one community and sharing Communion in the name of the Lord.

The sermon, being addressed bilingual English and German and referring to doubting Thomas, put the message across that belief comes from faith, not from sight. Due to the success of the program, it was agreed to continue this kind of Gospel service over the next months. Times and locations are to be announced.



Text by Lt Maksym Nedria, UKR A  
Photos by Armend Aqifi,  
Lt Magdalena Dvorakova, CZ A  
SSgt Rolf Walter, GER A

0930 16 APR 06 - "... big group of demonstrators is gathering in the North West part of VRELO Village. Increasing threat of violence in VRELO Village. Suspicion of K-Serbs minority attack from K-Albanians demonstrators."

0940 16 APR 06 - "Number of demonstrators begins to move from the North West part of VRELO Village towards VCP 4," that is how Easter Sunday has began for DE ORF Battalion and CZ Reserve COY, which were ordered to respond the situation in village of VRELO, MNTF C AOR.

"I have participated in some CRC exercises before," said Private Jimmy Smedbeeg, B-COY, Swedish Contingent. "Sometimes the action is fairly realistic. When the crowd is throwing bottles with water in your face and pushing your shield with the power of dozens of rioters, you are taking that almost as real."

According to Lt. Col. O. Holy, Chief Training G5 MNTF C HQs and Main Referee and Responsible Officer for the exercise, the main aim of the exercise was to enhance cooperation between different units; to train CRC reinforcement of KFOR troops with DE ORF Battalion, CZ Reserve COY and MSU in an escalating manner as well as to train command and control systems between MNTF C TOC and DE ORF Battalion FCP.

The CRC Exercise in Camp Vrelo has concluded an Operation FOX-TROT, which involved DE ORF Battalion and CZ Reserve COY into performing KFOR Standard Framework Operations (mounted and dismounted patrols and vehicle checkpoints) within KFOR AOR.

1015 16 APR 06 - "Negotiation between KFOR and demonstrators was unsuccessful. Crowd tries to go through barriers and VCPs without

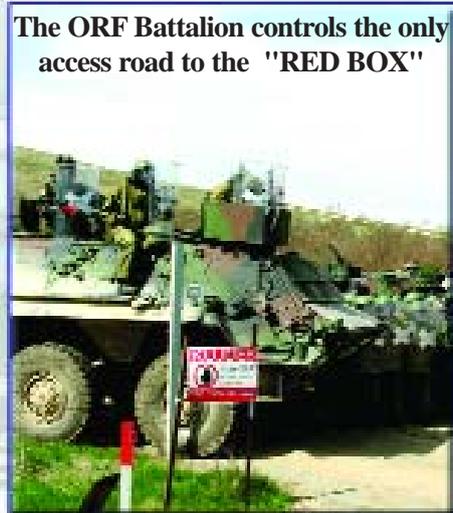
permission. Crowd is throwing rocks and petrol bombs (simulated by PET bottles)."

KFOR reacted rapidly with a cascade of reinforcements from Czech and German platoons by helicopters and with MSU troops by military trucks. During the exercise, KFOR concept of Red and Blue Boxes was implemented and security troops were trained how to protect KFOR restricted areas in case of unrest in Kosovo. Moreover, medical evacuation of injured KFOR members and rescue operations for some representatives of ethnic minorities were carried out. The action took place in several spots in the exercise area at the same time and eventually led to restoring a safe and secure environment for the residents of the village.

# CRC Live



KFOR helicopters fly away from the German



The Rioters are determined to test KFOR's

Rioters heavily attack German security forces to get into the restricted "BLUE BOX" area

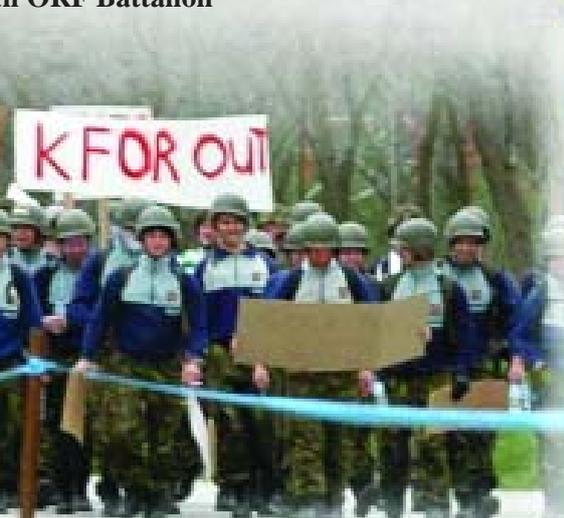
# Exercise in Camp Vrelo



after dropping reinforcements  
in ORF Battalion



With colored gas KFOR security forces simulate the use of tear gas  
against rioters in order to protect KFOR restricted areas



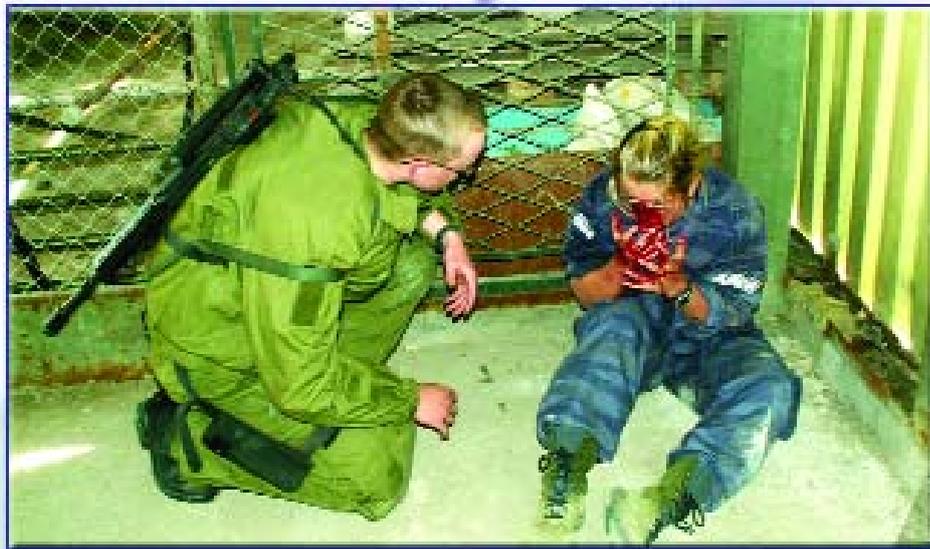
determination to take effective measures



Soldier of Czech Reserve Company suffering behind "enemy lines"



Czech Reserve Company dismounting from Black Hawks



Soldier of the German ORF Battalion is about to evacuate a "Serbian girl," who was injured during unrest in the village of Vrelo

Text by Major Heimo Gruber, AUT Army

Photos by WO Alessandro Casapulla, ITA Army, Combat Camera Team

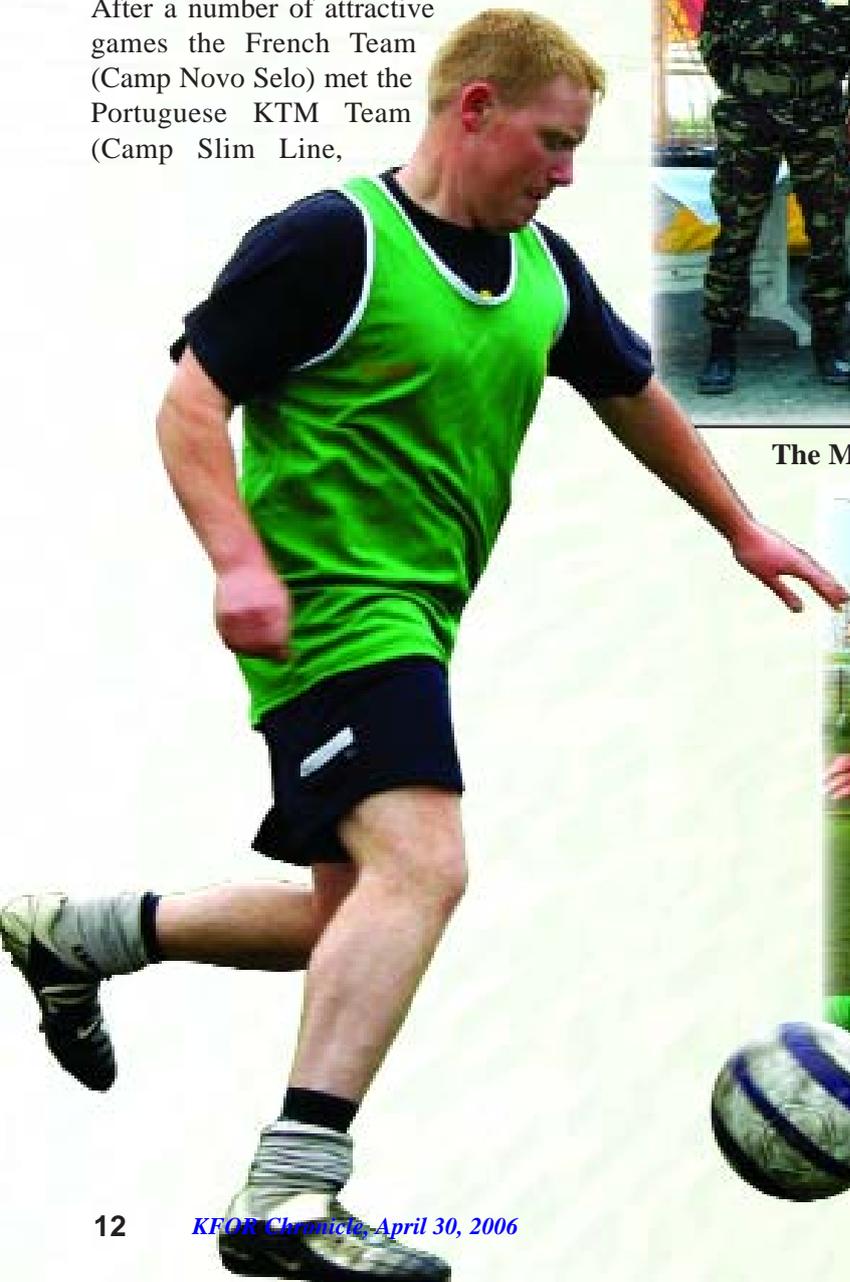
Multinational Specialized Units operate all over Kosovo and therefore meet a lot of people from other nations.

"I thought we could make all these guys meet at a common sport event and have some fun together," said Frederic Harlez. He told the MSU Commander about his idea to organize a soccer tournament and unsurprisingly Italian Col Garello was enthusiastic about the proposal.

Sixteen teams from 12 different nations met April 23 at the community sports center just next the main gate of HQ KFOR in Pristina. On one outdoor and one indoor fun court they first competed in 4 groups consisting of 4 teams each. The first 2 of each group reached the semi-finals.

After a number of attractive games the French Team (Camp Novo Selo) met the Portuguese KTM Team (Camp Slim Line,

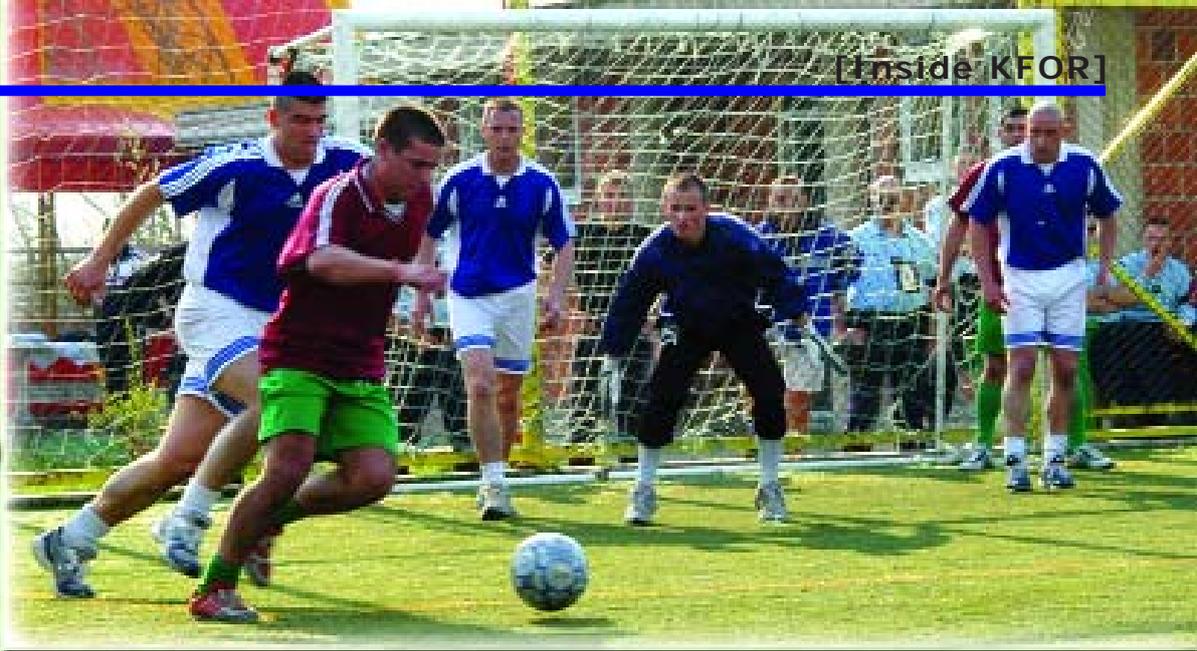
Pristina) in an exciting final, where the French gained a tight 1:0 victory. The brave Irishmen from Camp Clarke in Lipljan came in third place. DCOM KFOR MajGen Sommaire had come to see the final and afterwards conducted the awards ceremony. He thanked the organizers for their work and all teams for participating in the great event. With pleasure Sommaire awarded the trophy for fair play to the Moroccan team from Camp Novo Selo.



The Moroccan Team was awarded the trophee for 'Fair Play'



# SOCCER Tournament



The KTM players dribbling skills reminded insiders of Portugal's superstar Deco



The French winners - a prediction for the World Championship in Germany?



Portuguese KTM in 2nd place after a tight 0:1 defeat against the French

# Eagle Spirit II

## Task Force Dulje and Task Force Mercury Train Airborne Deployment

*Flexibility and response time is the key to good response capabilities. The German element of Task Force Dulje together with Task Force Mercury intensifies training for airborne deployment.*

**Text and photos by  
Cpt Michael Schulze, GER Army**

Prizren/Toplicane - It was early morning at an abandoned airfield in western Kosovo when the distant sound of rotor blades announced the approaching helicopters. The Swiss Puma, two German Bells and an Austrian Huey touched down to let the men dismount. Immediately they secured the area for the following lifts. Captain Marco's company had been tasked to operate in the area for a longer period of time. It didn't take long until the same typical stroke broke the silence again

and silhouettes of three helicopters arose above the hills in the East. The loads hanging from them were clearly visible. Flight mechanics directed the pilots to the drop zone. Carefully one after the other dropped their load on the ground and released the hook - touch down. Now it was on the soldiers' to pick up the material consisting of back bags, shields, boxes and other equipment. Quickly, they cleared the landing zone for the arrival of the next lift. "It is amazing what it takes to bring an entire company from one point to another," said Corporal Sebastian. In fact, when all were in position,

three platoons plus supporting elements such as a medical team, EOD, Military Police and dog handlers were airlifted to the area of operations. Intense theoretical and practical training had been carried out prior to the Eagle Spirit II exercise. Divided into squads the boys had trained boarding and dismounting with daylight and by night as well as communication by hand signs with the flight crew. Hooking in loads below the hovering helicopter caused some increase in adrenaline: "It's quite impressive to work while literally feeling the rotor blades right above you," said Lt Robert.



**Boarding time for passengers of flight 7106 from Airfield Toplicane to unknown destination**





Swiss precision - Puma helicopter hovering steady above the boys' heads



Murphy's Combat Law - least credible sentence: 'The trucks will be on the drop zone'



Swiss Puma, German Bell and Austrian Bell landing in close formation



# 23 April Child



Many highranking visitors came to attend the April 23 Children's Festival in Prizren, organized by Task Force Dragas



27 schools and 4 associations participat



By Maj Savas Ünalán, TUR Army

Originally the date April 23 refers to the foundation of the Turkish Great National Assembly in 1920. Mustafa Kemal ATATURK dedicated that day to National Independence and specifically to a Children's Festival. Every year, on this occasion, they celebrate the foundation of the Turkish assembly. We stand up from our chairs and let children take our places as a symbol of them being the rulers and authorities of the future.

Following the tradition a similar event was organized with school children from all over Kosovo. As soon as they had received the invitation, the students started to practice and rehearse shows for the festival.

When the big day had come there was a lot of unusual activity within Camp Sultan Murat, the Headquarters of TF Dragas in Prizren. Many children were around and insiders knew the reason. According to Turkish tradition the youngsters were there to take over the chairs of the officers and NCOs. By doing so, the children should learn about the roles they may play in the future. None of the military lead-

# Children's Festival



Children performed in the colorful event with their shows



The students performed their shows with pride and passion

Adults hesitated to hand over their authority to a child. Once officially in charge they would give orders just as well as their adult counterparts.

Col Faruk Sungur, the President of the Turkish Representation Committee in Kosovo, in his speech, officially opened the festival. He stressed the naturally positive relationship among children of different ethnic background and thanked the organizers for their commitment.

More than 2,000 people were watching the various dancing shows performed by students of 27 different schools. The audience was enthusiastically clapping their hands to the rhythm of the music. It was amazing to see the pride and passion on the children's faces when successfully performing their shows.

Many guests were deeply touched by the final part of the festival, when children from all schools and regions were dancing together to the same song. It was as if they were dancing for peace and tolerance giving all of the adults an example of what Kosovo's future should look like.



Chief for a day - adults pass their authority on to children

# Bajrakli Xhamia

**Text by 1st LT Maksym Nedria,  
Ukrainian Army  
Photos by Armend Aqifi**

## **Regular day of Imam**

"Five times per day I lead worshipers in a prayer," said Burhan Hoxhaj, the former imam of a mosque in Pec/Peja and current Secretary of Council of Pec/Peja Islamic Community.

"Basically, the time for praying is different everyday because the time depends on the moon calendar. First namaz has to be done before sunrise and it is the shortest one.

"Then we pray in the afternoon, later afternoon and after sunset. At night, we gather together for the last namaz per day."

According to Burhan Hoxhaj, every imam is responsible for a particular part of the Islamic community. Religious ceremonies in all the families, organizing of Friday Namaz, Bajram and Ramazan are also under his responsibility.

Imam works six days per week. Every imam is accountable to his Council of Islamic Community and he is paid by the Islamic Community for his job.

Besides an imam, every mosque has a mouzine, who is responsible to open and to close the mosque and to keep the mosque clean.

Imam is an Arabic word meaning "Leader." The ruler of a country might be called the Imam, for example. However, the common everyday use of the word is for a person leading the Muslim congregational prayers.

## **Bajrakli Xhamia - "the beauty of Pec/Peja"**

Pec/Peja is one of the remarkable cities of Kosovo. It has a very rich history and culture. There are many historical monuments in the city of Pec/Peja. Mosques, with their artistic architecture, play a very important role as a part of cultural heritage of the city.

A mosque is a place of worship for followers of the Islamic faith. All mosques consist of a building with a dome, which is the prayer hall and a minaret for calling worshipers to pray.

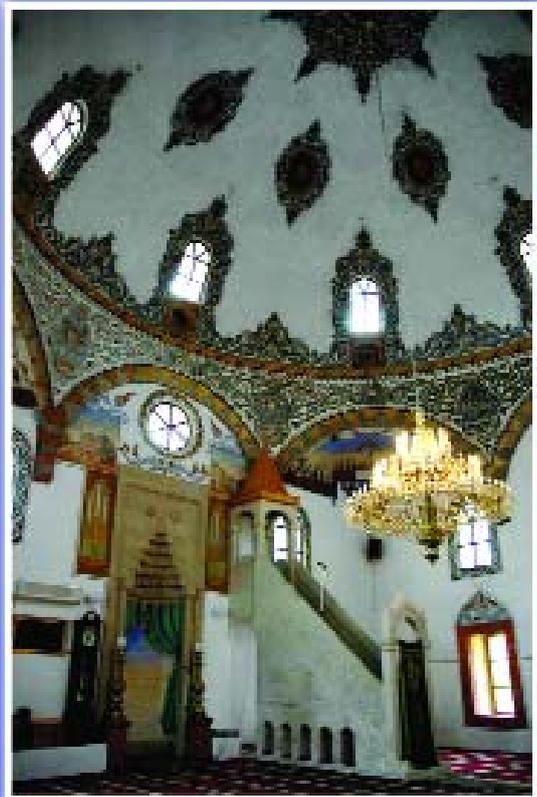
One of the ancient mosques of

Pec/Peja is Bajrakli - Qarshi Xhamia. Citizens of Pec/Peja name this mosque Bajrakli Xhamia or Qarshi Xhamia. The mosque was built by Fatih Sultan Mehmet Han'it in the XV century, probably around 1471, however the year is not confirmed.

Bajrakli Xhamia is located in the central part of the city called "Qarshija e Vjetër." Sometimes people call this mosque Qarshi Xhamia because of its location. Bajrakli Xhamia has pure characteristics of the Ottoman architecture and Arabic calligraphy. Verses from the Qur'an all around the walls are to assist worshippers in focusing on their religion and its holiest book, the Qur'an, as well as for decoration. The inside of the mosque is spacious, measuring 12x12 meters and it has 17 windows.

During the last war 1998-1999, Bajrakli Xhamia was burned inside and all the writings and calligraphy were destroyed. With the help of Italian government and Italian NGO INTER SOS the mosque was rebuilt in two years and finished in 2002. So now the "beauty of Pec/Peja," Bajrakli Xhamia, is again at its best.





# Operation "Y"

Text and photos by  
Cpt Michael Schulze, GER Army

For quite a while there had been the suspicion of weapon and drug dealing. Task Force Prizren targeted a market place in Prizren down town. A large scale operation should bring the missing pieces of information either confirming or invalidating the suspicion.

The operation named 'Wave' had been planned precisely and involved Military Police, dog handlers, the PsyOps branch, a helicopter crew as well as medical staff.

At 10:00 hours the Task Force Commander could be heard on all channels: "All, this is three zero, off we go! See you later, everything's gonna be alright."

The 3rd Company widely cordoned off the market place, a helicopter crew was monitoring the operation from the air. At the same time members of another Task Force unit blocked the streets leading into and out of the market. Via loudspeakers passers by were asked to leave the square.

Firmly but friendly the soldiers at the access points checked each single person leaving the market. Meanwhile Military Police and Task Force members carried out random checks of vehicles on the market square. The dog handlers focused on the stands, where their German shepherd dogs Rico, Kugler and Baster sniffed for explosives and drugs. No findings were recorded.

After about an hour the end of the operation was

announced via loudspeakers and the soldiers left the scene as quickly as they had come.

"The co action of all the elements involved worked out very well," the Task Force Commander expressed his satisfaction.



**A German NCO shares a moment with a local child. In addition to the operation KFOR soldiers wanted to reassure the local population of their friendship**



**German MPs Pimp Your Ride - but make sure the papers are o.k.**

# Wave"



The intelligent dogs are trained to detect drugs as well as explosives



Checkin' out the 'hood



Beating down the price - bargaining with German shepherd dog Rico ensured the lowest price on the market

# Get in Shape wit

Major Javier Laguna studied physiotherapy and osteopathy at Madrid University.

## STRETCHING

When strains occur, whether acute or chronic, some tissues (muscles, fascia, ligaments, tendons, nerve fibers, etc.) are contracted, tense or in a shortened state. These strains may occur as a result of a sudden incident or to a gradually over time poor breathing habits, bad postures, bruising actions, etc. The aforementioned shortened structures are likely to react painfully when they are asked to perform actions out of the ordinary. So what is something out of the ordinary? - Picking up a pen from the floor? Bending our body to wet our skin before daily shaving? Kicking a ball back to your neighborhood children? Getting into your car on your way to work? - All these postures seem as simple as drinking water but when your muscles lack elasticity and stability these little efforts can become as difficult as lifting an elephant with a teaspoon.



Regular and controlled stretching can make all the difference. If you can persuade your mind to get unhooked from the sofa and start regularly stretching your entire body or strained body parts (once per week), then you will feel younger.

I always tell to my patients a trick; every time you are not with it, out of mood, exhausted or annoyed, give yourself a change and stretch for a few minutes. You would not guess how beneficial it could be. Just try once and you will see the difference. Why? After working, periods of long standing, shopping, etc. your muscles get tightened and tense so your brain makes you feel and believe that your body should not be moved to prevent injuries. But just through gentle stretching your muscles will recover in such an outstanding way that you will be even ready to do anything again.

Therapeutically speaking, during a period of 13 years I have osteopathically treated only 5-10 out of hundreds people who regularly stretched before and after exercising. And not even a single one who performed yoga. Please, think about this.

## ADVANTAGES OF STRETCHING



If your joints are not able to go through their full range of motion because of muscle tightness, sports and exercise activities may put an excessive strain on the tissue and contribute to injury. Think of a runner with tight calf muscles and a tight Achilles tendon running up a hill. This activity requires that the ankle bend upwards to accommodate the slope of the hill. But if it can't because of tightness over a period of time, the runner may be at risk of getting an Achilles tendon irritation and injury. By increased stretching of muscles and tendon length we are increasing the distance over which our muscles are able to contract. This results in a potential increase to our muscles power and therefore increases our athletic ability. This also lead to an improvement in dynamic balance or the ability to control our muscles.

We have all experienced what happens when you go for a run or to the gym for the first time in a few months. The following day our muscles are tight, sore and stiff. It's usually hard to even walk down a flight of stairs.

# h Major Laguna

In this edition KFOR's fitness guru talks about the importance of stretching

This soreness that usually accompanies strenuous physical activity is often referred to as post exercise muscle soreness. This soreness is the result of micro tears, (minute tears within the muscle fibers), blood pooling and accumulated waste products, such as lactic acid. Stretching as part of an effective cool-down, helps to alleviate this soreness by lengthening the individual muscle fibers, increasing blood circulation and removing waste products.

Stretching increases the blood flow to your muscles. Blood flowing to your muscles brings nourishment and gets rid of waste by-products in the muscle tissue. Improved circulation can help shorten your recovery time if you have had any muscle injuries.

Frequent stretching can help keep your muscles from getting tight and, allows you to maintain proper posture. Good posture can minimize discomfort and help keep aches and pains at a minimum.

Synovial fluid production is also stimulated throughout stretching. This fluid provides joint cartilages with lubrication and elasticity and prevents them from becoming imperfect and rigid.

Stretching regularly is essential to prevent injuries, to improve both your look and physical condition, and to increase your freedom of movements. It is also the best way to give elasticity back to joints and muscles that are shortened by exertion. We all are aware of its effectiveness but few do it.



# Stretching Before & After Running



### Smart Pills

One day two boys were walking through the woods when they saw some rabbit shit. One of the boys said, "What is that?"

"They're smart pills," said the other boy. "Eat them and they'll make you smarter. So he ate them and said, "These taste like shit."

"See," said the other boy, "you're already getting smarter."  
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### Golf and Funerals

Two guys are golfing on a course that is right next to a cemetery. After they tee off, one of the golfers notices that there is a funeral procession passing by. So he takes off his hat, and places it over his heart. When the funeral is over, the other golfer looks at the guy and asks, "Why did you do that?"

The man replies, "Well we were married for almost 40 years. It's the least I could do."  
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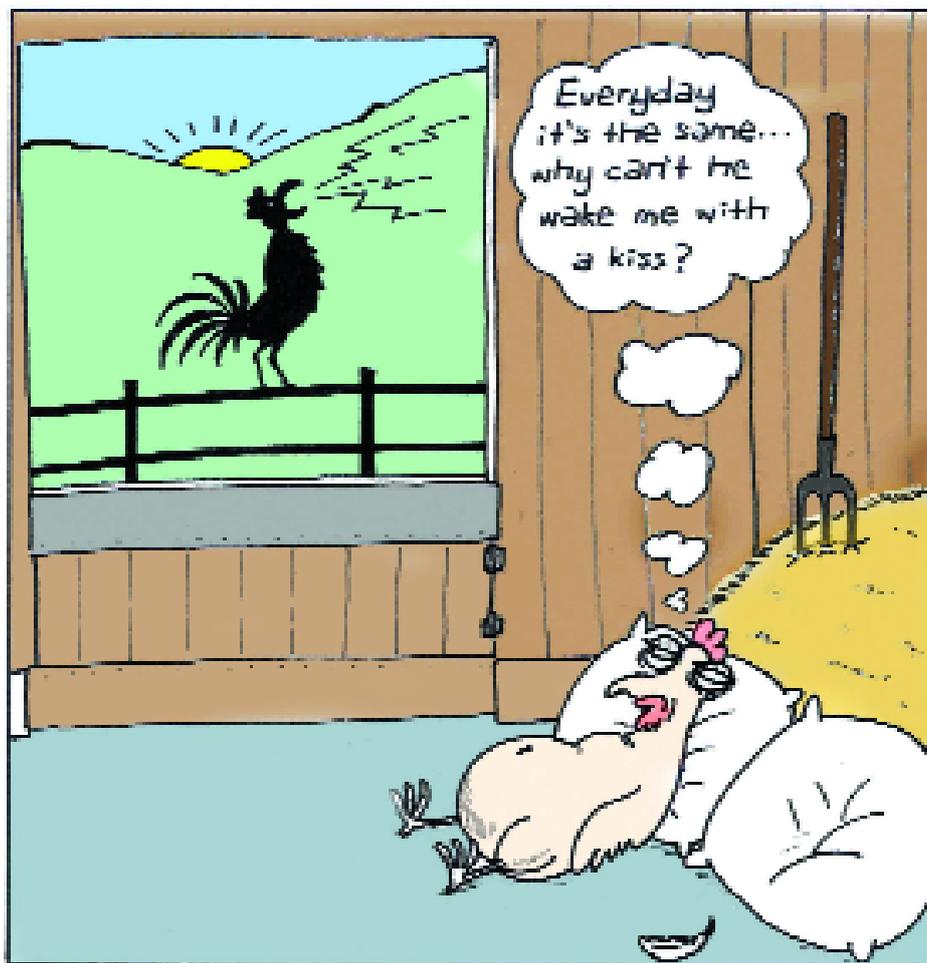
### The Burned Ears

A guy burned two ears... so they were asking him at the hospital how it happened. He said, "I was ironing my clothing and the phone rang...so instead of the phone I picked up the iron and burned my ear..."

"But how the heck did you burn the other ear?" The doctor asked.

"How do you think I called you people?"

All cartoons drawn by Cpt Ismail Elalmis, Turkish Army





#### **The Engineer and the Bike**

Two engineering students were walking across campus when one asked, "Where did you get such a great bike?"

The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."

The second engineer nodded approvingly, "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fit."

#### **Chair Man of the Board**

Resolving to surprise her husband, an executive's wife stopped by his office.

When she opened the door, she found him with his secretary sitting in his lap.

Without hesitating, he dictated, "...and in conclusion, gentlemen, budget cuts or no budget cuts, I cannot continue to operate this office with just one chair."

#### **Practical joke on his ex-girlfriend**

The soldier serving in Hong Kong was annoyed and upset when his girl wrote breaking off their engagement and asking for her photograph back.

He went out and collected from his friends all the unwanted photographs of women that he could find, bundled them all together and sent them back with a note saying, "I regret to inform you that I cannot remember which one is you -- please keep your photo and return the others."

#### **Impressing the others**

A young Air Force 2nd Lieutenant had just arrived at Misawa AFB in Japan.

He'd been given a beautiful renovated office and had it furnished with antiques.

Sitting there, he saw an enlisted man come into his outer office.

Wishing to appear the hot shot, the officer picked up the phone and started to pretend he was exchanging chit chat with the Base Commander. He threw Colonel's and General's names around and talked about letting them stay in his Daddy's condo in Hawaii, and then set up a golfing date between him, the Base Commander, and the CO's of the Naval Security Group and Naval Air Facility.

Finally he hung up and asked the Sergeant, "Can I help you sergeant?"

The TSgt said, "Yes sir, I'm here to activate your phone lines."

### Brother Is

A guy walked into a bar one day and said to the barman, "Give me six double vodkas."

The barman says, "Wow! you must have had one hell of a day."

"Yes, I've just found out my older brother is gay."

The next day, the same guy came into the bar and asked for the same drinks. When the bartender asked what the problem was today the answer came back, "I've just found out that my younger brother is gay too!"

On the third day, the guy came into the bar and ordered another six double vodkas. The bartender said, "Jesus! Doesn't anybody in your family like women?"

The man downed the first drink and shook his head, "Yeah, my wife!"

### Elephant Time

A young man is wandering around the zoo looking at the animals. He suddenly remembers about an appointment that he scheduled. Unfortunately, he forgets his watch. He searches for someone who could give him the time.

He sees a zoo keeper standing next to an elephant. "Excuse me sir," says the young man "do you know what time it is?"

The zoo keeper reaches under the elephant, grabs his balls and starts playing with them.

"Mmmmm, it is about 3:00" the zoo keeper responds.

The young man looks at him in awe, "How did you know that?"

The zoo keeper looks back at the man, "I looked at the clock on the wall right behind you."

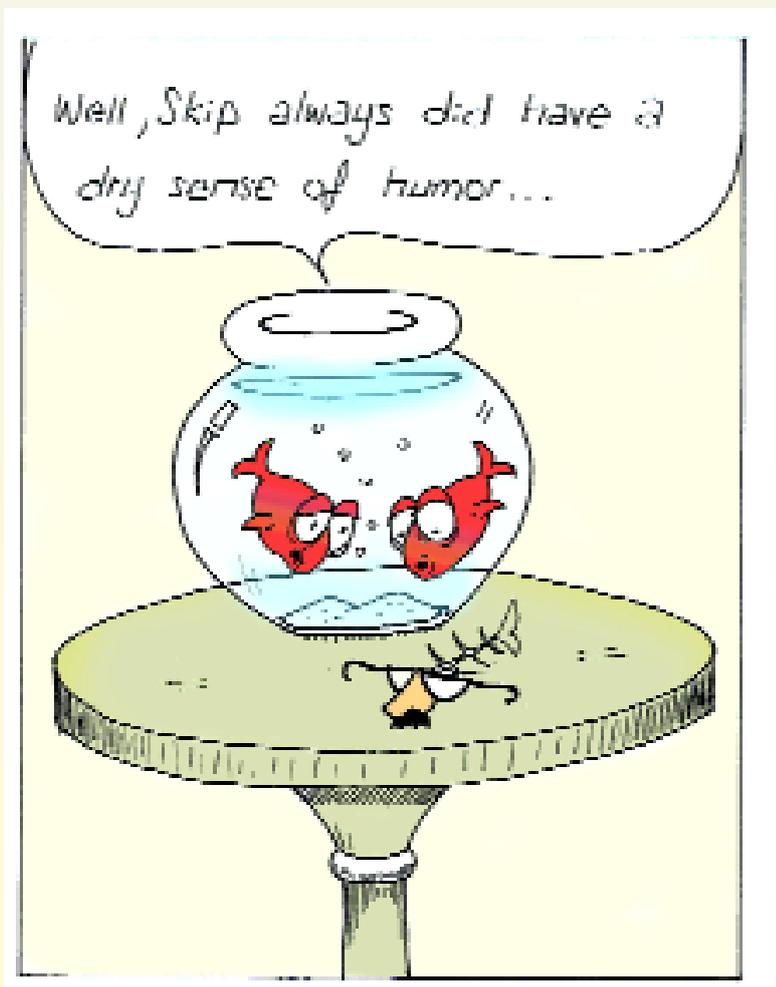
### A 90-year-old man sees his doctor

A 90-year-old man said to his doctor, "I've never felt better. I have an 18-year old bride who is pregnant with my child. What do you think about that?"

The doctor considered his question for a minute and then said, "I have an elderly friend who is a hunter and never misses a season. One day when he was going out in a bit of a hurry, he accidentally picked up his umbrella instead of his gun. When he got to the Creek, he saw a rabbit sitting beside the stream. He raised his umbrella and went, 'bang, bang' and the rabbit fell dead. What do you think of that?"

The 90-year-old said, "I'd say somebody else killed that rabbit."

The doctor replied, "My point exactly."



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Planeja/Prizren - On April 15, the 2nd Infantry Company of TF Prizren, together with the school of Planeja, organized a children's party. The village, located in sight of the Albanian border, had been badly affected by the Kosovar War. 111 out of the 112 houses had been destroyed. "Today, the village has, again, about 1.000 inhabitants. The school and many of the houses have been restored or reconstructed with international support," said Mayor Senun Tschechu.

"In our school, we teach 216 children from adjacent villages," Headmaster Met Ninaj added.

The company's platoon leaders had initially come up with the idea for the event, which proved to be a big success. The children had the chance to participate and compete in a variety of exciting games: sack racing, darts, shooting at goal, hitting pots, rope pulling, and many more. Many of the kids wanted to have their faces painted; the most popular motive this day was the German flag. In the school building, medical staff gave advice in dental care.

A final volleyball match between teachers and members of the 2nd Company topped off the unforgettable afternoon. "Thank you for all you've done," the Mayor and the head-master said. "You are welcome anytime to drop in for a cup of coffee."

# TF Prizren Pl

German KFOR soldiers brought lots of joy



100% concentration for the challenging egg-and-spoon race



After a great day with the villagers TF Prizren's 2nd Company made their way back to the quarters

# ay Afternoon

and fun to the village of Planeja



Laughing faces, even during exhausting rope pulling

The local teacher's powerful smash forced the German's defense to dig real deep



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**Name & Rank:** Sandro CALARESU, OF-4

**Nationality:** Italian

I come from Sardinia, a beautiful island in the middle of the Tyrrhenian Sea. Sardinia's people were well mentioned throughout the history books since the period of the Roman Empire.

I currently serve as the Executive Officer to COMKFOR, for a one-year tour of duty. It's a challenging job that absorbs all my time and energy, but at the same time keeps my stamina at the highest level. The intensity and the rhythm of activities related to the operational requirements of a Three Star General in charge of an organization such as KFOR, demand constant commitment and dedication to the job. Besides you need excellent people to help you out, and sure I have them. I wouldn't trade my current crew for anybody else.

Before this mission, I was deployed with NATO, the UN, OSCE and other organisations in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, the Middle East, Africa and Germany.

I am convinced that Peacekeepers have a crucial role in the stabilization of troubled areas.

**Future:** I look forward to my next deployment.



**Name & Rank:** Claudio RADICE, OR-8

**Nationality:** Italian

**Position in KFOR:** MSU LNO to KFOR HQ

**Home Unit:** Stazione Carabinieri Brennero

**About the mission:** This is not my first mission abroad, I have already been to Kosovo in 2003 and to Iraq in 2004. But I think this second time in Kosovo has been very challenging for me. In fact, the assignment I received, gave me the opportunity to interact, both professionally and personally, with different people from different countries and to improve my acquired knowledge.

**Family reaction:** My wife and my two daughters knew in advance I was prepared for any mission at any time. They never force me to stay or make me feel guilty about going on missions. I remember my daughters, Victoria and Samantha, before I left said, "We allow you to go but remember to bring us a lot of presents."

**Plans after the mission:** After my mission, I will spend a lot of time with my adorable and lovely family. I think my daughters deserve to stay and play with their daddy for a while

*...and remember, one Italian espresso per day keeps the doctor away!*



**Name & Rank:** Dimitrios NATSIS, OR-7

**Nationality:** Greek

**Unit in Kosovo:** Chief Admin DCOS SPT

**Unit in Greece:** 21st Armor Battalion

**About the mission:** Actually, this is my first mission in Kosovo, but I've also participated in another NATO mission in the Balkans. Personally, I believe this is a unique opportunity to gain experience in a multinational environment and to learn from cooperating with different people. There is no doubt that every mission is a challenge, because of different procedures, techniques and cultures, but there is one common objective and goal, and that is peace and security for the people in Kosovo.

**Family Reaction:** I am glad because my family's reaction was very positive. I take the opportunity to thank my close family and my girlfriend for their support.

**After the mission:** I will return to Greece and after some days off I will share my memories and experiences from this mission with my colleagues and friends.



# Prizren

