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A Time of Transition and Challenges

Commander Multi-National Battle Group East (MNBG E), Colonel Michael D Schwartz, outlines the challenges facing his unit during a period of change and transition for Kosovo and KFOR.

“Along with the transfer of authority marking the transition from US (KFOR) contingent 13 to US (KFOR) contingent 14, we have also transformed our Liaison Monitoring Teams (LMT) to Joint Regional Detachments (JRD). The fundamental task of these units has not changed much, as they continue to act as resources and facilitators to the people of Kosovo; whether they live in villages, cities or other municipalities. Like the LMTs before them, the JRDs really get to know the people living in their given areas of responsibility by listening to their feelings and opinions about various issues they may have.

Because more institutions and government agencies now exist throughout Kosovo to support the needs of the people, the main focus of the JRDs is to facilitate the communication between those organizations and the communities. JRDs are accessible within their areas of responsibility and, at the same time, go out among the populace to initiate contact and solicit the people’s views and opinions. So, although the structure of the JRDs remain broadly the same as when they were as LMTs, the new challenge is to allow the people of Kosovo to help themselves while taking a more diplomatic approach to the delivery of resources and assistance. Much progress has been made with the assistance of LMTs and consequently we have seen a measurable increase in the capabilities of the organizations here in Kosovo. The JRDs will continue to serve as a great asset to MNBG E and the people of Kosovo as we move toward self-governance and Gate 3.

MNBG E continues to work closely with its multinational partners to cooperate and assist in supporting stability, multi-ethnicity and peace in Kosovo. Our move toward a deterrent presence calls for a greater push to facilitate and assist with maintaining a self-governing Kosovo. By supporting a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for all those in Kosovo there is a greater opportunity for governing institutions to take on the great task of sustainable self-governance.

We, in MNBG E, remain flexible and ready for any challenges which may arise as we continue to put more responsibility on the various organizations and government agencies in Kosovo”.



Colonel Michael D Schwartz
US Army
Commander
Multi National Battle Group East

Corrigendum.

In an article entitled “Hungarian soldiers in KTM Battalion” in the March edition of the KFOR Chronicle it was mistakenly stated that the “final exercise was assessed as ‘very good’ by COM KTM, Lieutenant Colonel Amaral Lopes”. This should have stated “Com KTM, Lieutenant Colonel Paulo Abreu”.

I wish to extend my apologies to Lieutenant Colonel Abreu for this error. .

Kosovo Elects a New President

On 7 April 2011 Mrs Atifete Jahjaga became the first female candidate elected to the office of President of Kosovo. Mrs Jahjaga was elected by a majority of members of parliament as a non-partisan, consensus candidate. She had been serving as Deputy Director General of the Kosovo Police since February 2010 at the time of her appointment. After her election she said, "We can't change the past, so we must build the future".

Mrs Jahjaga was born in Gjakova on 20 April 1975 and, after completing primary and second-level education in Pristina, she studied law at the University of Pristina. Mrs Jahjaga later completed postgraduate studies in Criminal Justice and Police Management at Leicester University in the United Kingdom and at the University of Virginia in the USA.

Mrs Jahjaga joined the Kosovo Police in 2000, undergoing a Senior Command assessment programme in 2002. She also completed a number of courses at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. During her service in the Kosovo Police, Mrs Jahjaga held numerous key appointments, from Station Officer to Assistant to Deputy Commissioner Kosovo Police for Personnel and Training. She also held the appointment as Deputy Regional Commander for Border and Boundary Police – Kosovo Police, before taking up the appointment of Deputy Director General in 2010.

On Mrs Jahjaga's election, Kosovo Force Commander (COMKFOR), Major General Erhard Bühler, conveyed his congratulations and reiterated KFOR's readiness to support the office of President and Institutions of the Republic of Kosovo. President Jahjaga recognised the contribution of KFOR to peace and stability in the country, and she stressed that KFOR is cherished by the people of Kosovo. She also thanked General Bühler for the mentoring that KFOR provides for the Kosovo Security Forces (KSF), as it develops into a modern force that represents all citizens of the country.



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Photos by Staff Sergeant Stefanie Hoffmann, German Army



Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR), Major General Erhard Bühler, attends Easter Mass in Prizren on 23 April 2011.

COM KFOR is the guest of honour at the Slovenian Contingent farewell party in Camp Film City on 23 April 2011.



06 May 2011; St George's Day in Rahovec/Orahovec. The people of the city enjoy the glorious weather during a day of celebration across the Balkans.

On 29 April 2011 COM KFOR accompanies the newly elected President of Kosovo, Her Excellency President Atifete Jahjaga, as she inspects a Slovenian Guard of Honour during a nationwide tour.





On 16 May 2011 COM KFOR (centre) hands over command of Multi National Battle Group West, from Colonel Carlo Emiliani (right) to Colonel Vincenzo Cipullo (left) at Camp Villagio Italia in Peje/Pec.

On 05 May 2011 the German contingent continued the process of backloading stores and vehicles to Germany as a consequence of KFORs progress and restructuring.



COM KFOR, accompanied by the American Ambassador to Kosovo, His Excellency Mr Christopher Dell, lay flowers at the memorial for “The Missing”, in Pristina on 27 April 2011

The Moroccan contingent celebrates Moroccan Armed Forces Day in Camp Novo Selo on 14 May 2011.



Multinational Specialized Unit Conco

Story by Lieutenant Mokhtar El Motarajji, Moroccan Army

Pictures by Captain Giovanni Pacitto, Italian Army

On Friday 22 April 2011, the final crowd and riot control (CRC) exercise was conducted by KFOR Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU) as the culmination of the CRC course for the Kosovo Police (KP), in Camp Vrelo, Pristina. The exercise was immediately followed by the graduation ceremony for the 63 police officers who attended the course. The exercise and graduation ceremony were attended by Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR), Major General Erhard Bühler, as well as by Mr Reshat Maliqi,

Kosovo Police Director and Commander MSU, Colonel Eduardo Russo.

Under its mandate to mentor and advise KP units, KFOR organized this training course in order to improve CRC capabilities of KP. The exercise was the conclusion of a three-week course that started on 04 April 2011, and comprised both theoretical and practical lessons - all given by the MSU Carabinieri instructors. The students were first instructed on the basic rules, techniques and theory of CRC operations, before spending long hours putting this theory into practice under the close supervision of the MSU Platoons. The police officers were also taught how to



duct Crowd and Riot Control Course

operate specialized CRC vehicles and how to operate in a CRC environment in close cooperation with other units and agencies.

The course proved to be an outstanding success; the police officers graduated after a very challenging and robust course. The exercise was an opportunity for the KP students to demonstrate their readiness and professionalism in the presence of many distinguished visitors. Colonel Russo recognized the considerable effort made by the students and acknowledged the high level of proficiency attained by the trainees. He pointed out how this course represents “a new step toward self determination of KP, as for the first time four of the 63 students also qualified as CRC instructors”.

During the graduation ceremony COM KFOR addressed the trainees, saying “It is a pleasure for me to participate in this ceremony today and to award you with certificates for the successful training you had with the Carabinieri of the MSU”. He continued, saying that, “it is important for me to transfer some of the tasks of KFOR to the authorities in Kosovo and especially to the Kosovo Police, and it is not a secret that I have a high appreciation for the KP”. He went on to point out that this course is an excellent example of the cooperation between KFOR and KP. “Today I’ve seen a high level standard of professionalism, physical fitness and equipment. And you can be proud of all three mentioned aspects” concluded General Bühler.



New Kindergarten in Decani is

*Story by Commandant Daragh O'Brien, Irish Army
Photos by Mr Afrim Hajrullahu*

On 26 April 2011, the Italian contingent of Multi National Battle Group East (MNBG E) and the Municipality of Decani unveiled a new kindergarten in the town that marked the culmination of a significant collaboration that will benefit the entire community. Over a thousand people packed the square outside the new building to witness the event. The ceremony was the result of eight months work costing in the region of

€140,000. The local municipality raised over €40,000 towards the project, with the Italian contingent providing the remaining €100,000.

The ceremony was co-hosted by Mr Rasim Selmanaj, Municipal President of Decani, and Colonel Carlo Emiliani, Commander MNBG E. Brigadier General Enrico Spagnoli, Chief Military Civil Advisory Division (MCAD), as the Senior Italian officer in KFOR, was the guest of honour. The Press Affairs Officer for MNBG E, Lieutenant Adriano Lorenzini, said that the project was a source of huge pride to the



Significant Boost to the Region

Italian contingent and that the project was completed ahead of schedule and within budget.

Children from the local school provided the music for the ceremony, playing both the Italian and Kosovar national anthems. In his short address to the crowd, Mr Selmanaj thanked KFOR, and particularly the Italian contingent, for their assistance with this project, and outlined the enormous benefit that the kindergarten will provide for the town. The facility can cater for up to 200 children and is the largest of its kind in the region. Colonel Emiliani spoke briefly, thanking those who

assembled for the event and underlining the Italian contingent's commitment to assist the people of Kosovo.

After the speeches, the flags of Kosovo and Italy were raised in the courtyard of the kindergarten prior to the final ceremonial duty – the official cutting of the ribbon. To the loud applause of the crowd, the kindergarten was officially unveiled and the onlookers were invited inside to admire the beautifully appointed building and enjoy some refreshments.



Canadian Support

Story by Commander Stacey Wiper, Canadian Navy

Pictures by Mr Afrim Hajrullahu

On Friday 13 May 2011, the Pristina Centre for Rehabilitation, Mother and Child received a significant donation of €3,500 from a Canadian Charity called "Boomer's Legacy". The donation was made by Commander Stacey Wiper of the Canadian Navy, who is currently serving with HQ KFOR in Camp Film City in Pristina, on behalf of the Canadian Task Force, Pristina.

The presentation ceremony, in the Centre, began with a display of traditional music and dancing by the children for the guest of honour, Brigadier General Wilton S. Gorske, KFOR Chief of Staff. After the entertainment Brigadier General Gorske thanked the children for their display and introduced Commander Wiper to explain

the background to "Boomer's Legacy" and make the presentation. Commander Wiper explained that "Boomer's Legacy" is a Canadian charity that was established in remembrance of Corporal Andrew James "Boomer" Eykelenboom, a Canadian military medic who was killed by a suicide bomber in Spin Boldak, Afghanistan in August 2006 at the age of 23. Before his death, Corporal Eykelenboom had identified numerous opportunities for assisting the Afghan people through the distribution of basic medical supplies, educational material, books and clothing. Immediately after his death "Boomer's Legacy" was established by his mother to support these worthwhile aims. Since its inception in 2006 "Boomer's Legacy" funds have been used to directly support the people of Afghanistan affected by poverty and war; however this is the first



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occasion that “Boomer’s Legacy” funds have been used outside of Afghanistan.

Commander Wiper described how the soldiers of the Canadian Task Force, Pristina, identified the Centre for Rehabilitation, Mother and Child as a worthy recipient of aid. The Canadian contingent contacted “Boomer’s Legacy” and it was decided that this would be an appropriate cause for the first donation outside of Afghanistan.

To a chorus of “Thank you” from the assembled children Ms Halime Maliqi, director of the centre, accepted the donation on behalf of the centre. She thanked all soldiers who support this centre, particularly the Canadians and said “we pray for the soul of

Boomer”. Speaking afterwards Ms Maliqi said that this is not the first donation received from KFOR; an association between the centre and KFOR began in 2002, and since 2006 KFOR has been the sole support for the centre. She said that this donation would allow the centre to increase the number of children in its care and would provide significant improvements in educational facilities. Ms Maliqi plans to purchase new computers and provide English language training for the children with the funds received. The donation will also provide for the payment of basic utilities (electricity, food etc) for the immediate future.



KFOR Spring

Story and photos by: Staff Sergeant Schoeneberg, German Air Force.

homeland, or displays of national culture, there was something for everybody in attendance.

Blue skies and sunshine; the weather during this year's Spring Festival was great - exactly like the atmosphere. On 07 May 2011 at Camp Film City, seventeen contingents took the opportunity to present the merits of their respective home nations. Whether it was culinary delights, brochures that invited a journey to their

Close to a thousand civilian employees of KFOR and their families were invited to join in a program of entertainment and fun. For the children there was face-painting or the chance to test their football skills against the Portuguese "holey goalie. Alternatively there was an opportunity to attempt the ancient Irish sport of



Festival 2011

“hurling”, which is a national passion that combines the skills of rugby, hockey and lacrosse. For the more daring, who wanted to aim high, there was even the chance to try some fast roping. There was lots of excitement and treats on offer for kids of all ages.

For the adults, and the estimated 500 military personnel who joined in, there was the possibility of relaxing while the German brass band “Ennetacher” created a

pleasant atmosphere. On a fine summer day there was a chance to cool down with a drink or just enjoy a conversation with comrades. Everyone was pleased that they could enjoy the good weather, good food and good company.

All in all, it was an excellent day.



KFOR Evaluates Major C

*Story by Major Ismail Yildirim Turkish Army
Photos by OSB Mentoring and Advisory Team*

On 29 March 2011, a 56 vehicle convoy, stretching almost one kilometre, departed Pristina for Battlava Lake carrying the Civilian Protection Regiment (CPR) of the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) on a four-day field training exercise (FTX). The purpose of the FTX was to evaluate the CPR Companies' core capabilities under the supervision of KFOR's Operational Support Brigade (OSB) Mentoring and Advisory Team (MAT). The CPR is subdivided in four companies – Search and Rescue (SAR) Company, Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) Company, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Company, and a Fire Fighting (FF) Company; each of the companies would be assessed during the exercise.

The first day of the exercise involved the deployment of CPR to Battlava Lake in the Northeast of Kosovo. This deployment took two hours and, on reaching their destination, the Camp became a hive of activity as preparations were made for the coming days' activities. With tents erected, all administration carried out and all personnel fed, CPR readied itself for the physical challenge of day two.

After an early start, personnel mounted transport and were moved to a start point at Podujeva where CPR commenced a 14km march. Carrying backpacks, the march began to cheers from the assembled residents of Podujeva. This was a welcome confidence boost and provided plenty of motivation for the participants. The march was physically demanding and high levels of determination and morale were shown during the march, which was completed in three hours.



Civil Emergency Exercise

The third day of the exercise was an opportunity for each CPR Company to display their individual capabilities. With distinguished visitors from KSF Land Forces Command (LFC), including Commander LFC, Major General Rrahman Rama, watching from the side of the dam on Battlava Lake, SAR Company moved to the site of a reported plane crash. An initial investigation of the crash site suggested the presence of toxins and prompted SAR Company to call HAZMAT Company forward to clear the scene. After conducting a clearance of the crash site, SAR Company returned to evacuate survivors to a safe position for first aid. The second phase of the SAR operation required two divers to recover a body from the lake. With very low visibility in the water, it took 30 mins to safely recover the body.

EOD Company was then deployed to conduct, first a

mine clearance operation, and then a disposal exercise. EOD personnel secured the area, marking and clearing the minefield before carrying out controlled demolition of uncovered ordnance. Finally the FF Company was called forward to deal with a Class A fire in the vicinity of the lake. During the exercise OSB MAT advised, mentored and assessed CPR personnel in close cooperation with the LFC Assessment Team. After a strenuous and rewarding day the CPR returned to its camp.

The fourth day of the exercise was spent breaking camp and returning to the CPR barracks in Pristina. In conclusion this was an excellent opportunity for KSF to demonstrate the new capabilities it has developed under the tutelage of KFOR. The exercise was robust, challenging and rewarding, and is another step on the road to achieving full operational capability for the KSF.



KFOR and Religious Leaders Celebrate Easter

Story by Specialist. Evan V. Lane, US Army
Photos courtesy of PAO MNBG E

Members of KFOR joined with several Christian and Muslim religious leaders and Greek soldiers to celebrate Easter at Camp Rigas Fereos on 26 April 2011. Lieutenant General Frangoulis Frangos, Chief of Staff of the Greek Army; Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR), Major General Erhard Bühler; and Commander Multinational Battle Group East (MNBG E), Colonel Michael D. Schwartz, were honoured guests at the Greek-hosted festivities.

The luncheon began with an invocation sung jointly by Bishop Teodosije Mraović, Serbian Orthodox Bishop of Raska-Prizren, and Marinos Batakis, Greek Orthodox priest for Rigas Fereos. Grand Mufti Naim Ternava, the Muslim leader of Kosovo, and Reverend Lush Gjergji, General Administrative Vicar of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prizren, both attended the

ceremony and joined in the conversations and meal that followed.

"This event gave me a chance to meet Grand Mufti Ternava for the first time," said Michael P. Lindsay, chaplain of Task Force Falcon at Camp Bondsteel. "It's wonderful meeting people of different cultures and enjoying the diversity of their cultures and languages." "I also enjoyed the dancing quite a bit," Lindsay continued. "It reminded me of the beat of my home's traditional dances. They are wonderfully similar." Following the official dancers, Greek soldiers began to dance arm-in-arm, embracing others as they moved their feet to the live music.

The celebration ended with a book presentation by Lieutenant General Frangos who presented each dignitary with a copy of his book, "Without Calvary".



TOA for Engineering Platoon, Swisscoy in Camp Casablanca

Story by Specialized Officer Enrico Campioni, Swiss Army,

Photos by Captain Manfred Stuber, Swiss Army

On 09 April 2011, just two days after Swisscoy's Change of Command ceremony, the Swiss National Contingent Commander, Lieutenant Colonel in General Staff (GS) Stefan Christen, conducted a Transfer of Authority (ToA) ceremony for the Swiss Engineer Platoon to the Joint Logistics Support Group (JLSG) KFOR. The ceremony at Camp Casablanca, Suharekë was presided over by Brigadier General José Nunes da Fonseca, Commander JLSG.

Against the backdrop of a pleasant spring day the Honour Guard marched onto the Parade Ground at

11.00 am, and took their position next to the officers and soldiers already assembled on parade. After a short ceremony, Brigadier General da Fonseca addressed the assembled personnel, saying that the Swisscoy Engineer Platoon ToA is another significant step in the development phase of the JLSG KFOR activities. He pointed out that the Swiss Engineer Platoon's expertise will greatly enhance the JLSGs capability.

For his part, Lieutenant Colonel (GS) Christen, went on to state that 24 Swisscoy is proud to offer the best global logistic support to JLSG KFOR, emphasizing the fact that the Swiss Engineering Platoon is one of the most important structures developed by the Swiss Army to support KFOR.



Swedish LMT in Pristina

*Story by Captain Sten-Inge Hedenstrom, Swedish Army
Photos by LMT Pristina*

The Swedish Liaison and Monitoring Team (LMT) in Pristina, as part of Joint Regional Detachment, Centre (JRD C), carries out a wide variety of operations in the course of its duty. Perhaps, the most rewarding is in the field of education, or “next generation development”, which is where Anders and Therese work as a team. Both Anders and Therese have gained considerable experience from education at university level in Sweden, and they use this experience in their day to day engagement with the citizens of Pristina. Because of the difference in age between them (Anders is 38, Therese is 22) they have a broad understanding of different life experiences, from student to senior citizen level. In the course of their duty, they meet many different people, from small children aged 4 to more “experienced” citizens aged 65, on a daily basis, which results in interesting and varied work for them.

The Swedish LMT visits schools in central Pristina and

in the surrounding villages, where they work mainly with the next generation of Kosovars, from pre-schoolers to university students. For Anders and Therese the most important thing is to listen to what the young people have to say about their daily life in Kosovo. Every day the Swedish LMT meets children and students who have a positive mindset, and really relish the opportunity to go to school, so if the LMT can assist with this it really makes a tangible difference to the lives of the next generation.

On 26 and 27 April 2011 the LMT invited Yllkat Kindergarten to visit the Swedish LMT house in central Pristina. Each day 25 kids arrived and they had the opportunity to play and have fun in a safe and friendly environment, while enjoying the snacks provided by the LMT. The LMT hopes that this visit will be a lifelong happy memory of KFOR for the kids at Yllkat Kindergarten.

The young generation is the future of Kosovo!



Loading of Freight in Thessalonica

Story and photos by Major Stéphanie Piquet, French Army.

On 04 May 2011, the French contingent undertook a three-day logistic manoeuvre, to backload stores and equipment to France from the port of Thessalonica in Greece. The planning of this manoeuvre began in February in Camp Novo Selo and was conducted by a specialised joint logistics operational centre.

Due to KFOR's transition to Gate 2 and the consequent reduction of French forces in theatre, the requirement arose to redeploy vehicles, by road and rail, from Kosovo to Thessalonica, and by sea from Thessalonica to France. While the removal of personnel from theatre is a relatively simple process, the redeployment of equipment can pose significant challenges. However, much of the equipment, e.g. trucks, tactical vehicles, ammunition and equipment needed to be repatriated to France in order to be redeployed to other theatres overseas such as Lebanon, Afghanistan or Chad.

A logistics detachment from the French town of La Rochelle and the 519 Transport Regiment conducted the loading during the three day operation. The 519

Transport Regiment is the only unit within the French army that is capable of undertaking an operation like this in close cooperation with the navy and/or a civilian sea freight company. The military element is made up of different specialities such as stevedores, fork-lift truck drivers and harbour crane operators who are essential for this type of operation.

The French contingent in Novo Selo conducted the exhaustive task of dismantling, packaging, and disinfecting the equipment before the long road and rail move to Thessalonica. For safety reasons, this team was supported by a medical team; and a veterinary officer was also present to ensure that all equipment was sanitised prior to loading on the freight cargo ship *Eclipse*.

Over the course of the three-day operation the French contingent safely loaded 253 containers, 66 vehicles, 14 trailers and 18 items of large plant e.g. engines and refrigerator units. The *Eclipse* safely reached port on 09 May at the French harbour of Toulon.



KFOR Trains KSF Engineers – And

*Story by Captain Karina Woebbe, Danish Army
Photos by Mr Afrim Hajrullahu*

On the path to Full Operation of Capability, the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) faces a number of challenges that KFOR can assist with. Not least of these is the requirement to train and certify sufficient heavy machinery operators in the KSF Engineer Battalion. As a result, the Ministry of KSF decided request that KFOR conduct a mentoring and training program. After a number of coordination meetings involving the Ministry of KSF, the Infrastructure Branch in HQ KFOR, the Joint Logistics Support Group (JLSG) KFOR and, with Force Advisory Office (FAO) of

Military Civil Advisory Division (MCAD) HQ KFOR as the promoter, a plan was drafted and approved for the project to start.

On 12 April 2011, 14 KSF engineers started the agreed course of instruction; mentored and trained by six KFOR engineers from the Greek contingent. The heavy equipment and machinery was brought to Ferizaj, in the Burrnik area, to a site that provided the opportunity for the KSF to perfect their skills, while constructing a much needed road as part of a humanitarian project; all while under the close supervision of the Greek engineers.

During the project, a progress evaluation was conducted on a daily basis, and it quickly became apparent that the



Another Step Towards Self Sufficiency

KSF Engineers were very experienced in the use of the heavy machinery. The daily evaluation provided feedback to the students, which ensured that all candidates were prepared for the final, written exam. The high standard of instruction and the enthusiasm and experience of the students ensured that all 14 students passed the course.

The course concluded on 03 May 2011 with a graduation ceremony at Headquarters, Operations Support Brigade (OSB) in Pristina. The ceremony was hosted by Brigadier General Imri Ilazi, Commander OSB and the certificates were presented, on behalf of KFOR, by Brigadier General Spagnoli, Chief MCAD. Also in attendance at the ceremony were Mr Agim Ceku, Minister for the KSF, Mr Fehmi Mujota, Minister

for Infrastructure and Major General Rama, Commander Land Forces Command, KSF. KFOR was represented by Brigadier General Fonseca, Commander JLSG KFOR and Lt Col Skot, Chief Mentor, OSB. During the ceremony the operators' licenses and, more importantly, instructor certificates were issued to the KSF graduates. During his address to the course, Brigadier General Spagnoli congratulated the graduates and the KSF for this achievement and stated, "that this project is proof positive of cooperation between KFOR and KSF".

MCAD FAO would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Greek KFOR Engineers for their support, and also to JLSG KFOR for the development and delivery of a very well structured



Peacekeeper's Profiles

Name: Roman Nahapetyan
Rank: Sergeant
Nationality: Armenian
Home Unit: Armenian Peacekeeping Forces
Unit in KFOR: CRC Platoon MNBG-E

About the mission: This is my first mission and I am proud to be serving with Greek officers and soldiers in Kosovo. I am the leader of the second team of the Crowd and Riot Control (CRC) Platoon. This mission is a very good opportunity to improve my knowledge of peacekeeping operations. The training is hard but also very beneficial. The cooperation with my colleagues is perfect and I have had the opportunity to have a lot of good experiences by participating in a wide variety of CRC exercises and demonstrations. The daily life in "RIGAS FEREOs" camp is very interesting. There are excellent facilities such as gym, both soccer and basketball fields and Internet room where we spend our free time. After six months of staying in the Greek camp, I have learned a lot of things about Greek culture.

Family Reaction: My father is a retired military officer. I am not married but I am planning to get engaged in the near future.

After the mission: It is true that I am looking forward to going back to Armenia but, after few months, I would like to take part in peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan.



Name: Christian Wendt
Rank: Master Sergeant
Nationality: German
Home Unit: Command Support Battalion
Unit in KFOR: MCAD RRB

Military education: I am a soldier for 15 years. In 1997 I served in the Armed Air Defence and was transferred to the Command Support Battalion 10 years ago.

About the mission: This is my second out of area mission. My first one was in Afghanistan, in 2004. I stayed there six months based in Kabul. Although KFOR is not comparable with my first deployment; for me it is a nice and new experience to work closely with so many nations. It is very interesting.

Family reaction: I am happily married and have a three year old daughter. Luckily I have their full support. Nevertheless, I am still happy to be going home again; especially to see my little püppi!

After the mission: One of my plans is to improve my English, as I am thinking about an integrated use within NATO - we will see. Mainly, I am keen to see how the Bundeswehr reform will turn out.

Hobbies: Borussia Moenchengladbach, Depeche Mode



Civilian's Profile

Name: Ali Rexha
Job Title: Journalist
Position: HQ PSYOPS – Film City
Experience: I have been doing this job since July 2002
Language: Albanian, English, Serbian, Italian and Norwegian

Job in progress: At first I started working as a journalist for the biweekly magazine “DIALOGUE” published by HQ KFOR PSYOPS. Since 2003 I have participated in developing the ideas for the youth magazine “For You” which is still published by HQ KFOR PSYOPS. My daily tasks are to set up and conduct interviews and write articles for the above mentioned magazine as well as the online edition of this magazine at www.magazineforyou.com. In addition I also do translations for our TPT Teams during pre-testing of PSYOPS products and face to face interviews. I guess the best part of my job is that I get to travel all over Kosovo see its beautiful nature as well as meet very interesting people.



Hobbies: reading and travelling.

Family reaction: I am married and have a son Breror who is 8 years old and makes sure I am quite occupied during my free time.

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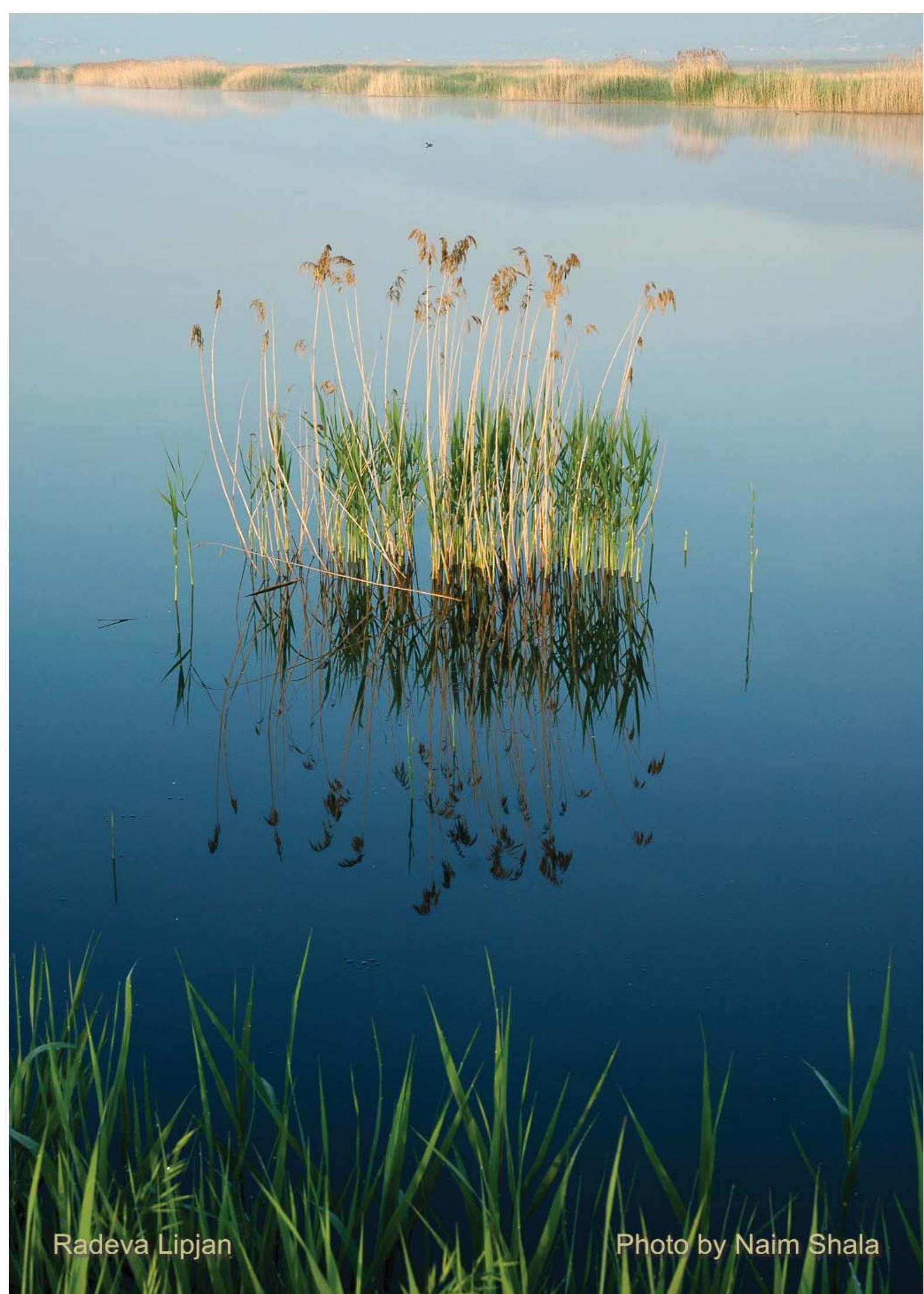
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4	3	6	2	1	7	8	5	9



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