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Commander KFOR attended final CRC exercise and graduation ceremony of Kosovo Police and KFOR MSU.

Yesterday, Friday the 22 of April 2011, the final Crowd and Riot Control (CRC) exercise conducted by Kosovo Police and KFOR Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU) took place in Camp Vrelo (Pristina). The exercise started at 10:00 hrs and was followed by the graduation ceremony for 63 members who attended the course. The event was attended by Commander KFOR, Major General Erhard Bühler, as well as by Reshat Maliqi, Kosovo Police Director and the Commander MSU, Colonel Eduardo Russo.

Within the framework of monitoring and advising KP units, KFOR organized this training course in order to continuously improve the capabilities of KP. This exercise marked the end of a CRC training course which started on the 4th of April, 2011.

The course was composed of theoretical and practical lessons, given by the MSU Carabinieri instructors. The participants were first instructed on the basic rules and the techniques of a CRC response activity, afterwards they practically trained with the MSU Platoons the tactical implementation. Kosovo Police officers were also taught to drive special vehicles in those operations and to coordinate with different units operating within the same scenario.

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The exercise was an outstanding success; the officers were graduated after a really effective performance conducted at the presence of all distinguished visitors, who appreciated the high level standard reached by the trainees. This exercise was an occasion for the KP elements to demonstrate their readiness and professionalism, as was underlined by the MSU Commander. He pointed out how this training course represented “a new step toward self determination of KP, as also for the first time were delivered four qualifying certificates as a CRC instructor”.

“It is a pleasure for me to participate today in this ceremony and to award you with certificates for the successful training you had with the Carabinieri of the MSU”, so Commander KFOR, Major General Erhard Bühler, addressing the trainees, adding 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”. Commander of KFOR also pointed out that this course is an 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” concludes General Bühler.

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