

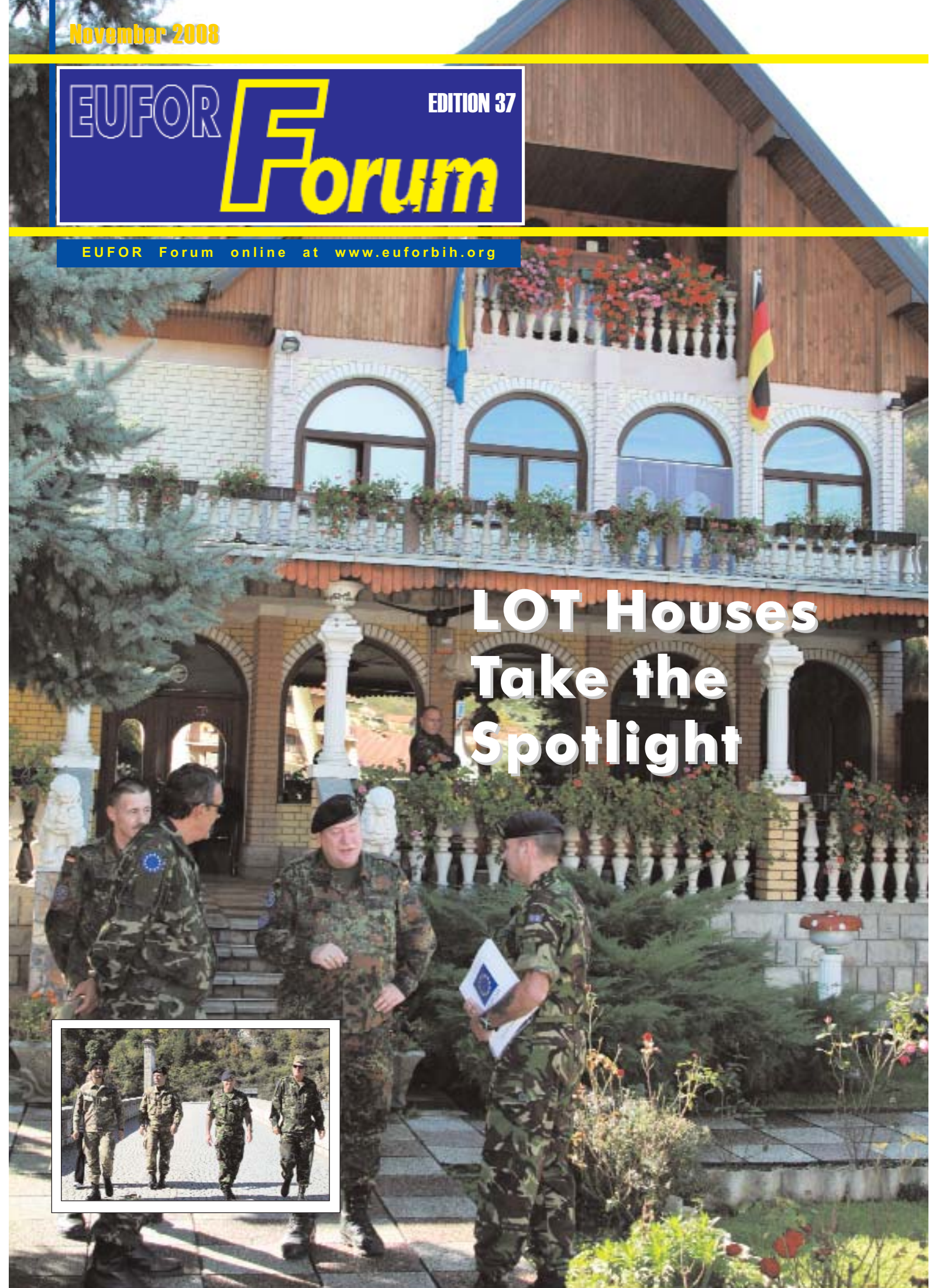
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LOT Houses Take the Spotlight



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As a Lieutenant and a Captain, he served as a Platoon and Company Commander in the Spanish Amphibious Brigade and in the Spanish Royal Guard. He served also in the regimental headquarters staff of the Tercio del Norte.

After being promoted to Major in 1998, he attended the Naval War College (Staff Course) graduating in June 1999. Following graduation, he was appointed to the NATO unit in the International Affairs Division of the Spanish Ministry of Defence. From 2000 to 2003 he collaborated with the IEES, Spanish Institute of International Studies, publishing several articles and collaborations. In 2001 he was appointed as ADC to His Majesty the King of Spain. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 2006.

His national military education includes the Staff Course at the



Naval War College and the following qualifications: Amphibious Operations, Combat Diver, Command of paratrooper units, and EOD. He has also attended some NATO courses, and he is a graduate of the Senior Course of the NATO Defence College.

He has two Masters degrees: Computer Sciences from the University Pontificia of Salamanca and Security and Defence from the Complutense University of Madrid.

His military awards include the Royal and Military Order of San Hermenegildo and Army, Navy and Air Force Crosses. In the civilian field he has the Order of Carlos III, the Order of Isabel la Catolica and the Order of Meritorious Civil Service. He

was also awarded with the Order of Orange-Nassau of the Nederland's, The Order of Merit of Norway and the Order of Madara from Bulgaria

Married to Margarita Lopez Conde. They have tree children (José Manuel 18, Pedro 16, María 12).

Spokesperson Media Summary

October 2008

This month has been another relatively quiet time from a Press Office perspective. However, the initial reports from the international media as a result of comments made after the European Union Council meeting, indicating that options were being considered for the future of EUFOR, generated huge media speculation over the Future of EUFOR.

Reports in the press indicated options for the future of EUFOR ranged from maintaining the status quo to complete withdrawal.

At the end of October the new Spokesperson joined EUFOR, Lieutenant Commander Pat O'Callaghan Royal Navy (UK) and who now has the reigns. I have had a very interesting and enjoyable

time, in the Press Office over the past 6 months, with the exception of the loss of our colleagues in a helicopter crash in June. I would like to thank everyone in EUFOR for making my time here so interesting and enjoyable. I have found Bosnia and Herzegovina a fascinating country, and this tour of duty follows a previous tour in 2001, which has helped me draw my own conclusions of the real progress towards the current Safe and Secure Environment, in spite of political situation at times generating international concern. I left to go home on 24 October with great sadness, but also fond memories. I am sure that you will make Pat O'Callaghan very welcome in this first class headquarters.

By Lt Cdr Kerry Corkett Royal Navy, GBR.

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EUFOR Signs MoU – Promoting the Role of Women in Building Peace and Sustainable Security



A ceremony was held at the UNIFEM, Sarajevo office, to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with UNIFEM on 23rd October. Major General Ignacio Martín Villalain, Commander of EUFOR, together with EUPM and UNIFEM, signed the agreement to cooperate towards strengthening

mutual understanding and cooperation between military and civilian police personnel and citizens, particularly women in BiH.

The signing of this MoU represents commitment to a programme of support for a gender-sensitive sector, and support for

women’s engagement in peace processes at all political and social levels. The programme will build on previous work carried out by the NGO, Zene Zenama, who will serve as UNIFEM’s implementing partner.

At the ceremony, COM EUFOR, General Villalain stated:

“I am delighted at the opportunity to cooperate with UNIFEM and EUPM in its implementation phase. I firmly believe that Bosnia and Herzegovina is dedicated to recognizing the possibilities and benefits which can be gained by further engaging in gender mainstreaming within the Security Sector and EUFOR will support this project with all capacity needed. We hope that our joint efforts and fruitful cooperation will be beneficial to the local community but also to the international personnel participating from EUFOR and EUPM”.

EUFOR Begins BiH School Competition Promoting EU Integration

It is with great pleasure that EUFOR announces the commencement of a school competition for all children within BiH in three age categories. The event is intended to promote a stable, safe and secure BiH on the path to EU membership.

The theme for this project is “The European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina growing Together” (Primary Schools) and “The European Union – Beauty of Diversity” (Secondary Schools). These key messages are intended to generate awareness amongst the young population of BiH about the benefits of advancing towards EU integration.

Many excellent prizes are on offer, includ-



ing trips abroad to various European cities for Secondary School children and items such as computers and mountain bikes for the Primary School children. EUFOR has funded this project along with a number of EU member states Embassies including; Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Slovenia, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

The competition officially launched when Ministers of Education in BiH were recently asked for their cooperation in inviting all primary and secondary schools to participate in the competition. The competition will end in December 2008. After the judging and filtering stage, prizes will be awarded in March 2009.

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Years 1-4 (age 6-10) who should prepare a drawing or painting.

Years 5-9 (age 11-15) who will be asked to produce a poster or story.

Years 10-13 (age 16-19) who may develop a community project or write an essay.

COM EUFOR Pays Visit to Drvar and Bosansko Grahovo

On Wednesday 1st October COM EUFOR visited Drvar together with his MA, Lieutenant Colonel Klaumann and Major Stratulat. Also Chief RCC 1 and his assistant coordinator were present.

After arriving in the LOT house the general and his attendance were briefed about the current situation in the Area of Responsibility (AOR) of the LOT house Drvar. The AOR of the LOT house covers the northern part of Canton 10 and includes the municipalities of Drvar, Glamoc and Bosansko Grahovo.

Topics concerning the population, economics and politics were mentioned during the presentation of the Dutch LOT house commander. COM EUFOR was particularly interested in the education system and curriculum in the schools of the mentioned municipalities.

After having a light lunch in the garden of the LOT house, COM EUFOR with his attendance and almost the complete Dutch crew, left for Bosansko Grahovo. On the way to that small city (Bosansko Grahovo had 12,000 inhabitants before the war, nowadays the population is



approximately 1,190) team Bosansko Grahovo, as well the interpreter, told a lot about the devastation and the consequences of the war for the area of Bosansko Grahovo.

In the city the team had prepared a walk-around that lasted 30 minutes. During that walk a lot of destroyed buildings and some reconstructed buildings were seen. The team and the interpreter could tell the visitors from Sarajevo and Banja Luka a lot of interesting topics. A historical fact is that Gavrilo Princip was born in the city of Bosansko Grahovo. On 28th June 1914 he killed Archduke Franz Ferdinand and

his wife Sophie Chotek in Sarajevo. This assassination is seen as the beginning of World War I. Another thing they told was that Bosansko Grahovo was destroyed for approximately 97 % (during operation Storm in 1995) and has, by that doubtful reason, to be the number one of the list of most destroyed cities in Bosnia-Herzegovina (List made by International Organisation for Migration).

The visit ended on the helicopter landing site in Bosansko Grahovo. Before leaving, COM EUFOR told the LOT team Drvar that he had gotten quite a good impression of the poor region and that he was impressed by the devastation that can still be seen even 13 years after the war ended. Although he considered it as an exemption in nowadays BIH, he was glad he had paid a visit. At the end the LOT house commander and his team thanked the COM EUFOR and his attendance for the visit and wished him success for the last 2 and half months of his tour in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

EUFOR Deputy Commander Visits RCC 2 Premises in Mostar

On 9th October, EUFOR DCOM visited the City of Mostar, where the RCC 2 house is located. After a short guided tour by one of the RCC interpreters, who is a former touristic guide, in the Mostar Old Town he went to the RCC 2 house.

The RCC 2 Chief, Major Linares, briefed the DCOM about the RCC 2 deployment,

organization and main AoA data.

After the briefing DCOM went to LOT Mostar 1 house. There he could talk with the LOT components and could know, first hand, the situation in the City.

Before the departure to Sarajevo, DCOM, RCC and LOT Mostar 1 personnel enjoyed their meal together.

COS EUFOR Visits Banja Luka

On September 27th 2008, COS EUFOR, Brigadier General Wundrak visited RCC1 in Banja Luka where he was welcomed by Lt Col Geert Lieverlo (Chief RCC1) and all OC's from RCC1 AOR (eleven officers). Command of RCC1 and all present personnel got introduced to the COS EUFOR.

COS EUFOR also decorated one of the Romanian Officers, with the Althea Service Medal, for his contribution to the EUFOR Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Soon after the introduction, all guests were served with coffee which they are enjoyed. The main purpose of the COS EUFOR's visit was to discuss distinctions and happenings in the Banja Luka AOR and especially about the ongoing election campaign. It is important to stress that General Wundrak preferred relaxed discussions instead of the standard briefings.

The visit to the RCC1 finished with lunch in a local restaurant where General WUNDRAK, Chief of RCC1 and members of the RCC1 Coordination Cell enjoyed the delicious domestic food.

During the visit to the RCC1, General Wundrak also paid an official visit to Romanian LOT House Banja Luka where he was introduced the LOT personnel.

He was accompanied with Lt Col Lieverlo (Chief RCC1), Major Stratulat (SA officer 1



HQ) and Captain Pruneanu (Ass. Coordinator RCC1). During the meeting they discussed the current security, political and economic situations in the Banja Luka area, entity and national levels. Other topics discussed were ongoing local elections, the

education system and the ethical situation in the AOR.

General Wundrak expressed his gratitude for all the good that EUFOR and the Romanian contingent which they achieved so far and also for the future. COS EUFOR was pleased with LOT House Banja Luka's activity and he thanked for the hospitality and contribution to the success of the mission.

The visit of the COS EUFOR ended with a tour of Banja Luka town where COS EUFOR was presented some historical issues and the importance of the main buildings of the town.



Visit to COM EUFOR October 2008



Spanish CHoD (JEMAD) Jose Julio Rodriguez Fernandez



RS MoI Mr Stanislav Cadjo



NDL Secretary of State for Defense DRS J.G. de Vries



Spanish CHoD (JEMAD) Jose Julio Rodriguez Fernandez

Combined Exercise Between MNBN and AFBIH Forces

Polish Company of the Multinational Battalion have conducted combined exercises with AFBIH from 22nd to 26th of September in the Training area of Eagle Base/Comanche Base (Tuzla). These exercises are part of a whole training scheduled by MNBN in which all companies of the Battalion co-operate with AFBIH units. Polish Company conducted the training with an AFBIH company.

During those days the companies performed the following exercises:

- MOUT training (Breaching in and searching a house) by designating different training areas to mix Companies.
- Patrolling training exercises.
- VIP's escorting procedures.



The training was followed by a tactical exhibition for Multinational Battalion

Commander Lt Col Estevez, he pointed out that he was very satisfied after the exercise

and he said: "Training with AFBIH COY was a good experience for both COYs".

MNBN Exercise

On the 16th October Multinational Battalion carried out exercise "Strong Sase-Meter" to maintain the capabilities of MNBN. The exercise was performed in three places: Archer base where was situated the command post, Comanche base (Tuzla) and Rajlovac.

Charlie Coy plus one Spanish platoon deployed in Comanche Base had the mission to control the area, evacuation of the situation awareness personal and support the ICTY. A recce team was deployed there to get accurate information about the target and another recce team

Alpha Coy plus one Spanish platoon deployed in Rajlovac had the mission of controlling the area, carry out control disturbance operations and evacuate, if it was required. The personnel of the lot house were situated there.

Delta Coy were a role players in a fictitious scenario acting as rioters, criminals



and so on and the rest of the Bravo Coy was the reserve forces.

The whole exercise was conducted from the command post solving the incidents of the exercise such as ambushes and mine-fields.

AGSR also participated in the exercise, helping to conduct the operations and to get the required information, Sea-King helicopters, Command flight helicopters and Swiss cougar helicopters.

After the exercise finished the multinational Battalion Commander Lt Col Estevez pointed out that "the exercise has been a wonderful opportunity for our units and staff to match their skills and operate in an environment very similar we face in Operation Althea".

OSCE and EUPM Visits RCC4

On Wednesday 1st September Regional Coordination Center 4 received important international guests. The Commander of RCC4 and representative of host country, Lt Col Klaus Seidl had invited Tuzla's EUPM (European Union Police Mission) and OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) to the RCC4 compound. Director OSCE Regional Office, Michel Dreneau (France) and Chief EUPM, Boris Zelesnik (Slovenia) came with their department leaders and staff members to RCC4. Lt Col Seidl and his staff welcomed the visitors. After brief introductions on personal background and main issues of duty here in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Lt Col Seidl gave a lecture on the work of EUFOR, RCC4 and respective LOT-houses. After that, an Austrian delicacy table was offered, set by Major Emil Kert and Warrant Officer Schneidhofer. Finnish Contingent Commander, Lt Col Tapio



Kotala and other Austrian and Finnish members of RCC4 participated also on that occasion. The visitors and the hosts were mainly familiar before the visit and so they all had lively conversations together for some hours.



Chief RCC4 Meets Ministers

On Monday, 29th September, 1100 hrs Chief RCC4, Lt Col Seidl, had a scheduled meeting with Secretary of Ministry of Renovation, Development and Return of Tuzla Canton, Sead Mujanovic. During the meeting Minister Mujanovic informed RCC4 representatives very detailed about responsibilities and work of his ministry. So Lt Col Seidl and Lt Kantalainen got an updated overview on the situation



with refugees and returnees in Tuzla Canton and neighboring RS regions. Also problems that returnees are facing, such as the criteria for granting donations to returnees were mentioned, as well as those 18,000 refugees should return to their homes in the next five to six years. With their willingness to coop-

erate in future and support each other's work as good as possible, this meeting ended.

On the same day's afternoon Lt Col Seidl also met the Secretary of Ministry of Interior of Tuzla Canton, Prof. Dr. Sead

Omerbegovic. Minister Omerbegovic informed RCC4 Chief on the present safety situation and the problems that the Ministry of Interior deals with. Mr. Omerbegovic emphasized that the safety situation in Tuzla Canton is at satisfactory level. Regarding to problems with illegal weapons Mr. Omerbegovic stated that changes in the law are in progress. Further on the Minister pointed out the good cooperation of Tuzla Canton and RS Ministries of Interior and the Police Forces of Brcko District. Cooperation between EUFOR and Tuzla Canton Ministry of Interior has also been estimated as very good.

EUFOR Press Office Visits LOTs

*Lt Cdr Kerry Corkett RN - EUFOR
Spokesperson*

Throughout the month of October, EUFOR HQ's Press Office began a campaign aimed at improving communication and liaison with RCCs and LOTs. It quickly became apparent how busy we all are, as the original programme demanded flexibility when changes to the schedule occurred on most days. Various members of the Press Office began by visiting LOTs; Visegrad, Gorazde, Vlasenica, Mostar and Banja Luka. It is hoped that this is only the beginning of a longer term strategy of raising the profile of media activities.

The aim of the informal visits was to convey the message of being more media aware in both the routine and no so routine aspects of LOT House business. We all know that LOTs do good work in their local communities, but often their routine and not so routine activities go unnoticed by the wider EUFOR community who are focused on their own roles. The Forum Magazine offers the opportunity to advertise some of these events and could even get someone's photo in print!



LOT Visegrad

The visits began with a several Press Office personnel visiting the Italian LOT Visegrad, where on arrival the team had prepared a very welcoming meal (not a sales pitch for future visits!). During and afterwards discussions ensued, before going with a LOT patrol firstly into the small but pleasant town centre and then on to a nearby returnee settlement. On arrival a small gath-

ering of people came to join us in some convivial conversation, where they talked of the local elections, before it was quickly time to move on.

LOT Gorazde

Next was a visit to the German LOT Gorazde, where it quickly became apparent that we were not the only visitors to the LOT Houses. The MNBN was already in attendance on a recce. After they left we sat down to talk over current EUFOR media stories, before witnessing the LOT dealing with a problem of one of the local men, who had become involved in a dispute with the police and was seeking an independent mediator to resolve his problem, which they duly did. Another interesting visit came to an end,

LOT Vlasenica

A hastily arranged visit to the Austrian LOT Vlasenica, again demonstrated how busy LOTs can be. On our arrival, they were in the middle of an unexpected inspection by a medical team, which after our departure was followed by a visit from the chaplaincy. The focus for us here was on self-help, where





some practical pointers were given on media photography and newsworthy events.

LOT Mostar

Towards the middle of the month, we traveled South West to the Spanish LOT Mostar. The welcoming 25°C, made for a pleasant visit, where shortly after our arrival we accompanied the LOT to the local police station to meet with the police spokesperson. The ensuing interview covered a wide range of subjects of interest to the LOT. I was also given the opportunity to put some questions to him on the recent heightened political situation being portrayed in the local and international media, and where he afforded me his personal and frank views. We then had the opportunity to visit the old town and famous Mostar Bridge (Stari Most), before further discussions continued over lunch.

And then came the time to bring to an end our first round of LOT visits.

The Press Office team would like to thank wholeheartedly those involved in making the arrangements and particularly the hosts, whose efforts made the visits so enlighten-



ing. For those not yet receiving a call for a visit – watch this space!

If you feel your work deserves a greater

airing in the EUFOR Forum Magazine, why not give the Press Office a call, I am sure we could help to raise the profile of your employment in EUFOR.

Visit to LOT Sokolac

As part of the ongoing EUFOR School Competition, which began at the beginning of the month under the theme ‘The European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina growing Together’, the RCC 3 Italian LOT House at Sokolac on 30th



October visited the Han Pijesak School. Lt Avenali (Chief LOT House) gave a short introduction to the children into the purpose of the visit. After drinks and biscuits, the children settled down to watch a short series of educational videos on topics such as: tolerance to others, mine avoidance and a short potted history of the European Union. Afterwards, Lt Avenali and his team distributed EUFOR backed Exercise Books, much to delight of the children. Lt Avenali also gave several basketballs and soccer balls to the School Principal.

Back at the LOT House, RCC3 Deputy Capt Di Michaele, EUFOR Press Office Personnel and all LOT House members enjoyed a superb Italian lunch.

Visits to Greek LOT Houses in October

On Tuesday 7th October 08, Chief IAD Colonel Giuzeppe Finanza visited LOT House of Uglevik following a circle of visits to all LOT Houses. The LOT Commander, Capt Leonidas Ralakis welcomed Chief IAD and the honourable delegation who escorted him at the first steps of the House where he was presented to the rest of the LOT members. It was the first time Chief IAD has visited the Greek LOT House and during the welcome coffee, he expressed his warm feelings for his visit. Chief IAD had a short briefing about the tasks and activities of the LOT House and later had the opportunity to exchange views about the current political and economical situation in the AOR of the LOT House, giving feedback information according to IAD conclusions for the recent election results.

On Thursday 9th October, COM EUFOR, Major General Ignacio Martin Villalain paid an official visit to the LOT House of Uglevik. Chief RCC4 LtC Clauss Seidl and the Greek LOT Coordinator, Capt Elias Konstantellos welcomed him at the helicopter-landing site in Uglevik. The delegation was transferred to the LOT House where the LOT Commander Capt Leonidas Ralakis and the LOT members presented themselves. A welcome coffee followed, during which, EUFOR was briefed about all current topics and ongoing issues in the AOR of the LOT House and especially on the Election results in the wide area of the four Opstinats that LOT Uglevik is responsible for. There was a very interesting discussion where LOT members gained a LOT of the perspectives and views of COM EUFOR.

Later, COM EUFOR, his honourable delegation and LOT members had a light lunch enabling an opportunity to taste a small sample of the Greek Kitchen.

Before his departure, COM EUFOR also had the chance for a sort sightseeing tour so as to get an overview of the centre of

Uglevik. He was pointed out all important buildings and had a small briefing of its history.

The visit of COM EUFOR was a great honour and pleasure for the Greek LOT House and all Greek LOT Members felt grateful.

On Friday 17th October the new Greek

Ambassador to Sarajevo, Ambassador Mr. Mantzouranis Prokopios visited the Greek LOT Houses in Zvornik and Uglevik. He started his visit from the LOT House in Zvornik where Chief LOT Commander Capt Achilleiou Konstantinos welcomed him and presented the rest members of the LOT House. After a short welcome coffee, he had a small presentation where he was informed in the mission and the activities of the Greek LOT Houses in Bosnia and was impressed of the High level tasks EUFOR aims to accomplish through the LOT Houses Concept.

The Ambassador had also the opportunity to have a small talk with the interpreters of the LOT House and feel the pulse of the population face to face.



Later on the Greek Ambassador moved to LOT Ugljevik whilst his movement were pointed out all interesting landmarks in the landscape. At the LOT House of Uglevik D. Com. Lieut. Veikos Lazaros and the rest LOT members welcomed and briefed him on the LOT House weekly working schedule, daily tasks and how LOT "feels the pulse" in their AOR.

At the end of the visit, all Greek Officers and NCO's had the honour to dine with the new Ambassador in a very friendly atmosphere in a famous restaurant in Bjelina where the Ambassador expressed his deep and warm feelings to all LOT members and promised to be back again in the near future.

CIMIC Actions of the Spanish Contingent in Sarajevo



During October the Spanish contingent have continued with CIMIC actions developed in benefit of the population of BiH:

- Delivery of a range of materials (combustible for the heating, medicines, material of office and cleaning, bottled water, food and clothes) to the old asylum "Otac Kristofor" of the locality of Nova Bila.

- Delivery of food and clothes to the CARITAS organisation in Sarajevo.

- Delivery of bikes to the children that live in Village Children Centre in Sarajevo

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The Dutch State Secretary of Defence Delegation Visits Dutch LOT Houses

The Dutch State Secretary of Defence, Jack de Vries, together with Dutch Deputy Director Operations CDRE Reefman, started an official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina on 5th October.

The main purpose of the State Secretary of Defence delegation's visit was to discuss distinctions and events in the RCC1 area of responsibility (AOR) and especially about the opinion of the people in Bosnia and Herzegovina about the presence of EUFOR.

On 6th October, they visited Camp Butmir in Sarajevo where the State Secretary attended the medal parade from the Dutch contingent in HQ.

On Tuesday 7th October, they went to Banja Luka to visit RCC1 and after this visit they would visit the four Dutch LOT Houses in RCC1 responsibility. The visit in RCC1 started with a presentation about the activities and interests which were assigned by Commander EUFOR AOR of



RCC1. The State Secretary of Defence had a discussion with the members of RCC1 about the mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In the afternoon, the State Secretary of Defence paid an official visit to Drvar, where he was introduced the LOT Drvar and LOT House Livno personnel.

During the introduction of the both LOT Houses' personnel, they spoke about the current security, political and economic situation in their area. Other discussed topics were mine fields, the education system

and the ethical situation in the AOR.

The delegation had lunch in Drvar. After that, they had visited LOT House Mrkonjic Grad. Members of LOT House Travnik were also present in LOT House Mrkonjic Grad so the delegation had the opportunity to meet and speak with all the members of the Dutch LOT Houses in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The visit of the Dutch LOT Houses in Bosnia and Herzegovina finished with a lunch in the local restaurant from Banja Luka where the Dutch delegation and members of the RCC1 enjoyed the delicious domestic food.

The State Secretary expressed his gratitude for all the good that EUFOR and the Dutch contingent have achieved so far and also for the future.

The delegation was pleased with LOT Houses's activity and they thanked for the hospitality and contribution to the success of the mission.

Spanish Contingent Carried Out Cooperation Projects to Help the Population in Mostar

On the 20th of October, personal in charge of the CIMIC actions of the Spanish contingent carried out four cooperation projects in the city of Mostar.

The first was the provision of basic medical equipment and computer aids to the Poglavica and Gubavica clinics. Both clinics are situated a long way from the main hospitals of Mostar and they serve more than 3500 persons. With this aid they have a minimum capacity to guarantee a suitable medical assistance, see emergencies and to control the patients, his files and the treatments. Stress among the equipment delivered, computers, desfibril-

lator, medical bags, oxygen bottles, electrocardiograph etc.

East Mostar hospital Director, Mr. Saric Bajro said "It's a great pleasure to welcome to the Spanish contingent, Spanish have always been here, since the war, when the situation was very difficult, they were who more aid provided us here in the war hospital, since then they have still helping us with the same intensity. Thank you".

After that it was delivered fire-preven-



tion equipment (fire extinguisher, hoses etc) in the Prenj school of Mostar, so the school didn't have any kind of fire prevention material. School principal thanked to the Spanish contingent his effort to improve the security of the children.

Finally, to improve the conditions of the Dzemal Bijedic university student residence it was provided with habitability equipment.

Mine Risk Education

Presentation of 24 oktobra 2008 godine održana je prezentacija Mine Risk Education (MRE) was held on 24th October in kindergarten "NUR" in Grbavica near centre of Sarajevo. Around 80 children were present, ages from 3 to 6 years old.

Presentation was held by Dzejna Skopljak, Mine Risk Education Manager of EUFOR HQ, in accordance with International Mine Action Standards (IMAS).

Methodology used was in accordance with children's age group. That means there was an interactive presentation through questions and answers with cartoon characters.

The goal of such education is to familiarize children with the dangers the mines pose, Minfield Signs and recognizing places that are dangerous to play around.

Mine Risk Education (MRE)

Mine Risk Education (MRE) is an educational process that ensures, people/communities are aware of the risk from mines and UXO's and are encouraged to behave in a way which reduces risk to people, property and the environment.

MRE has three components: education, community mine action liaison and dissemination of materials/information which must be approved by BH MAC.

Importance of MRE in BIH

For still long time, mine threat will be present in Bosnia and Herzegovina and continuous mine risk education is essential in order to avoid potential mine and UXO victims.

Mine Risk Education refers to mine action component with final aim to reduce number of victims and to indicate on long term danger by conducting education, media presentation and by raising population awareness.

BHMAC is a state coordination body with main responsibility to train mine risk education managers and to define standards for mine risk education. Implementation of MRE projects is done by MRE organizations whose projects are certified and approved by BHMAC. All MRE activities are coordinated through BHMAC, assisted by UNICEF.

Reducing the risk area through demining and marking activities and due to more involvement of mine risk education program, the number of mine victims is decreasing in recent years.

Mine risk education is one of the largest venues in BIH Mine Action activities. Since 2003, MRE has been a formal part of BHMAC's MA agenda and its MRE standards are based on those at the international level. In March 2004, an MRE Strategy was developed, following the canfield mine action



strategic planning model. The intention is that MRE Strategy should complement and be implemented into the overall BIH mine action strategy.

MRE is targeted at everyone, including children, adults, teachers and especially male farmers, as they have highest risk of injury or death from mine-related accidents. As reported by the Landmine Monitor Report 2004, 117454 people receive MRE in 2004. The most common methods of information transmission are posters, signs, brochures and school presentations. MRE is a mandatory subject in five of the 10 Federation cantons and in Brcko district.

Women Run for Women

Marion van der Bent-Meesters

On October 5th, 2008 Lindsey Korver and I ran the Zagreb Half Marathon. The goal we had for the run was to support the Safe House in Banja Luka and at the same time to create more awareness within the whole Bosnia regarding domestic violence. The Safe House in Banja Luka was established and opened its doors in the beginning of 2007. However, they had been lacking the financial support to replace their old kitchen floor which was in a state of disrepair. Our colleagues, families and friends as well as

the staff of RCC1 and LOT Mrkonjic Grad were more than supportive and together we managed to collect and donate a total amount of



KM 5072, 61. With this money we did not only replace the kitchen floor but also managed to replace the floor on the first level of the house. Further more we bought a dishwasher, sports goods, swings, pyjamas and some other things which women and children could use when they arrive at the Safe House. We would like to thank to all contributors on their support and big heart!

RCC 2 Colaborates With Cervantes Program in Mostar



A long time ago, CERVANTES Program started in MOSTAR in order to teach Spanish to local people. This program is possible thanks to the collaboration of West and East Mostar Universities and Granada University, and it is organized by INSTITUTO CERVANTES. There are 2 courses per year; one during summer which last only 2 months, and the other from October to June, during the University course. There is only one teacher for more or less 60 students, 6 men and 34 women. They are divided in 4 levels (A1, A2, B1 and B2) depending on their Spanish level. Every year there is a new group, 26 new students this year, allocated in level A1, which spend 3 hours per week; the

resting levels spend only 2 hours. One of these classes is only for speaking. RCC 2, with their Spanish LOTs (LOT MOSTAR 1), collaborates in these speaking classes. One day per week, members of these Spanish LOTs go to class and speak with the students, so that students have the possibility of improving their Spanish by talking with native people.

Besides, there are also classes of Spanish as a second language in East University. A Spanish Assistantship is in charge of teaching Spanish in

this University. AECID (Spanish Agency for International Development and Cooperation) offered to both Universities, West (BC) and East (B), the possibility to share the Spanish assistantship, but this was only accepted by the East University. Nowadays there are 30 students attending these University classes.

Ramadan Bayram at Camp Butmir

Ramadan Bayram, a three-day holiday was celebrated between 30 Sep-02 Oct 08. This marks the ending of the holy month of Ramadan during which Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset.



Ramadan Bayram, for Muslims, means family gathering, exchanging gifts, visiting the graves of the dear ones and giving charity to poor people. One more spiritual level, Bayram is the hol-

iday of forgiveness, moral victory and peace, fellowship, brotherhood and unity.

Within the context of this event, the Turkish Contingent celebrated this religious day at Camp Butmir.

Sports competition in Camp Butmir



Between 6th - 11th of October, sports competition was held by the Spanish Contingent on their national day.

There were competitions of basketball, volleyball, football and to finish it was celebrated a 5km race. Although there were different winners in each sport, team best classified was recece platoon.

MWA Events for November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
6:00 PM Circuit Training 8:00 PM Pool Competition	8:00 PM Salsa Dance Lessons	6:00 PM Circuit Training 6:00 PM Self-Defence Training	30	3:00 PM Personal Training programme 6:00 PM Circuit Training 8:00 PM Disco Party	10:00 PM Disco Party	8:00 PM Movie Night
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National Days in Camp Butmir

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Austrian and Hungarian



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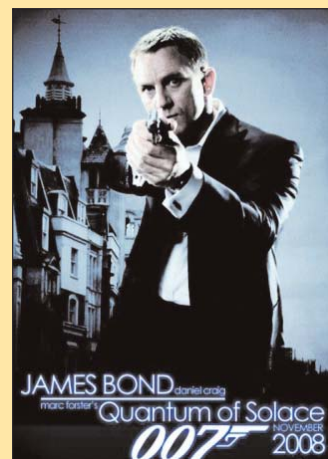
James Bond is back, and this time it's mighty personal. Daniel Craig's craggy agent picks up exactly where he left off in another bruising thriller that leaves you feeling both drained and exhilarated.

There are hand-to-hand fights that make your eyes water and old-school stunts involving motorbikes, speedboats, jet fighters and expensive cars that give you whiplash just looking at them. Really,

nobody does it better than the new 007.

Needless to say the plot is as forbidding as the title. After the death of his girlfriend, Vesper Lynd, at the end of *Casino Royale*, Bond mixes revenge and duty dangerously as he hunts down the shadowy group that blackmailed Lynd to betray him.

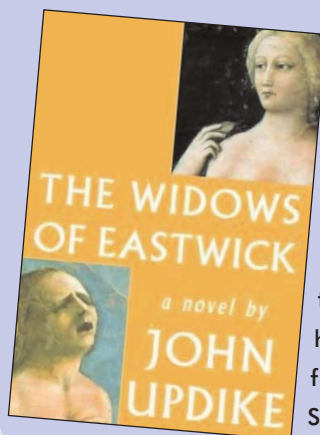
Bond is no longer a work in progress. He is now the cruel, finished article.



Bosnian Words

Light	Svjetlo
Dark	Tama
Sky	Nebo
Sun	Sunce
Star	Zvijezda
Ground	Zemlja
Ice	Led
Grass	Trava
Oven	Stednjak
Stove	Pecnica
Refrigerator	Frizider

Widows of Eastwick



What is true in the world of a film also applies to the house of fiction: Sequels rarely match the power of the original. "The Widows of Eastwick," John Updike's disappointing new novel, confirms this adage with a meandering plot and unconvincing characters, "Widows" not only exhibits little sense of where it is going, but it has also lost all feel for the spellbinding world from which it came.

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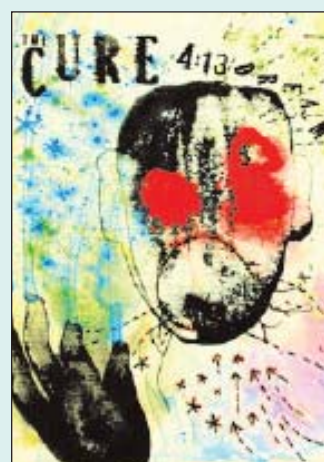
The Cure - 4:13 Dream

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"You've got what I want," Robert Smith sings through fat, strangling-vine guitars in "The Real Snow White," his wan chirp finally collapsing in a long, falling wowl. It is classic, inconsolable Smith — with a twist. On the verge of 50 and leading a double-guitar gnarly-glam version of the Cure, Smith sounds less like a lovesick prince in 4:13 Dream's looping-riff viscera and swallow-you-whole echo, and more like the avenging middle-aged Roger Waters on Pink Floyd's *Animals*.

There is none of the rag-doll bounce of the Cure's late-Eighties hits. The guitar overture in "Underneath

the Stars" is closer to electric Neil Young than fey gloom. There are no evident hooks in "The Scream," just dirty surge and Smith's yelping rage. His dreaming ends, of course, with the usual defeat, in "It's Over." But along the way, his fury is its own relief.



Soldier in the Spotlight

My name is Sonja Lenting. Sergeant 1 from the Dutch Koninklijke Marechaussee. In Butmir 2 I work as a Personel Assistant at the HQ IPU/EGF. It is my first mission abroad. Thought I've been to several countries representing the Netherlands as a military.



I play football in the national military women football team. As an athlete of that team I've played for example football in France, the United Kingdom and October last year I've played in India at the Olympic Military World Games. In the summer of 2009 we will be playing at the

play football in a competition. I've played in the highest competition in Holland. As a sportswomen I always want to win. I am a terrible loser.

The activities for military sportsmen and women have an overall organisation in the

World Championships in the U.S.A.

I started playing football when I was 6 years old, on the streets. When I was 10 years my father heard an announcement on the radio and he said to me that the local club N.E.C. asked for girls to play in a girls-team. That's when I started to

military around them and is called the CISM. Counseling International Sport Militair. "Friendship through sports" is an important slogan. Being a sportswomen and when I joined the military football team 5 years ago I've begin to realize that. Playing for the military team also means carrying for your fellow college's from different nations. Respect them and create I connection for the future to build on. In Butmir I've noticed a kind of comparenens with that. Because I work at the HQ we daily work together with collegues from different nations. Just like that's the same for many militaries here in Butmir. We are working together on something and that gives a bond. I think it's a privilege to work in an international environment like this and carrying out your share to help this country to stand on his own feet one time.

Photo Corner

If you have an image of your child that you would like to have published in EUFOR Forum, please send them to us!



Ajdin Skopljak



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