

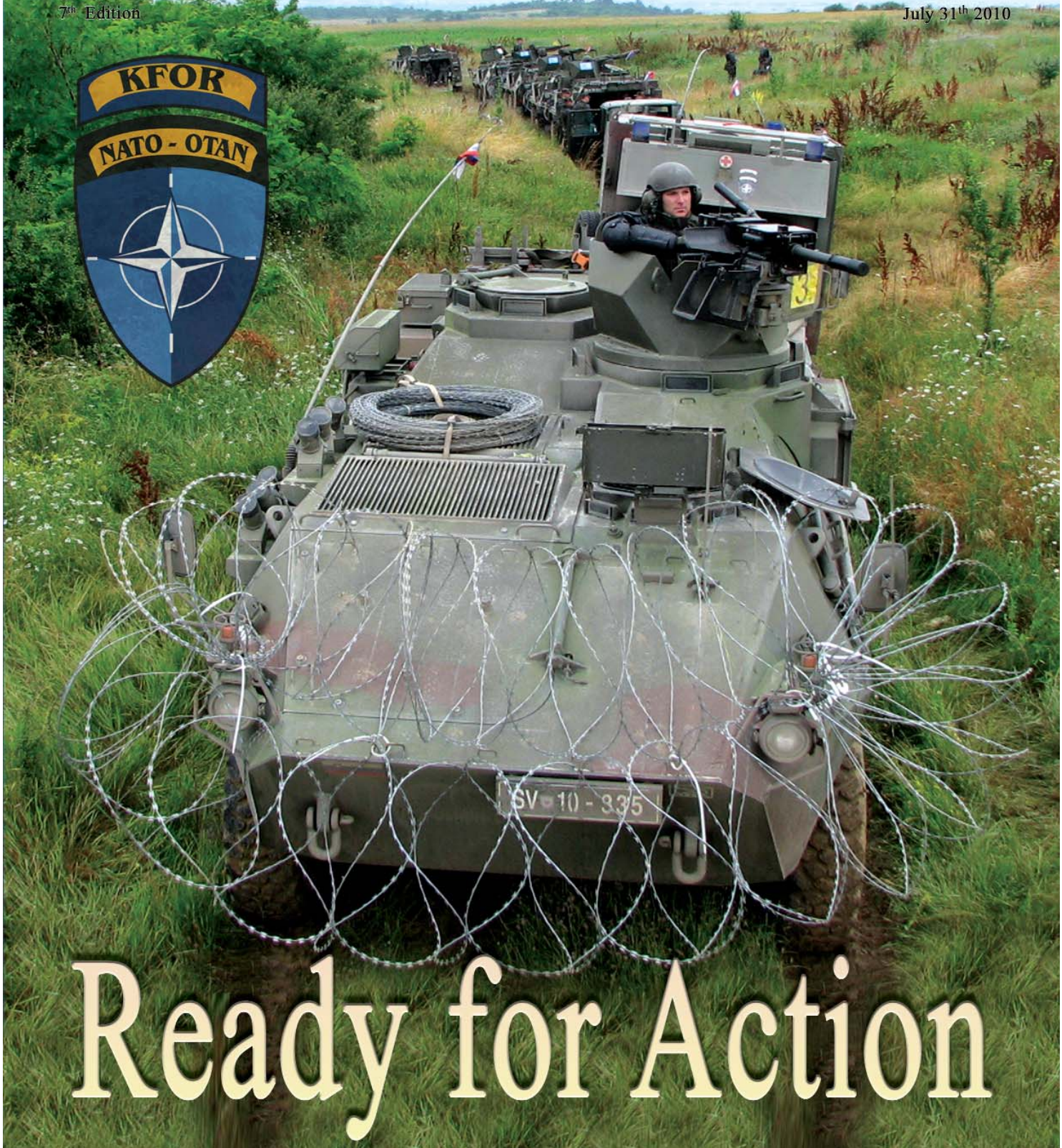
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Ready for Action



General's Perspective



COM KFOR Addressed to the HQ Staff



Generals, Officers, NCO's, and Soldiers of KFOR

I would like to thank you for the outstanding job you have done. I also want to discuss my vision of the future and what lies ahead of us.

My first message to all the new comers here is to get as much knowledge from your predecessors, because there isn't much time for learning curves. I need you to be up to speed as soon as possible so we can get the job done. For those of you who are leaving, I would like to express my genuine appreciation for your hard work during your deployment. Your efforts have shaped the environment in Kosovo, allowing KFOR to the transition into Deterrent Presence and eventually Minimum Presence.

In the past several months, there has been a great deal of change in Kosovo and KFOR. Back in November, Kosovo successfully held its first municipal elections. In March, we were able to hand over the security duties of Gazimestan Monument to the Kosovo Police. Recently, KFOR also handed over control of the border with Albania to the Kosovo border police. These things were possible, because of the great improvement in the security situation in this region.

KFOR has also gone through some dramatic changes recently. Our forces reduced from almost 15,000 to less than 10,000 and now we are relying on our mobility, agility and flexibility, to provide Kosovo with a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement.

We incorporated JLSG into the mix as they brought a new way for KFOR to conduct logistical requirements. Kosovo Security Force is making progress, but they continue to need our support.

KFOR's future is dynamic and will not only shape this area but will also contribute to the security of the entire region. I remain confident in the way ahead. I believe in all of you that you will continue to do an outstanding job. By doing so, we will achieve our UN mandate and NATO's mission.

The people of Kosovo trust and believe in you. I have no doubt that we will accomplish great things and continue the success KFOR is having. Let us keep moving ahead together, as our motto implies "Moving Forward".

9 July 2010, Film City



Heat Stress Prevention

Story by Master Sergeant Keith Williams, United States Air Force

People suffer heat-related illness when their bodies are unable to compensate and properly cool themselves. Very high body temperature may damage the brain or other vital organs. Heat stress related illness can also be increased due to age, obesity, fever, dehydration, heart disease, mental illness, poor circulation, sunburn, and prescription drug and alcohol use. To protect your health when temperatures are extremely high, remember to keep cool and use common sense. The following tips are important:

Drink Plenty of Fluids. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. During heavy exercise in a hot environment, drink two to four glasses (.50 – 1 liter) of cool fluids each hour.

Replace Salt and Minerals. Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body. These are necessary for your body and must be replaced. If you must exercise, drink two to four glasses of cool, non-alcoholic fluids each hour. A sports beverage can replace the salt and minerals you lose in sweat.

Wear Appropriate Clothing and Sunscreen. If you must go outdoors, protect yourself from the sun by wearing your uniform blouse sleeves down, appropriate head-gear along with sunglasses, and apply sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 15 or higher if available.

Stay Cool Indoors. Stay indoors and, if at all possible, stay in an air-conditioned place. If your dorm room or work area does not have air conditioning, find a public place that is air-conditioned. Taking a cool shower is another way to cool off.

Use a Buddy System. When working in the heat, monitor the condition of your co-workers and have someone do the same for you. Heat-induced illness can cause a person to become confused or lose consciousness.

Use Common Sense. Avoid hot foods and heavy meals. Drink plenty of fluids and replace salts and minerals in your body. Do not take salt tablets unless under medical supervision. Limit sun exposure during mid-day hours and in places of potential severe exposure (e.g. uncovered outdoor areas). Contact the nearest medical personnel for health and safety updates.



Master Sergeant Keith Williams (US) Air Force is a Public Health Manager in Film City. He has over 18 years experience in disease prevention, control and education. The role of a Public Health Manager is to ensure that deployed personnel take the necessary precautions to remain healthy for the duration of their mission in Kosovo. The purpose of this article is to educate personnel on how to avoid and detect heat related systems.

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Armenia	Morocco
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Ireland	Ukraine



MOVING I

Photos by Combat Camera Team Master Sergeant Lars Pötzsch, German Army



July 1, 2010

The Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR), Lieutenant General Markus Bentler, greeted the Belgium Ambassador to Kosovo, His Excellency Marc Michiels. The current situation in Kosovo was the topic of discussion.

July 5, 2010

COM KFOR, Lieutenant General Markus Bentler greeted the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, Admiral James G. Stavridis. Admiral James G. Stavridis discussed the development of the relationship between KFOR and Institutions in Kosovo with Lieutenant General Markus Bentler.



July 8, 2010

COM KFOR, Lieutenant General Markus Bentler, greeted the Chief Swiss Armed Forces Joint Staff, Major General Peter Stutz. The issues concerning the event driven transition process now and the future force reduction were discussed.

July 9, 2010

COM KFOR Lieutenant General Markus Bentler, welcomed the Hungarian Minister of Defense, Mr. Csaba Hende. The issues concerning Hungary's contribution to KFOR were discussed.



FORWARD



July 9, 2010

COM KFOR Lieutenant General Markus Bentler, welcomed the Commander of the 3rd Territorial Region of Switzerland, Major General Roberto Fisch. COM KFOR briefed Major General Roberto Fisch on the current situation in Kosovo and KFOR.

July 13, 2010

During his visit to the HQ KFOR, the NATO Joint Force Command Naples, Admiral Mark Fitzgerald discussed the process of handing over the responsibility for safeguarding of cultural and historical sites in Kosovo from KFOR to the Kosovo Police with COM KFOR Lieutenant General Markus Bentler.



July 23, 2010

COM KFOR Lieutenant General Markus Bentler, welcomed the Adjutant General of Puerto Rico National Guard (USA), Major General Antonio J. Vicens. The details of rotation of the US National Contingent within KFOR were discussed.



July 26, 2010

COM KFOR Lieutenant General Markus Bentler, welcomed the member of the German Parliament Mr. Rainer Arnold. The topic of discussion was the current situation in Kosovo.



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Story by Master Sergeant Franz Schöner, German Army

Photos from participants of the pilgrimage

Since 1958, the soldiers from all over the world have come to Lourdes (south France) testifying their commitment to peace at the pilgrimage site dedicated to Virgin Mary. The experience created a bond between the healthy and the ill, the young and the old.

It started in 1858, when young Bernadette

Soubirous was gathering firewood near her hometown Lourdes, when the blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her at a grotto. A spring has welled up at the same location each year. This location has maintained its unique aura and has attracted over 5 million pilgrims, visitors and tourists from all over the world.

In 1944, the first French soldiers made a pilgrimage to Lourdes. They were exhausted from fighting and wanted to replenish their strength at the holy spring.

Over a decade later, in 1958, the French



ilitary Pilgrimage"

military invited other nations to this pilgrimage. Soldiers were invited intentionally, in order to highlight the future of Europe and of the world as a whole.

"Under the sign of the cross, under the sign of life"

This was the motto in 2010, when once again almost 15,000 pilgrims from 30 nations gathered at 52nd International Military Pilgrimage in Lourdes from 19 to 25 May 2010.

The delegation from KFOR participated in the pilgrimage from 21 to 23 May 2010. Soldiers from

Austria, Denmark, Romania, Czechia, Poland, Italy, Germany, Slovenia, Ukraine and the United States participated in the pilgrimage organizing by Lieutenant Colonel Karl-Heinz R. Dean Siegfried W., Chief Chaplain of HQ KFOR was the spiritual lead.

The soldiers of the KFOR delegation joined the atmosphere of the pilgrimage by praying during their flight to Lourdes.

The opening ceremony included a torchlight procession and church services for different nationalities were also formed. The joint prayers and talks between the individual nations created a special feeling of comradeship and community among the KFOR pilgrims.



CROSS BATTLEGROUP



MEDEVAC TRAINING



*Story by Specialist Officer Juerg Hostettler, Swiss Army and Sergeant Joshua Dodds, United States Army
Photos by Sergeant Joshua Dodds, United States Army and Staff Sergeant Helmut Vogl, Austrian Army*

Multinational Battle Group South (MNBG S) medics trained together with a Medical Evacuation (MEDEVAC) Crew of Multinational Battle Group East (MNBG E). The Swiss and Austrian soldiers were familiarized with the US UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter in three phases. Major Reinhard Kern, Chief Medical Officer, Swiss Army, initiated the training for several reasons. "Whether it is a military incident or a traffic accident, it is necessary that our people are familiar with the MEDEVAC procedures of MNBG E", he said. The goal was to have the medics trained to be of assistance in case of emergency and if their Battle Group could not provide air MEDEVAC. "I was very happy that this training could be organized and

everything worked out to get the Blackhawks from MNBG E," Major Kern said. 1st Lieutenant James R. Caniff, Blackhawk pilot, supported the idea of the training. "International cross trainings within KFOR is a necessity and the best preparation for a real life event", he said. "We have helicopters and if we are needed, we will be there. In less than eight minutes we are in the air". Prior to the training, Sergeant Jeremy Lowe inspected the equipment to ensure it was operating properly. The training included hot and cold loading, and the use of the hoist. The Austrian and Swiss soldiers were shown the proper techniques for all three situations. "It was a very successful training for all and the perfect opportunity to become ready when a situation calls for our assistance," Major Kern said. "On the other hand it has been great to get the hands on other international procedures and last but not least to get to know a great crew of the US Medical Evacuation team".

Transfer of Auth

Story by Technical Sergeant Sandy L. Wilcox, United States Air Force

Photos by Afrim Hajrullahu

On 8 July 2010, the Joint Logistic Support Group (JLSG) held its first change of command ceremony. The ceremony took place on the grounds of Camp Rigas Fereros. KFOR operations are the first ones, where new international logistic concept was introduced employing JLSG. JLSG comprise of transportation units, engineers units, reception station and onward movement units that already exist in KFOR. The main purpose of JLSG is to maintain cooperation between nations, NATO, the National Support Elements and the Battle Groups.

The Change of Command ceremony began with the colour guard posting the NATO flag. An inspection of the parade was accomplished by Kosovo Force

Commander (COM KFOR) Lieutenant General Markus Bentler and JLSG Brigadier General Miroslav Kocian. Following the inspection Brigadier General Kocian gave his parting speech to his troops and distinguished guests. In his speech, he mentioned some of the challenges that JLSG has accomplished. "You have performed a very successful, professional, and effective job. You have always been one team fulfilling a mission with outstanding dedication and professionalism. I can not thank you all enough for the fantastic job each of you have done and for the excellent team effort this has been," Brigadier General Kocian said. He also mentioned that it was a great pleasure and honour to serve with his outstanding team. In closing, Brigadier General Kocian thanked the men and women of JLSG for their service.

Following Brigadier General Kocian speech, COM KFOR Lieutenant General Markus Bentler, bid



Authority for JLSG

farewell to Brigadier General Kocian. In his address, he mentioned the success that Brigadier General Kocian had during his tenure as Commander of JLSG. "JLSG had many accomplishments during the first six months of operations. JLSG created a detailed logistic KFOR wide database that includes every nation logistical assets in theatre, including vehicles and stocks. Under his command medical, transportation, engineering and reception, staging and onward movement were all integrated," Lieutenant General Markus Bentler said. He also mentioned the wealth of logistic experience the incoming commander Brigadier General Hans-Joachim Fischer has. COM KFOR also expressed his confidence in Brigadier General Hans-Joachim Fischer ability to lead JLSG.

Before closing, COM KFOR Lieutenant General

Markus Bentler presented COM JLSG Brigadier General Miroslav Kocian with the NATO "Non Article 5" medal. The official Transfer of Authority followed the medal presentation by COM KFOR. The NATO flag was passed from Brigadier General Miroslav Kocian to Lieutenant General Bentler and then to the new Commander of JLSG Brigadier General Hans-Joachim Fischer. The flag exchange signified the end of Brigadier General Kocian's tenure as a Commander of JLSG and marked the beginning of Brigadier General Hans-Joachim Fischer's tenure as Commander of JLSG.



Sport contest at halftim

Story and photos by Specialist Officer Christoph Zehnder, Swiss Army

The Austrian Contingent (AUCON) and Swiss Company (SWISSCOY) of KFOR traditionally celebrate a “halftime mountain festival”

(“Bergfest”). The term does not refer to the alpine topography at home, but rather to the fact that after three months in the mission the “summit” has been reached.

This summer’s “Bergfest” was combined with a sport contest in Camp Casablanca. On 3 July 2010 six teams competed under perfect weather conditions in soccer, basketball, beach volleyball and



Life in Camp Casablanca

swimming. Participants' ranks ranged from Private to Lieutenant Colonel. Motivation was high among the athletes. After all, nothing less than their national pride was at stake. The games took place in a friendly competitive atmosphere. At the end of the day, it was the Austrians who clearly dominated the ranking. However, all competitors proved to be "fit for the mission". Manpower was also needed later that day, when the National Contingent Commanders of both deployments cut down the traditional maypole ("Maibaum") with a whipsaw. All the physical effort was rewarded in the evening, when the actual festivities started. The troops of AUCON and SWISSCOY enjoyed a barbeque which included a live band. The celebration marked the second half of their mission.



“AGILE LION 2”: T

Story and photos by MCA Division

On 21 to 25 of June 2010, the Kosovo Security Force (KSF) conducted a Command Field Exercise (CFX) “Agile Lion 2”. “Agile Lion 2” this was a two levels exercise that involved all KSF. The purpose of this exercise was to train the KSF members for the achievement of the Full Operational Capability by the end of 2012.

The planning and execution of “Agile Lion 2” was conducted in accordance with KSF Standard Operating procedures, considering the specific nature of KSF as a Civil Protection Force.

The scenario was the reaction to a series of

earthquakes of high intensity that occurred in the south-eastern part of Kosovo. Those events involved approximately 500,000 people, predominately in south-eastern and central Kosovo. On the same day, the ministry for KSF (mKSF) issued an order to Land Force Command (LFC) to prepare all the assets needed to deal with the risk of infrastructure damages and the threat of life. The units of the KSF such as LFC, Rapid Reaction Brigade (RRB), Operational Support Brigade (OSB) and their battalions took part in the exercise. Each unit deployed their command post.

On the first day, after the order were issued by mKSF, the KSF units set up their field command posts in different KSF barracks (Pristina/ Prishtine for the LFC,



THE KSF EXERCISE

Ferizaj/Urocevac for the RRB and OSB, Pomazotin/Pomazatin for the battalions and regiment of OSB and Gjilan/Gnjilane for the battalions of RRB) and started the planning activity at LFC level. In the morning on the first day, LFC issued a warning order to subordinate units that started the subsequent planning activity at their level. In the afternoon on 23 June 2010 the simulation phase was included, such as damages to factory and dam, and leakage of toxic materials. On 24 June 2010 Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR), Lieutenant General Markus Bentler, arrived with high authorities of the government of Kosovo. General Markus Bentler and the distinguished guests visited each Command Post deployed on the ground. The CFX

was completed with after action review, when both the MCAD mentors and KSF controllers came to understanding, that command and control process, communications procedures, flow of information and planning process needed improvement.

In conclusion all the personnel involved in the exercise, both KSF controllers and KFOR mentors, did a great job making each scenario appear realistic as possible. The final result was more than satisfactory. The activity can be considered as an excellent example of the remarkable job of the personnel of MCA Division and also of the cooperation among KFOR and KSF.



Transfer of Authority for the KFOR

Story by Lieutenant Colonel Serhiy Panchenko,
Ukrainian Army

Photos by Major Michael Keuschnig, Austrian Army

On 9 July 2010, all KFOR Headquarters personnel lined up in formation on the ground at HQ building; in recognition of the outgoing HQ KFOR Chief of Staff (COS) Brigadier General David L. Harris. This also served as an opportunity to meet and greet the new COS, Brigadier General Wilton S. Gorske.

The ceremony started with a speech from the Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR) Lieutenant General Markus Bentler. In his speech, COM KFOR mentioned that the Chief of Staff is a “key figure” in KFOR’s development and also called this position as a “critical” and “most difficult” in KFOR Headquarters.

“The Chief of Staff has to take my vision and turn it into

a reality. The Chief of Staff has to ensure that I get proper and timely advice and that my plan is executed,” Lieutenant General Markus Bentler said.

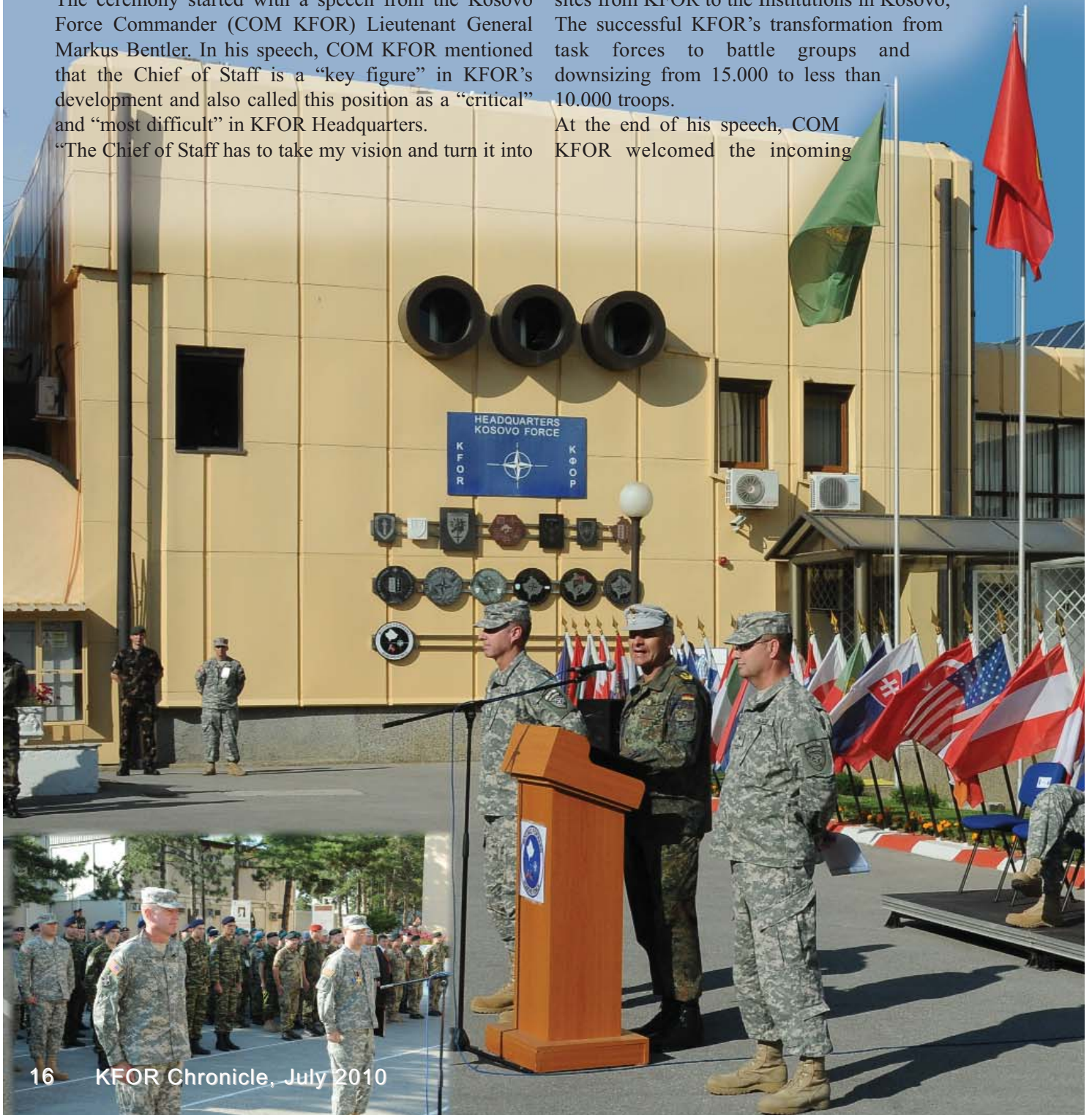
Describing the accomplishments of the outgoing Brigadier General David L. Harris, COM KFOR underlined:

The reestablishment of high level talks and meetings with Serbian Armed Forces;

The developing process in handing over responsibilities for the safeguarding of religious and cultural heritage sites from KFOR to the Institutions in Kosovo;

The successful KFOR’s transformation from task forces to battle groups and downsizing from 15.000 to less than 10.000 troops.

At the end of his speech, COM KFOR welcomed the incoming



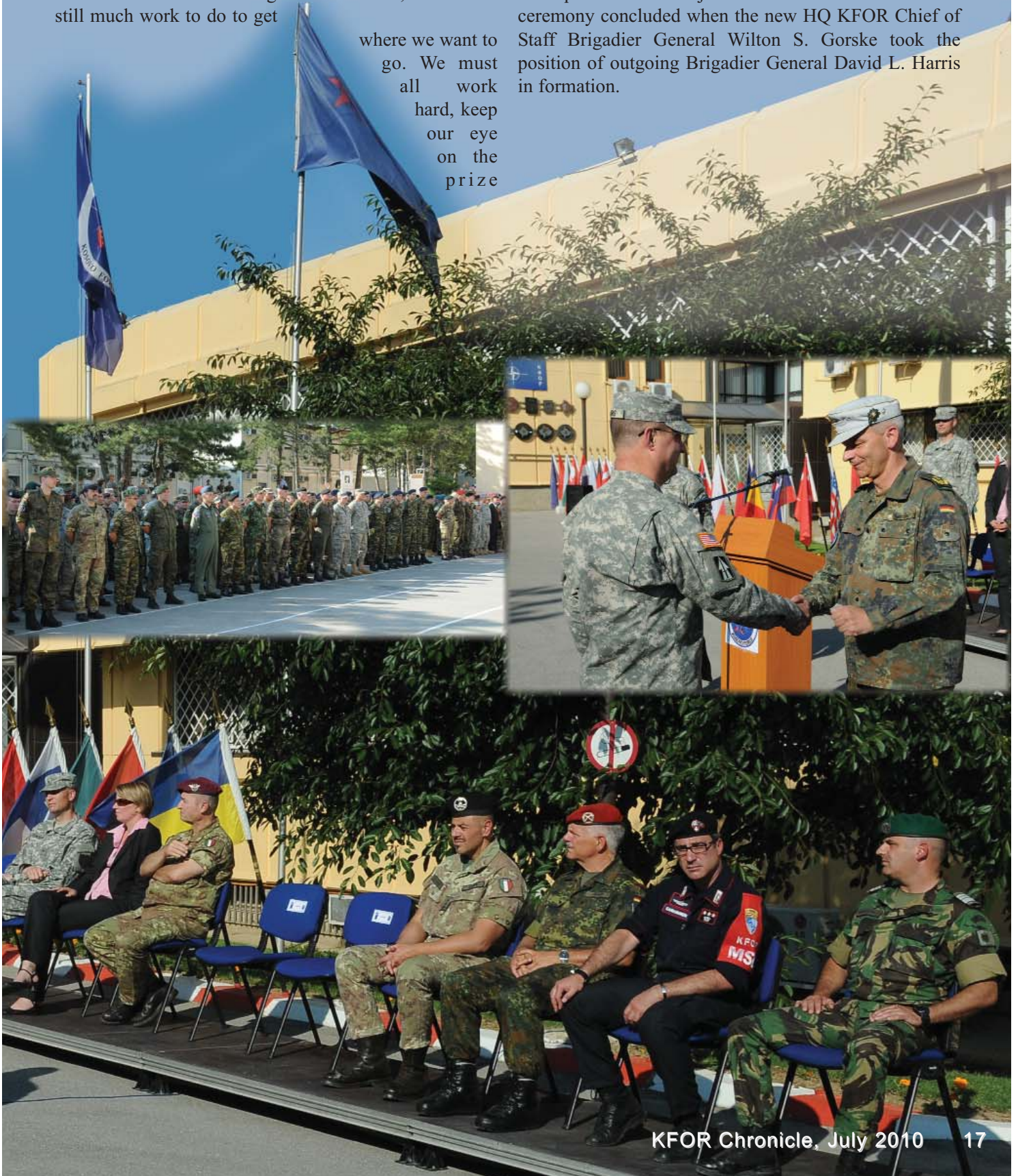
KFOR Headquarters Chief of Staff

Chief of Staff Brigadier General Wilton S. Gorske and wished him and all HQ personnel success in facing the great challenges ahead. "To sum it up, just like in the World Cup, it takes a team effort to obtain our goals. We have done a lot of work to get where we are, but there is still much work to do to get

where we want to go. We must all work hard, keep our eye on the prize

and take this mission through to minimum presence," finalized Lieutenant General Markus Bentler.

Brigadier General David L. Harris sincerely thanked COM KFOR and all personnel assigned to KFOR Headquarters for the joint work in the mission. The ceremony concluded when the new HQ KFOR Chief of Staff Brigadier General Wilton S. Gorske took the position of outgoing Brigadier General David L. Harris in formation.



Joint Multimodal

Story and photos by Captain Angelo D'Amato, Italian Army

The Joint Multimodal Operational Unit (JMOU), framed in the Combat Service and Support Regiment of Multinational Battle Group West (MNBG W), conducts tasks to move personnel and material from Joint Operational Area (JOA) inside the JOA and other locations. These activities include operating near Seaport of embarkation/disembarkation (SPOE/SPOD) and Airport of embarkation/disembarkation (APOE/APOD) assigned in the JOA. The JMOU carry out the multimodality. Transports are done by road, sea and air. It is comprised of three different branches of the Italian Armed Forces: Army, Navy and Air Force. The joint form of the unit during last six months have

enriched the technical knowledge of every element, because of the exchange of experience.

Since February 2010, the JMOU has conducted its own activities in the vicinity of APOD/APOE of Gjakove/Djakovica and Pristine/Prishtina in Kosovo, as well as APOD/APOE of Tirana in Albania.

JMOU operate in the vicinity of SPOE/SPOD of Durres (Italy) and manage customs activities including military convoys that moves from Kosovo to Albania through the Border Crossing Points of JOA.

The last few JMOU's operations included:

- embarked/disembarked airplanes: 45;
- embarked/disembarked ships: 20;
- embarked personnel: 3177;
- disembarked personnel 2747;
- embarked vehicles: 118;
- disembarked vehicles: 42;



Operational Unit

- embarked containers: 66;
- disembarked container: 17.

The management of dangerous materials is also part of JMOU's activities. These materials are subject to very strict regulations that require specific documentation and packing.

The JMOU's personnel are required to know every aspect of logistic activities. During the rotations of the Battle Groups, JMOU's personnel were forced to act at the same time in different locations, like SPOD/SPOE of Durres for embarkation/disembarkation Battle Groups' materials and APOD/APOE of Gjakove/Djakovica for embarkation/disembarkation of personnel.

Using advanced technology allows them to control every aspect of activities (for instance check-in and check-out of personnel). The new computer devices are able to operate in stand alone mode and as a part of the

military network, in order to permit the homologous unit in Italy to control the movement of personnel and materials.

In conclusion it should be noticed, that the "Joint and Combined" way to work is the future of Armed Forces: we can work together and do a great job.



French Na

Story by Lieutenant Colonel Serhiy Panchenko,
Ukrainian Army

Photos by Major Michael Keuschnig, Austrian Army

On 14 July 2010, a French national holiday, also known as “Bastille Day”, was celebrated in home of Multinational Battle Group North (MNBG N) Headquarters at Camp “Maréchal de Lattre”, Novo Selo. The storming of the Bastille on 14 July 1789 has been commemorated in France for more than two centuries.

The storming of the Bastille

Paris was in a state of high agitation in the early months of the French revolution. In spring 1789, the Estates-General refused to dissolve, transforming itself instead into a constituent National Assembly. In July, King Louis XVI called in French troops and dismissed his popular Minister. On the morning of July 14, the people of Paris seized weapons from the armoury and then marched in the direction of an ancient royal fortress, the Bastille.

After a bloody round of firing, the crowd broke into the Bastille and released the handful of prisoners held there. The storming of the Bastille signalled the first victory of the people of Paris against a symbol of the Old Regime. Indeed, the edifice was razed to the ground in the months that followed.

Nowadays, the “July 14” is celebrated with a mixture of solemn military parades and easygoing dancing and fireworks.

“Bastille Day” in Kosovo

The celebrations in Camp “Maréchal de Lattre” started with a troop review, when Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR) Lieutenant General Marcus Bentler inspected the following units: the 6th Engineer regiment of Angers Band; a detachment of gendarmerie from EULEX; a detachment of MNBG N; detachment of the French national support element; detachment of all the French officers and NCOs serving in Kosovo Trident operation.



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Than in solemn atmosphere the National French Flag was raised up. After that the French military representative, Brigadier General Joël Berton, addressed to the soldiers and distinguished guests. In his speech Brigadier General Joël Berton stressed that peace and security have been restored since France has been deployed in Kosovo 11 years ago alongside its friends and allies. "All French soldiers together with their comrades from other KFOR contributing nations can be proud of the results. Nevertheless our mission is not yet over in Kosovo. Thus, until the end of our mandate, each of us will be keen to pursue his

action with determination so that the favourable conditions for dialogue will be maintained. Only the latter, will from now on ensures that Kosovo's inhabitants will live peacefully in a respectful and tolerant society regardless of their religion or culture," underlined Brigadier General Joël Berton. Following the speech of Brigadier General Berton, the medal parade began. The French ambassador to Kosovo Mr. Jean-François Fitou and Brigadier General Berton presented French soldiers with the medals. Among them, Colonel Burster was presented the French National Order of the Legion of Honour. Captain Jacob de Naurois received the military value cross with the bronze star for his services under fire in Afghanistan. After the ceremony concluded, the guests were invited for cocktails and traditional French cuisine.



Czech Contingent Fire and Rescue demonstrated action in case of chlorine substance for members of

Story and photos by Captain Magdalena Dvořáková, Czech Army

On 24 June 2010, the Czech Contingent Fire and Rescue Team presented their procedures and practical skills in case of leakage of toxic gas, e.g. ammonia or chlorine, in the air. The practical exercise took place at the Prishtine/Prishtina Fire Brigade residence.

The demonstration of detection, decontamination and rescue was initiated by the engineering officer of the Multinational Battle Group – Centre Captain Lubomír Trudič from Slovakian Contingent, who as chemist overviews the conditions of factories and companies in Prishtine/Prishtina area as potential sources of hazardous substance leakage in the air. The result of his researches was not favourable. He contacted the emergency reaction force – the local fire brigade and offered KFOR cooperation in training.

The Czech Fire and Rescue Team serves at Camp Šajkovac. The local water house is located in the middle of the site, which provides water for the Podujeve/Podujevo municipality. Because of the possibility of leakage, chlorine substance is used to disinfect the water. The Czech team practices the necessary interventions quite regularly. Therefore, the Czech unit was tasked by Captain Trudič to do theoretical presentation and actual simulation of detection and decontamination for the local fire



Fire and Rescue Team in case of leakage of hazardous of Fire Brigade in Pristina

department members.

The presentation of standardized procedures, experiences and practical advices was set on the premises of the Prishtine/Prishtina Fire Brigade. There are 40 firemen who serve in the Prishtine/Prishtina municipality.

Mr. Agim Gashi, the Director of Directorate of Public Services for Safety, Defence and Emergency, and Mr. Mahir Hasani, the Coordinator of Emergency Operations Centre, and Lieutenant Colonel Martin Kavalir, the Czech Contingent Commander, were all in attendance.

“Local firemen don’t have set any official procedures in case of such accident. Besides procedures and determination of decision making competencies they are often seeking the mandatory equipment. They are starting from scratch,” Fire Department Captain Lubomír Trudič said .

“Often the local firemen are missing the proper equipment or they have it but do not know how to use it correctly in such situations. We are here today to introduce our equipment and routines we use in case of Chlorine leakage,” said 1st Lieutenant Aleš Zika, the commander of the Czech Fire and Rescue Team in Camp Šajkovac.

The presentation was compound of the theoretical part presenting the common procedures, definition of hazardous area, entrance, decontamination and rear area of outer zone of the accident, definition of competencies for each sector and the special equipment of Czech unit. The practical part consisted of the demonstration with commentary of best practices and lessons learned by 1st Lieutenant. Aleš Zika.



About Ca

*Story by Corporal Teemu Vällilä, Finnish Army
Photos by Finnish Contingent of KFOR*

In August 1999 the Finns were the first non-NATO peacekeeping troops that arrived in Kosovo. This was the first steps to Camp Ville's many years to come. Camp Ville is located in the city of Lipjan/Lipljan in the Multinational Battle Group Centre (MNBG C) Area of Responsibility. Currently, the Finnish Contingent is the host. There are six different nations

stationed at Camp Ville: Swedish, Czechs, Irish, Slovaks, Turkish and Finnish. Camp Ville includes the MNBG C Headquarters, the Finnish National Support Element and two companies, the Multinational Headquarters and Logistics Company (MNHQ & Log Coy) and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Company (ISR Coy). Soldiers stationed at Camp Ville have a lot of services at their disposal. Basic things include laundry services, dining hall, barber, tailor, hospital, massage and lots of



Camp Ville

other services a soldier might need during his stay at Camp Ville. Besides the basic services, there is also a mess hall, library with an impressive selection of DVD-movies, and Wi-Fi connections. The chapel in Camp Ville offers an environment for fervent moments.

If you are into sports, Camp Ville has various activities that you can participate in during your free time. Camp Ville has a running track, and you can also build your

muscles at the Suvi Gym. Next to Gym, is the Leijona Arena, which offers an array of various team sports or even wall climbing. In the summertime, you can participate in sports such as basketball and volleyball. One of the main attractions to Camp Ville is the multiple Sauna's. Sauna is a Finnish tradition, which was brought to Camp Ville. There are 19 saunas located in Camp Ville at the moment, one is a mobile version called Zaunava. Zaunava was built from three Zastavas and the leftovers were on a Finnish thrifty habit used to build a grill. Since Zaunava was developed and built in Camp Ville, it has been the number one attraction to all visitors.



Change of command in the M

*Story by Sergeant Jerry Boffen, United States Army
Photos by Major Michael Keuschnig, Austrian Army*

On 24 July 2010 a new US-led KFOR battle group, predominately based out of Puerto Rico, officially took over responsibility of Multinational Battle Group East (MNBG E), joining units from six other nations, all of which are supporting the NATO mission of maintaining a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for all the people in Kosovo.

At the event, Colonel Francisco J. Neuman, commander of the 92nd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB), and the soldiers under his command, officially accepted responsibility of MNBG E from Brigadier General Alan S. Dohrmann, commander of the 141st Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, and the Soldiers in his battle group.

The US contingent of MNBG E, of which approximately two-thirds are Puerto Rico National Guard Soldiers, is represented by soldiers from 21 states and the US territory of Puerto Rico.

MNBG E's sector stretches along Kosovo's eastern Administrative Boundary Line, and is one of five sectors where NATO peacekeeping forces conduct patrols and engage with the people and institutions in Kosovo.

Brigadier General Dohrmann and the soldiers of the 141st MEB have been providing safety and security in Kosovo since they took over the mission in November 2009. Colonel Neuman said he looks forward to continuing that important mission with the help of multinational partners from Armenia, Greece, Poland, Romania, Turkey, and Ukraine.

"As I look forward, my objective is to continue building on the work accomplished by KFOR 12 and



Multinational Battle Group East

its predecessors over the past several years. Without a doubt, progress is being made in Kosovo,” Colonel Neuman said. I am honored for the opportunity to lead Multinational Battle Group East,” he continued. “My Soldiers are ready. We all look forward to supporting the people in Kosovo in this important mission.”

Brigadier General Dorhmann and Colonel Neuman were joined at the ceremony by Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR) Lieutenant General Markus Bentler, as well as Major General Antonio J. Vicens and Major General David A. Sprynczynatyk, the Adjutants General of Puerto Rico and North Dakota, respectively. The Commanders of the Multinational Battle Groups Centre and South

Brigadier General Seppo Toivonen and Brigadier General Stephan Thomas, also attended the ceremony. Other distinguished guests in attendance included Ambassador Christopher Dell, the US ambassador to Kosovo; Ambassador Metin Husrev Unler, the Turkish ambassador to Kosovo; Ambassador Dimitris Moschopoulos, Head of the Liaison Office of Greece in Prishtine/Pristina; and Maftai Danut, Head of the Liaison Office of Romania in Prishtine/Pristina. Several municipality mayors and high-ranking civil and military leaders from throughout Kosovo were present as well.



Ready for action in the MNBC

Story by *Slovenian Contingent of KFOR*
Photos by *Peter Gostič, Slovenian Army*

From 23 to 29 of June 2010 KFOR engaged tactical reserve in central Kosovo. The Slovenian Company (Kilo Coy) from Multinational Battle Group West was activated as KFOR Commander's tactical reserve.

The task required the entire unit engagement in the Multinational Battle Group Center Area of Responsibility. Kilo Coy was ready for action in case of actual threats to safe and secure environment and freedom of movement in Kosovo Polje.

All members of unit were highly motivated and displayed their combat readiness and courage in the case of breach of public order and peace or

endangering historical sites in Gračanica and Gazimestan. After the activation of troops and the accommodation in Camp Victoria, the intensive preparations for the commanders and troops began. A special attention was given to Command and Control and to Crowd and Riot Control (CRC) procedures. The Kosovo Force Commander (COM KFOR) Lieutenant General Markus Bentler has visited the unit before its deployment in the area, where the Coy Commander presented him his concept of troops operations.

On 27 June 2010, after planning and preparations, Kilo Coy began to provide immediate response and possible intervention at the Gračanica Monastery area. They were

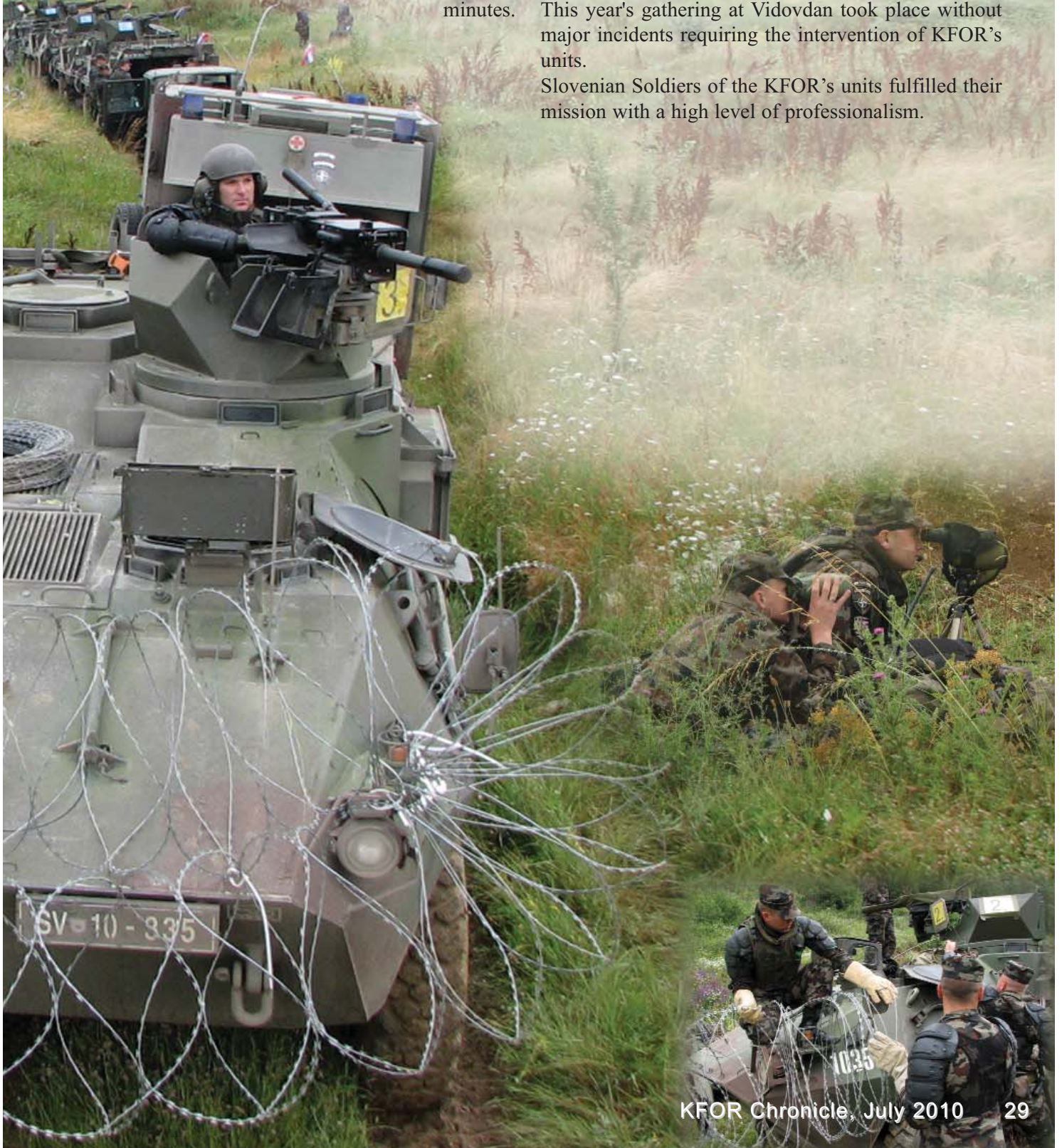


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supported by the Portuguese, Swedish and Czech contingents of KFOR. During that time, over 2.000 participants of Vidovdan March gathered at a rally at the Gracanica Monastery. Liturgy was led by the Patriarch of the Serbian Orthodox Church Irinej. Part of the troops spent most of the time in the CRC equipment, prepared for intervention in less than five minutes.

During the night the Kilo Coy moved in a covert area near the Gazimestan Monument. The next day the unit was at the highest level of readiness in case of a riot. Together with the Reconnaissance Coy of the Multinational Battle Group Centre they observed and reported to Headquarters the security situation in the area. In Gazimestan, a large crowd of people gathered. This year's gathering at Vidovdan took place without major incidents requiring the intervention of KFOR's units.

Slovenian Soldiers of the KFOR's units fulfilled their mission with a high level of professionalism.



Peacekeeper's Profiles

Name: Juho Annala

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

Home Unit: Reservist, Finnish Army

Unit in KFOR: Watch keeper in MNBG C Tactical Operations Center

Education: Military Conscript in 2006-2007, University of Jyväskylä, currently studying History

About the mission: This is my first mission abroad and my first time in Kosovo. I joined the mission in November 2009. I serve as a Watchkeeper. My duty requires me to be abreast of situation in MNBG C Area of Responsibility. I like this part of my job, because I'm given up to date information regarding the current situation in Kosovo. I also enjoy being in a multinational environment, that allows me to improve my English skills. Since my arrival, I've become friends with individuals of different nations. Doing so, has given me the opportunity to learn different characteristics of other nations. This mission has given me the opportunity to have new experiences outside my military home station.

Family reaction: I am single, so for me it was not a problem to join the mission. My parents supported my decision to be here.

Plans after the mission: I am going to continue my studies at the University with enthusiasm.

Hobbies: I like to spend my free time playing various sports like volleyball, football and floorball.



Name: Zoltán Katona

Home Unit: Ministry of Defense, Development and Logistic Agency

Rank: Lieutenant Colonel

Unit in KFOR: Executive Officer of the MNBG W

About the mission: This is my first assignment in Kosovo, but I already have experience in the Balkan region. In all, I have already spent two years in IFOR and SFOR missions. In the IFOR I worked as a platoon leader of a bridge - engineer unit. In my one year assignment I planned eleven bridges, from which my unit built seven of them.

I arrived to Kosovo on 9 May 2010. Initially I had been the leader of the MNBG W S1/4, then by the decision of the HDF Joint Task Command, on 5 July I became the executive officer of the battle group.

I can proudly declare that all the soldiers of different nations fulfill their duties. The Italian, Slovenian, Romanian and Hungarian soldiers have developed a fine relationship with each other, which indorses the successes of the battle group and the entire KFOR mission.

Plans after the mission: I intend to go on a long vacation with my family, which my four children and my wife are looking forward to.

After my vacation, I will return to my home unit and continue my service. I will be hoping in the near future, to return to Kosovo, a very hospitable county.



Civilian's Profiles

Name: VITAKU Gazmend

Job Title: Local Media Agent/Media advisor for Public Affairs Office

Position: NATO Military Information Center

Experience: working for KFOR since 1999

Language spoken: English, Albanian, Serbian, Romanian, Turkish, Italian, German

Job in progress: I started career in KFOR immediately after the crisis as a media advisor for Multinational Brigade Centre. KFOR had 50.000 troops that time in Kosovo. We had a lot of press-conferences on daily bases. As an example, I may say that we had 50-60 cameras in one conference room. There were a lot of journalists as from international as from local media agencies. My responsibilities included being in contact with journalists and managing all issues concerning their accreditation for KFOR. With the following reducing of troops our activities were regularized and in 2004 I was moved from Multinational Brigade Centre to the KFOR Headquarters Public Affairs Office.

But at the same time, it should be noticed, that local media activities were increasing extremely fast. Kosovo has now 108 electronic media, like Internet, TV and radio stations. We have 10 daily newspapers in Albanian and 2 in Serbian language. For being in contact with journalists you have to communicate and keep good relationship with all of them. We know the power of media.

As Public Affairs personnel we are the first point of contact with the people through the media. We are voice of KFOR. Fortunately we had, and still have, very professional officers in Public Affairs Office who were always task fulfilling oriented.

Family reaction: My family helps me a lot. My wife and two children are used to my way of working, when I am available 24/7.

Hobbies: skiing, reading books.



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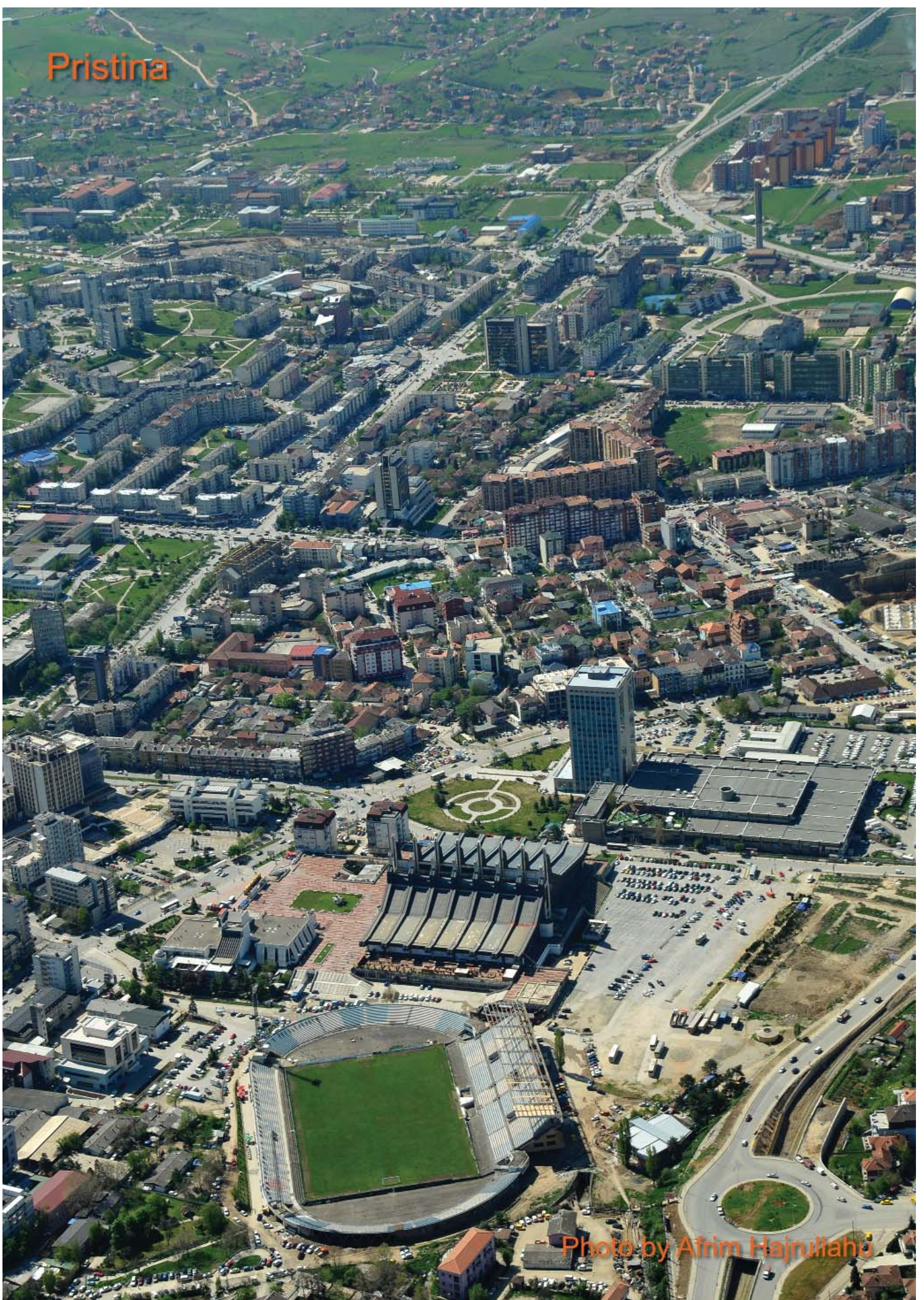


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