

## In Focus



## Black summer for traffic safety

The summer season is usually the deadliest time of the year for drivers worldwide, but in Bosnia and Herzegovina the death toll has reached alarming proportions this summer, with more than a 50 percent increase in comparison with last year.

Since January this year, police forces in the Federation of BiH have recorded over 13,000 traffic accidents, causing 106 deaths and 584 severe injuries. In the month of August, over 1,300 accidents have been registered, in which 14 people lost their lives. In the Republika Srpska, the situation is not much more reassuring, with a death toll standing at 112 people for the first six months of the year.

The Police Commissioners and Ministers of the Federation of BiH sounded the alarm on 26 July and demanded that simultaneous actions be carried out from 1 to 30 August, namely by strengthening repressive measures and involving the media to the maximum possible extent.

On the same day, Uros Pena, Director of the Republika Srpska police met with Brigadier General Vincenzo Coppola and identified traffic safety as the 'greatest problem' for the RS police. He also

demanding that his police forces increase repressive and preventive measures, and alarm citizens to strictly adhere to traffic regulations.

The Federation police immediately launched a Federation-wide traffic safety campaign; they installed speed cameras, intensified traffic checks, distributed information leaflets and produced radio and television spots.

These activities were immediately backed up and promoted by the EUPM, which offered its assistance for the implementation of the campaign.

"The role of this campaign is primarily preventive, aimed to make drivers aware of how serious the situation is," says Robert Crvtak, Spokesperson of the Federation's Ministry of Interior.

Drink-driving, speeding, traffic violations, poor road infrastructures, badly maintained vehicles... Law enforcement agencies throughout the country joined forces to identify the causes of this summer's catastrophic death toll and to work on a long-term plan to increase traffic safety. ■

By Ann Vaessen

## Editorial

*It is a special pleasure to have an opportunity to inform the staff of the EUPM mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina via this Magazine about the establishment, organization, jurisdiction and priorities in the further development of the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA).*



■ Sead Lisak

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*As a result of efforts to establish one police agency at the level of BiH, which would perform their basic legal duties by performing tasks on the entire territory of BiH without limitations, SIPA was founded. SIPA's growth was followed by a transformation from 'intelligence' into 'investigative police agency at the state level'. It was founded in 2002 with limited policing authorities and was disputed by many.*

*Thanks to the continuous efforts of the management, their professionalism, their achievements, the adequate provision of equipment and the training of its personnel, as well as the future selection and education of its own cadets, the pre-conditions have been met for SIPA to become a recognizable and dominant police institution at the level of BiH.*

*Aware of the fact that the existence of such a police institution in BiH is one of the pre-requisites on the way to Euro-Atlantic integration, SIPA has obtained the full support of both local and international institutions in BiH. This support was ensured by continuity in development and*

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## Just call...122!

The yellow posters and billboards which appeared throughout the country in the recent months to promote the 122 emergency police number have been hailed as a real success. Designed and printed as part of the *Your Security - Our obligation* Campaign, recently implemented by EUPM and the local police, they received extremely positive feedback from BiH citizens and media. According to the Police Spokespersons Forum, 122 has now become a recognizable and corporate police number, and during the Accountability Campaign the total of calls to 122 increased by 20 percent. However, as EUPM's Press and Public Information Department (PPID) discovered, there is much room for improvement.



■ A control room in the United Kingdom

### 122 in BiH

By introducing the 122 number, which has been used not only in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but also in EU countries, national police agencies have brought the best European standards and practices into this country.

However, it seems little has changed since then. In most police stations, calls are still being registered manually and recorded on paper. There is no systematic analysis, nor a computer system to support data collection and processing. It is still far away from envisaged standards and optimum application, and EUPM could take the lead in providing the BiH police with ideas on how to structure their system and enhance their efficiency.

### 122 in the EU

*"In the United Kingdom, for example, the police have established their own National Call Handling Standards,"* says Chief Inspector Mark Wise, UK police expert and EUPM PPID Deputy Chief. *"Not every call requires the attendance of a police officer, so professional training of call handlers can drastically reduce the waste of valuable police time."*

Each police force has its own computer-based system which is normally centralised, with specific call-grading systems to ensure a fast and efficient police response to emergency calls.

*"In the most serious cases (danger to life, violence, serious injury), police aim to be deployed within four minutes of receiving the call, so as to attend the scene within 15 minutes,"* says Chief Inspector Wise.

Performance indicators show that this is

achieved in more than 90 percent of cases. In order to raise effectiveness, current trials are taking place in utilising a non-emergency number -101- enabling communities to also link into local government agencies to deal with public nuisance, noise complaints and non-crime-related incidents or anti-social behaviour.

### 122 in the backstage

However, the 122 system in BiH is organized differently. Citizens can dial the 122 number to report a burglary, a robbery, or a car theft, but also to obtain information, such as how to get a new ID card, for instance.

The average number of calls varies from one Ministry of Interior Affairs to another and ranges from 800 to 3,000 calls per month. According to the information provided by the police, they would normally deploy in 50 to 80 percent of all received calls. So what about the remaining 20 to 50 percent of the calls left without interventions? In situations when there is no reason to send a patrol to the spot, police provide people with information over the phone.

The 122 number is a free service to citizens and police thus get calls from children, ill people, or citizens who need various pieces of information, for instance about the traffic situation, working hours and the like.

### How to improve the 122 system in the future

Thanks to the 122 system, citizens are able to obtain a lot of useful information and advice from police officers at a push of a button. But the BiH police needs new high-tech equipment and funding to make the most of this emergency number. It will also need to train its staff on how to answer calls, and set clear-cut procedures in order to improve their performance. One of the main

issues is that only a limited number of records are kept, which makes performance assessments more difficult.

*"In our opinion, the present system could be improved by recording every phone call,"* says Jusuf Zornic, Spokesperson of the Canton Sarajevo police. *"This would enhance the efficiency of police work in the field, and contribute to a more serious approach to the calls made to number 122."*

Damir Cutura, Spokesperson of the West Herzegovina Canton police, agrees: *"The recordings would provide us with evidence if needed, and enable us to carry out statistical analyses. In short, it would significantly improve the professionalism of police work."*

Unfortunately, all these cutting-edge high-tech gadgets are very expensive and police agencies in BiH currently do not consider it a priority within their limited budgets.

The only way to solve this burning issue is to provide international financial assistance.

### How can the EUPM assist?

*"Unfortunately, the EUPM is unable to directly provide financial assistance or purchase expensive technical equipment and software for the BiH police, but we can share experience,"* Chief Inspector Wise explains.

The EUPM could offer additional assistance as far as training is concerned, but also with regard to organisational restructuring and the identification of suitable equipment.

*"Police accountability is a major part of re-establishing public confidence,"* he goes on. *"In order to provide appropriate policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the local police need the equipment and training to carry out their responsibility in making BiH a safer environment in which to live."* ■

By Asim Sahinbasic

## Sarajevo police to take tougher stance against hooliganism

As of the start of the Premier League 2007-2008 hooligans will be severely sanctioned, especially those from the Sarajevo Canton.

According to Jasmin Idrizovic, Chief of the First Police Administration of the Sarajevo Canton, the Sarajevo police will start implementing the Law on Prevention of Violence and Hooliganism more actively.

He plans to organise a meeting gathering prosecutors, judges, police officers and football club managers in order to set further measures and register the supporters who represent a potential threat.

Supporters of the Sarajevo football teams,



both FC Sarajevo and Zeljeznicar, as well as supporters of clubs from other Federal and Cantonal leagues, will be made aware of all possible consequences should they fail to abide by the law. ■

## Financial rewards in exchange for illegal weapons



Citizens who turn in their illegal weapons, ammunition and explosive devices will be financially rewarded for their responsible behaviour. Assisted by NATO and EUFOR, BiH law enforcement agencies carried out an action called *Choose life without weapons* throughout the month of August.

*"The Federation Law on Amnesty for the illegal possession of weapons, ammunition and explosives is about to expire,"* explains Senaid Hasic, Spokesperson of the Zenica-Doboj Ministry of Interior, which participated in the action. *"This means that people who have been exempt from criminal responsibility in the last 12 months, will face severe punishment if found in possession of such weapons and explosives beyond September this year."*

Monetary rewards amount from 5 KM for projectiles to 500 KM for mortars.

*"We wish to reiterate that citizens can at all times freely come to any police station in our canton and Federation BiH, and turn in their weapons without facing any charges,"* Hasic added. *"Beyond September, this will no longer be the case."* ■

## Government formed in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton

HNK citizens can feel relieved: after 300 days of political negotiations and financial penalties imposed by the OHR on political parties, a government has been formed. Under the lead of Srecko Boras, from HDZ 1990, who was sworn in as Prime Minister on 1 August 2007, the new Government will comprise of six Bosniaks (3 from SDA, 3 from SBiH), five Croats (3 from HDZ 1990, 2 from HSP Djapic-Jurasic), and one Serb (SNSD). For the very first time since the end of the war, HDZ did not get a single post.

The Minister of Interior, and EUPM counterpart, is Zoran Kresic (HDZ 1990)

*"We are happy that after such a long period of time we can again address urgent questions at a political level,"* says Ivo Usar, EUPM Chief Advisor to the region. *"Minister Kresic has the right background and experience, as well as good intentions, and I am looking forward to a good cooperation with him."*

The new government has no time to waste. The standstill in Mostar did not help the situation in the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton. Public services, for instance, were paralysed. Health care and the fire-fighting system are in a crisis, for instance, and many issues involving the police are pending.

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*implementation, with a constant positive trend of results with the final aim to position the Agency as a fundamental police institution in the combat against the most severe forms of crime.*

*SIPA's operations on arrests of suspects for committing war crimes, successfully conducted investigations, money laundering cases, organized crime, terrorism and financing terrorists' activities, providing protection for witnesses, development and operation of the special unit qualified to carry out the most complex and high-risk tactical operations, 11 organizational units within the headquarters and four regional offices, support the citizens' hope for their better protection.*

*Having in mind the achieved level of organization, the priority in future development of the Agency will proceed in several directions:*

- 1. Operational increase of capacities,*
- 2. Meeting administrative and technical requirements (construction of buildings, admission and training of staff,*
- 3. Co-operation with other bodies.*

*By implementing this set of priorities and carrying out its legal responsibilities, SIPA will take all necessary actions to secure a safe environment within the national, as well as regional, boundaries of BiH for its citizens to reside in.*

*I thank you for the support of the EUPM Mission and I hope that this excellent mutual co-operation will continue.'* ■

**By Sead Lisak, Acting Director of the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA)**



*"The new government needs to focus on working for the benefit of the citizens of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton and delivering concrete results to build its credibility,"* said Ambassador Miroslav Lajcak, the High Representative and the EU Special Representative. ■

*By Asim Sahinbasic*

# EUPM and BiH police campaign for a Breaking the taboo of domestic violence



The statistics are alarming: in the Federation of BiH alone, 377 criminal cases of domestic violence were reported in the first six months of this year, 2.2 percent more than in the same period last year.

For many in BiH domestic violence still is a taboo. Not so for the police in Canton 5 (Gorazde), Canton 2 (Orasje) and the Brcko District, who focused their summer media activities on raising awareness about a serious crime that is often seen as 'private business'.

## Gorazde police exhort victims to talk

*"Once a case of domestic violence is reported in a household, we send regular patrols to that household, we talk to the victim as much as we can and stay in touch*

*with the neighbours to make sure that violence does not happen again,"* says Nijaz Drakovac, Head of the Crime Department of the Gorazde Ministry of Interior, which had 49 cases of domestic violence reported in the first half of 2007.

During the summer period, the Gorazde police are on the local radio and TV to raise awareness about domestic violence. The aim of these shows, which they organise in conjunction with the Centre for Social Work and Psychologists, who are experts in the field, is to explain what victims can do. It is often observed that victims feel guilty for the violence and that due to financial dependency or shame, they keep silent.

*"It is important to speak about violence, to break the taboo,"* says Drakovac. *"Domestic violence is clearly a criminal act that cannot go unpunished."*

In addition to the radio and TV programmes, the Gorazde police have also printed information leaflets that are being distributed to the households in the canton.

## Orasje and Brcko District jointly fight domestic violence

The Orasje and Brcko police have a similar approach. First and foremost, they want to break the wall of silence.

*"We are first of all trying to appeal to the victims to speak about their problems openly,"* says Josip Dominkovic, Spokesperson of the Orasje Ministry of Interior, which has recorded 51 cases of domestic violence this year.

Together with their colleagues from the

neighbouring Brcko District, the Orasje police have organised a few TV and radio shows. And in order to reach out to as many citizens as possible, religious leaders have been contacted to offer their support.

Says Dominkovic: *"Police have agreed with religious leaders from the canton to devote their religious ceremonies to this problem, appealing to family values, respect and understanding as the basis for a happy family life, and preaching against any violent behaviour."*

But the campaign not only entails information activities. With the help of EUPM, new facilities have been equipped for the temporary accommodation of victims of domestic violence.

The Brcko District registered 64 cases of domestic violence this year. Here, as well as in other parts of the country, not all victims report the crime. And not only that: almost 50 percent of those who do report it later on refrain from pressing criminal charges.

*"We understand the problem of single mothers and marital dependency, but police wish to help victims at least by more periodical visits to their houses or frequent patrols in that particular area, which will hopefully prevent domestic violence,"* says Tomislav Ropcevic, Spokesperson of the Brcko District police.

As for the social background of victims and perpetrators, he further explains: *"Victims and violators do not belong to any category, but can come from any social level or social group. Violence can be physical, emotional and psychological, and it is not a private issue; it is a crime!"* ■

## Preventing juvenile delinquency

Juvenile Delinquency is another serious problem that is being addressed by the local police through a media campaign. Incidents increased by 21.4 percent in one year.

The Sarajevo police are specifically targeting juveniles from 16-18 years of age, as

**In the Sarajevo Canton in 2006, 816 criminal offences were committed by 322 individuals. One of the police's main sources of concern is that some juvenile delinquents keep committing criminal acts. For these young people, re-socialisation programmes seem to be the only way out.**

they are an easy prey for criminals, who persuade them to commit criminal acts.

*"This is a particularly critical group, as at this age, their material needs are increasing, they want to go out more often, want to impress girls, start admiring speedy vehicles, need better clothing, and fancy mobile phones and other luxury items,"* says Mico Letic, Head of the Department for Specialised Activities of the Sarajevo Canton Ministry of Interior.

*"Within this campaign, we aim to show them the social and legal consequences of*



*such behaviour, and re-iterate that life offers much better choices than living on the edge constantly,"* adds Letic. ■

# safe summer

## Joining forces against property crime

During the summer period many people are on leave. Their houses, apartments and cars become attractive targets for burglars. The number of property related crimes in the first six months of 2007 amounted to 1,411.

Even though the number of property-related crimes are on the decrease (15.7 percent less than in the year before) the police deemed it necessary to address the issue in a media campaign.

"Police have intensified patrols and security measures," says Izudin Saric, Spokesperson of the Tuzla Ministry of Interior. "As part of the ongoing Accountability Campaign, we also decided to

Out of 8,720 criminal reports in the first six months of 2007, 66.2 percent are about property crime, which is 2.7 percent less than in the same period last year. However, during holiday periods the number of property crime cases increases, which is why police have tried to raise citizens' awareness and inform them about the various means to protect their property while they are away.



go out and meet citizens to tell them what kind of measures they can take to better protect their property."

TV spots inform citizens how to better secure their vehicles and apartments. In addition, police officers regularly attend TV and radio programmes.

"The best protection of your property is a good neighbour," says Tomislav Ropcevic, Spokesperson of the Brcko District police. "Hence, we prompt citizens to call 122 if they notice anything abnormal in their neighbourhood." ■

## RS and Federation police raise awareness about traffic safety

In the first six months this year, 214 persons were killed on the streets of BiH, which is over 30 percent more than in the same period last year. The Ministry of Interior of the Federation and its Cantonal Ministries have therefore intensified their traffic checks.

"The most frequent violations of traffic regulations are speeding, whether it is unallowed or unadjusted speed to the road conditions, and these cause one fourth of all traffic accident," says Zeljko Klisura, Inspector at the Canton Sarajevo Ministry of Interior "Drunk-driving and badly maintained vehicles also cause a lot of accidents."

Similarly, in the Republika Srpska, police have also decided to organise an ad hoc entity-wide media campaign aimed at raising the public's awareness about traffic safety.

Around 18,000 traffic accidents happened in BiH in the first six months of 2007. In comparison with last year, traffic accidents increased by 12.4 percent in the Federation and by 9 percent in the Republika Srpska. Just as a comparison Hungary, which has a population of close to ten million, registered 9,492 traffic accidents in the first half of 2007, which is 2 percent more than last year. The population of BiH is around 4 million.

### Safe summer action

Within its "Safe Summer" traffic safety campaign, police administrations throughout the Federation increased traffic checks on the roads in order to prevent accidents.

"We have been cautioning drivers to respect traffic regulations for their own safety," says Robert Cvrtak, Spokesperson of the Federation Ministry of Interior. "Within the framework of this action police controlled 24,110 vehicles and registered 478 traffic accidents, with 3 fatalities."

Cvrtak further explains that in the Federation vehicles are 17 years old on

average: "If we add the road conditions and other elements to this, then it speaks from itself that there are a lot of accidents."

EUPM supports the local police in their effort to make BiH roads safer. Its Press and Public Information Department (PPID) produced most of the traffic safety spots that are currently being aired on Federation TV and RTRS, two of the country's main TV stations. In addition, EUPM's Spokespeople regularly attend TV and radio talk shows to help their local counterparts raise awareness about traffic safety. ■



# An outstanding example of close cooperation with local police

A positive and dynamic atmosphere emanates from EUPM's sunny Field Office in Trebinje. There are eight of them - four police officers, three language assistants and one national political adviser. Together, they epitomize the partnership that EUPM has been establishing with the local police for over four years.

Although they have their own office space, at the far end of the first floor of the massive classical style building in which the Public Security Centre (PSC) of Trebinje is located, they constantly stand by their local counterparts.

Erik Van De Castele, the Team Leader of the Field Office, has been in Trebinje for almost three years now, which has provided continuity - the ultimate luxury when it comes to building a strong and lasting partnership between two institutions and the people representing them.

When we met him, Erik had just come back from a community-policing event organized by the Trebinje PSC within the ongoing Police Accountability Campaign. The next morning, local newspapers featured him, lying side by side with his Bosnian *alter ego*, Goran Zubac, Chief of the Trebinje PSC, both donating blood - what better example of cooperation, trust and partnership.

Both men and their respective teams exchange information, intelligence and best practice on an everyday basis, starting with the regular early morning meeting of the PSC staff, which Erik never misses. Because of its location, in the vicinity of Croatia and Montenegro, Trebinje is a hub for illegal trafficking of all kinds, from drugs to cigarettes, cars and forged goods.

The area is also full of very isolated, abandoned and ultra-fertile valleys that are sometimes only accessible by helicopter - a paradise to grow drugs. Last year, the Trebinje police discovered the biggest cannabis plantation ever: 2,165 plants, each about two metres high.

The Trebinje police are achieving a lot of results with regard to the fight against drug trafficking or cigarettes smuggling. The statistics of the PSC are impressive and EUPM's Field Office commends their work. However, Erik considers that there is still some room for improvement, especially regarding written procedures. Prosecutors do not always get a full account of the crime



■ From left to right Tijana Simic, Ljerka Jeftic, Erik Van De Castele, Heike Ketzmarick, John Gallagher, Gordana Grubac and Edgars Perijs. Aleksandra Obradovic was on leave when the picture was taken.

that has been committed, and hence do not have enough elements to implement adequate sanctions.

"The local police are very efficient on any crime scene and often get first-rate information as fast as lightning- they are sometimes maybe even better than in any EU country," he says. "But they often remain too much on the surface of things. There is a tendency to believe that once the arrest has been carried out, the case is closed."

The three other international police officers of the Trebinje Field Office are also impressed with their counterparts' efficiency and motivation.

But they all express concern at their Bosnian colleagues' salaries and working conditions.

Whereas they recognize that some progress has been made since EUPM's early days, namely regarding infrastructure, vehicles and information technologies, they regret the lack of a centralized database, putting all nation-wide intelligence together, and the lack of phone tapping material, which would be essential to dismantle drug trafficking rings.

"Our counterparts are delivering some of the best results in BiH, but their salary should be increased and their equipment updated," says Edgars Perijs, a 26-year-old Latvian Chief Inspector. "It hap-

pens that some of them go to other law enforcement agencies which offer better working conditions, and that's a shame."

Edgars has been with the Field Office since October 2006, after spending eight months monitoring the work of the Border Police in Visegrad. He is very enthusiastic about his experience in Trebinje, both from a professional and personal point of view. He now speaks the local language fluently and has hence made a lot of friends amongst the local community.

The two police officers who last joined the office, Heike Ketzmarick, from Germany, and John Gallagher, from Ireland, are also convinced that Trebinje is the best place to be. Incidentally, their respective predecessors, Rainer Luedicke and Tom Daly, both told them that they were about to join a 'dream team' and to spend some of the best moments in their lives. A few months later, their predictions seem to have come true.

"When Rainer picked me up from the airport and drove me to Trebinje, he kept bragging about how wonderful the team and the location were," Heike recalls. "Now, I fully understand what he meant. As soon as I stepped out of the car, the vibrant and clear air of Herzegovina splashed my face and I loved the place instantaneously."

Heike, a young police officer from Berlin who joined the office in May this year, is in charge of Human Resources and Internal

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Control issues. In comparison with last year, the number of complaints has increased. Thanks to one of these, Heike has recently started monitoring a huge case involving the misuse of breathalysers.

*"My counterpart is going to be a very busy man with this huge 'breathalyser' case," she says with a lot of enthusiasm. "And I'm going to be a very busy lady as well, but I would like to do my job over here as well as possible, even if that means I will stay long nights in the office, missing out on the nice Trebinje air outside."*

John joined the mission only a week before Heike and also already feels a member of the EUPM Field Office's family. A 39-year-old Irish police officer, he was due to go on mission in Cyprus, but then suddenly was sent to Trebinje. He does not seem to be regretting this abrupt 'twist of fate'.

*"We also cover police stations in Ljubinje, Nevisinje, Berkovici, Belica ad Gacko, and I particularly enjoy traveling to all these places and meeting with our local counterparts," he says. "I am impressed by their work and I think that sometimes they do not give themselves enough credit."*

International police officers come and go. Erik is an exception. And most of EUPM's institutional memory lies with its language assistants and its national political adviser.

In Trebinje, nothing would be possible without the precious assistance of

Tijana Simic, Aleksandra Obradovic, Gordana Grubac and Ljerka Jeftic.

Tijana, Aleksandra and Gordana, or the 'three graces', as they call themselves, provide their colleagues with the essential

background information they need to perform their daily tasks efficiently, and grant for a great team spirit thanks to their wonderful sense of humour.

As to Ljerka, her fine-tuned political reports are widely appreciated, both by her colleagues from the Field Office and from the Headquarters. She gives the Political Department credit for that, as it is well-structured and well-coordinated, allowing for creative inputs and initiatives.

*"Our office would not be operational with our three language assistants and our political adviser," Edgars says. "They are the life and soul of the Field Office and sometimes make us laugh to tears, especially Gordana, when she starts singing." ■*

By Ann Vaessen

# The smugglers' enemy

During the last couple of years, Ljubomir Supic, Chief of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of the Trebinje Public Security Center (PSC) has become known as the smugglers' enemy.

*"By achieving tremendous results together with his colleagues from the Organised Crime Section, Mr. Supic has often proven to be one of the key players in the fight against organised crime in this area,"* says Edgars Perijs, one of the Crime Advisers in EUPM's Field Office in Trebinje.

And indeed, the achieved results are remarkable: within the first six months of this year, four times more cigarettes have been seized in comparison with last year. And that is only the tip of the iceberg.

Last year, the Trebinje police seized five tons of cigarettes, worth about half a million KM. They also seized 7,000 litres of liquor and 1,000 kilos of coffee. They were also very active with regard to the prevention of money forgery, human trafficking and car theft.

## Inter-agency cooperation: the key to success

Supic praises EUPM for its support, emphasising that such good results could not be achieved without the strong cooperation with other police agencies, whether on the national or international level.

*"Since organized crime is not limited by any borders, the essential ingredient for a more efficient fight against organized crime in BiH is the establishment and development of direct cooperation of all law enforcement agencies,"* he says.



## Citizens as crime fighters

Citizens can significantly contribute to police efforts in fighting organized crime if they are informed properly and if they trust police.

*"If we take serious actions upon their reports and inform them about the results we have achieved thanks to their help, our citizens will become increasingly motivated to cooperate with us,"* Supic says.

## A role model for younger police officers

Supic could be a role model for younger police officers.

*"His enthusiasm, professionalism and personal characteristics are exemplary and certainly huge motivation factors for his colleagues to follow,"* says Perijs. ■

By Asim Sahinpasic



## Success - Facts & Figures:

- Seized five tons of cigarettes (or 500 packages worth about half a million KM), which were intended for smuggling and illicit trade in 2006. In 2007, Trebinje PSC has seized 210 boxes of cigarettes, which represents 300% increase in comparison to the same period last year.
- Regarding the human smuggling, through apprehension of groups of illegal immigrants in 2006 and 2007, as well as those involved in human trafficking, three smuggling routes on the BiH territory were successfully disrupted.
- Fifteen passenger vehicles were seized during this and last year for forged documents and two groups, who have been involved in car thefts and money extortion, were identified.

# Newcomers

The mission gives a warm welcome to the following colleagues who have recently arrived as part of the Canadian, Danish, German, Dutch and Swedish contingents!



CANADA



**Jim White** has recently joined the **EUPM Field Office** in **Bosanska Gradiska** as a **Border Police Adviser**. He is a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) with over 34 years of service. Before coming to Bosnia, he was managing the RCMP's Client Services and Planning Section in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Jim has worked in many different operational uniform and plainclothes sections. He has also been a trained mediator for the past 12 years and has been involved in many conflict resolution sessions with employees of the RCMP. He teaches conflict resolution skills both at the RCMP and at a local university in Halifax.

This is his first Police Mission, but he has been on various United Nations Missions before, namely in Kosovo, East Timor and Haiti. He has an identical twin brother, who also works in the RCMP and is currently posted to a United Nations Mission in Haiti. In his free time, Jim coaches top-level hockey in Canada and continues to play himself. He also enjoys biking, golf and working on home-improvement projects.



**Rosario Ionna** has recently joined the **EUPM Headquarters** as an **International Analyst Expert** in the **Report Analysis Department**, working closely with the Anti-organised Crime Unit. He is a lieutenant with the Montreal Police Department in Canada. He has 27 years of experience fighting 'Street Gangs Organised Crime', a main source of concern in Canada at the moment. He spent a year in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the IPTF from 2000 to 2001. Rosario says it is an honour to work for the EUPM as a Canadian citizen and looks forward to this challenging year as a member of our mission.



DENMARK



**Jens Ulnits Ladegaard** has recently joined the **EUPM Headquarters** in **Sarajevo** as an **Advisor to SIPA**. With 27 years of policing experience, he has worked as an investigator at the National Commissioner's Alien Department in Copenhagen. This is his first BiH mission, but he has previously worked with UNMIK, in Kosovo, for two years. In his free time Jens likes to read a good book. He also loves running and walking in the beautiful town of Sarajevo. He is 54 years old and lives in Copenhagen together with his wife and two daughters.



**Leo Bang Sorensen** is a new member of the **Criminal and Justice Interface Unit (CJIU)** at the **Main Headquarters** in **Sarajevo**. He is a Detective Superintendent and Head of Operations in the 'Serious Organized International Crimes Agency' at the Danish National Commissioner's Office in Copenhagen. Leo has extensive international experience. He spent last year in Darfur, Sudan, within the AU/EU Mission AMIS II. From 2000 to 2002 he participated in the IPTF mission in BiH as Head of Canton 8, political adviser to the Ministers, as well as liaison officer to the CIVPOL Commissioner on political matters. From 1997-1998 he worked for the ICTY, leading the investigations carried out in the Vitez area. He was Chief of Investigations in UNPROFOR in 1993 at the Headquarters in Zagreb, as well as Head of cease-fire negotiations and regional commander during the war in the Mostar area.



GERMANY

**Peter Frauenkron** joined our mission in June, and has since then worked as the **Deputy Chief Adviser to SIPA** at the **Main Headquarters** in **Sarajevo**. Back home, in Cologne, he manages a taskforce which deals with cases of kidnapping, extortion, illegal smuggling, arms trafficking and assaults. Before that he had been in charge of



another taskforce focusing on international drug trafficking. From 2003 to 2005, he participated in the UNMIK mission in Kosovo as the Deputy Chief of the Kosovo Organised Crime Bureau (now called Directorate for Organized Crime). Peter is 44 years old. In his free time, he likes cooking, eating, wine-tasting (especially red wine), and enjoying life in general. He also plays the trumpet and the keyboard.



**Markus Huebner** works as a **Border Police Adviser at the Field Office** in **Bosansko Grahovo**. He has 24 years experience in various sections of the Federal Police in Germany, such as the Frankfurt Airport, the Frankfurt Main Railway Station, a Rapid Response Unit and uniform police unit as operator and investigator. He has already worked abroad twice, namely for the United Nations in Kosovo, within the Close Protection Unit and the Murder Squad, and as the Commander of the Helicopter Unit. He has also worked for Lufthansa Airlines in Peru and Spain. Markus is 41 years old, divorced and has a 12-year-old son. In his free time he likes to participate in various sports, such as jogging or playing soccer. He also loves to play pool-billiard.



SWEDEN



**Ewa-Lena Melin** is a Swedish police officer with 35 years of experience; most of it spent controlling her country's borders. She has recently joined EUPM to take care of Bosnia and Herzegovina's borders as a member of the Border Police Field Office in Bijeljina. Although this is her first mission, Ewa-Lena is not a complete newcomer to the Balkans, since her husband works for CAFAO and they have lived together in Montenegro for a year. In her free time, Ewa-Lena spends hours reading books about travelling...and detective stories! ■

Fun

## Mostar World Music Festival 2007

On September 6-9, Mostar is going to be the setting of the **World Music Festival**, a truly exciting event where days will be filled by a series of organised cultural, visual and musical workshops for children and adults, a taste of BiH musical and culinary traditions, all combined with local wine-tasting opportunities; while world music performers will take the stage under the Old Bridge in the evening.

You can enjoy the music of *Mostar Sevdah Reunion*, *Esmā Redžepova*, *Biber*, *TerraFolk*, *Martin Lubenov*, *Irina Kape-tanović*, *Arleta Čehić*, and many others.

Tickets for the festival cost **2.5 €** for one night, and **5 €** for all three nights.



For more information, visit: [www.worldmusic.ba](http://www.worldmusic.ba)



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