

In Focus



Tip-off to 'Krimolovci' leads to illegal factory

The month of October was particularly successful when it comes to the fight against piracy. Thanks to a *Krimolovci* tip-off, SIPA's Regional Office in Mostar discovered an illegal factory producing counterfeited audio - and video material in Domanovici on 9 October.

It resulted in the biggest ever seizure of counterfeited material in BiH: 3,500 CDs and DVDs, 550 cardboard boxes with CD covers, 50,000 empty sound- and picture recording mediums, 27 Canon printers and scanners for an estimated value of KM 1 million.

"People may perceive piracy as a petty theft and that nobody is harmed if they watch a pirated movie or listen to an illegally downloaded song. But the truth is

different," says Raphael Mularoni, EUPM's SIPA Operational Adviser.

Piracy does not only harm artists and the companies that produce original artistic work, but also the State of Bosnia and Herzegovina: "Not only in terms of loss of tax income, but also in terms of the reputation of the country that does not protect international copyright legislation."

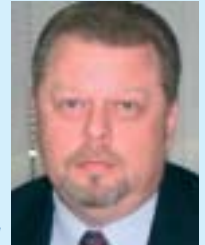
The operation was targeting a group of organized criminals and ten people were taken in for questioning.

"The fact that this operation was tipped off to SIPA thanks to the *Krimolovci* Crime Hotline shows the potential of such means of gathering intelligence from the public," notes Mularoni. ■

By Monja Koluder

Editorial

The United States Government, through the Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) developed and, since 1996, has delivered a range of technical assistance, training and equipment to support



James Tillman,
Head of ICITAP in BiH

the development of effective law enforcement services, conforming to the rule of law and commonly accepted principles of human rights, throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. In doing so, it has worked closely with international organizations and Bosnia and Herzegovina government officials to establish a legacy of peace, order and security for the country.

At the end of 2002, responsibility for police restructuring was handed off from the United Nations to the European Union. At the time, ICITAP identified areas for joint cooperation with the European Union Police Mission (EUPM) force. This plan primarily reflected a continuation of projects being implemented by ICITAP. ICITAP continues to serve as a valuable information resource for the EUPM, while continuing to implement police policies and procedures, assisting state and local police with developing their organized crime investigative abilities, providing sound executive policing advice to the Ministers of Interior, and implementing law enforcement computer network systems.

Collaborative efforts by EUPM and ICITAP continue our synergetic relationship and benefit both organizations' activities in reforming and modernizing law enforcement in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Strengthening Bosnia and Herzegovina's judicial and law enforcement institutions is a pre-requisite for sustained and effective action against criminal activity, including narcotics and human trafficking, money laundering, public corruption and organized crime. Increasing Bosnia and Herzegovina's law enforcement capacity will also increase its ability to fight terrorism. Establishing a modern, sustainable rule of law system will serve as a primary catalyst in the economic revival of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

ICITAP is always ready to support EUPM projects for strengthening Bosnia and Herzegovina police agencies as they continue moving along the path of integration into regional EU policing structures. ■

By James Tillman, Head of ICITAP in BiH

General Coppola awards ESDP Service Medals

At the 9th Medal Parade, which took place on 19 October 2007 at the *Holiday Inn*, in Sarajevo, Brigadier General Coppola, Head of the EU Police Mission, awarded more than 40 mission members with the ESDP Service Medal and 4 national staff with the EUPM certificate of appreciation.

"A medal parade is an important moment

to cherish our achievements," he told the audience, consisting of numerous officials from BiH law enforcement agencies and the international community. "All of you have displayed high standards of professional and personal behaviour and I would like to thank you personally."

General Coppola also seized the opportu-



■ Brigadier General Vincenzo Coppola awarding the ESDP Service Medal to Leo Bang Sorensen, Patrick Leahy and Celal Bodur



■ Brigadier General Vincenzo Coppola with EUPM's Dutch contingent

nity to address EUPM's colleagues and counterparts from Bosnia and Herzegovina and thank them for the thrust they have in the mission's work: "I am proud to say that we are working in a real spirit of ownership and partnership."

He told the assembly that EUPM's role in 2008 and 2009 will be to continue monitoring and advising the BiH police forces and to offer full support to the country on its path towards the signature of a Stabilisation and Association Agreement (SAA).

"A reformed police will unlock the many obstacles that hold BiH back in containing and controlling crime," he said. "I am confident that if these steps are made, BiH will reach a European level of crime control and prevention in a couple of years." ■

By Ann Vaessen

Internal Affairs

Coppola: "We go on with the same mandate and the same number of employees"

Within the scope of his regular visits to BiH counterparts and EUPM offices across the country Head of EUPM Brigadier General Vincenzo Coppola visited Banja Luka on 15 October 2007.

During his visit General Coppola met with Stanislav Cadjo, Minister of Interior of the Republika Srpska and Uros Pena, Director of the RS Police.

"We discussed the current situation in the area, the activities of the Ministry of Interior and the police in the Republic of Srpska, and their cooperation with EUPM," said General Coppola.

"I have also briefed Minister Cadjo and Director Pena about the new EUPM strategy," he went on. "We would like to involve the RS Ministry of Interior in the implementation of the Mission's future activities, bearing in mind that it is the largest police service in the country."

Following his official meetings, General Coppola paid a visit to EUPM's Regional Office in Banja Luka. He had a lunch with his staff and seized the opportunity to thank them all for their achievements.

General Coppola also briefed them about EUPM's strategy for the next two years: "EUPM will continue to work with the same mandate and the same number of employees. Regardless of the current state of affairs on police reform, EUPM will continue to build police capabilities and promote accountability."

"It is a process which will take time and resources," he



explained. "One of the first steps will be to harmonise the relevant legislation on internal affairs." ■

By Sladjana Lizdek

Illegal immigration: BiH is turning into a destination country

Compared to a few years ago more irregular immigrants are discovered in BiH. There is growing evidence that a number of people are staying in BiH to work rather than simply using the country as a transit stop.

With the aim of creating a better understanding within the EU Police Mission of this alarming situation, Neil Tuffrey, our Senior Immigration Advisor, is currently traveling throughout the country to brief Field and Regional Offices. The first two presentations were held in the Tuzla and the Banja Luka Regional Offices and attracted a lot of interest and attention.

"The fight against illegal immigration is a core issue in BiH," says Tuffrey. "In line with the mission's role to advise, monitor and mentor BiH Border Police personnel dealing with immigration, we should also clearly explain the role of EUPM in helping local counterparts tackle migration related to organized crime."

Smuggling and trafficking

People very often confuse smuggling with trafficking. However, these are two different phenomena.

"The relevant UN Convention gives a detailed definition for trafficking and smuggling, but basically smuggling is an offence against borders, while human trafficking is an offence against persons," explains Tuffrey.

Current evidence and recent statements from the BiH Ministry of Security indicate that people



smuggling is a far bigger problem than human trafficking. While the Border Police sent 58 smuggling cases to the prosecutor in 2006, only two cases of human trafficking were reported.

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Scale of the problem

According to Europol and the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), up to 500,000 illegal migrants entered the EU in 2006. It is believed that 10 percent either transited through or originated from BiH. The BiH Border Police discovered 1,300 illegal crossings of foreign nationals in 2006, with flows being mainly from southeast and northeast to northwest.

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"One of the reasons for this problem is first of all the quality of the visas that are issued," Tuffrey goes on. "The employees who issue visas receive very little training and sometimes the system of providing guarantees or invitation letters is exploited."

More efforts should be made in order to improve the situation. One of the solutions for this issue is the establishment of an Integrated Border Management system. Close cooperation with regional counterparts is another essential tool in the fight against organized illegal immigration. ■

By Stadjana Lizdek

Senior staff outlines EUPM's future

EUPM's managers met in Jahorina on 22 and 23 October to take stock of the mission's achievements and plan the future.

They elaborated strategic priorities for the coming months and planned the mission's extension, with a particular emphasis on police reform and police restructuring.

Heads of Department and Regional Offices discussed topics in Working Groups and presented their conclusions to the Head of Mission.

David Scott, Anti-Organized Crime Coordinator, and Jean-Luc Gobin, Deputy Chief of the Anti-Organized Crime Department presented a targeted approach

towards the fight against organized crime and elaborated on how to improve EUPM's impact in that regard.

Brian Donley, Chief Adviser to SIPA, presented a National Intelligence Model and explained how to establish a firm lead of SIPA, while Deputy Chief Adviser to SIPA Peter Frauenkron led a Working Group on the improvement of EUPM's approach towards crime investigation capacities in general.

Another Working Group, led by Legal Adviser Tamer Kilic, dealt with police reform efforts and how to identify and follow-up on cross-cutting questions to sup-

port harmonization.

Other Working Groups discussed addressed questions such as: How can we improve planning of mission activities? How to measure our impact? How to enhance the daily work of co-location teams? How to improve internal coordination and communication?

The conclusions of the various Working Groups will now be sent to the Head and the Deputy Head of Mission in order to be incorporated into the new Mission's Operational Plan. ■

By Asim Sahinpasic

"This is a lifetime opportunity that very

Since 1996 the United States Department of Justice, through its *International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program* or ICITAP, has been working towards reforming and modernising law enforcement agencies in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Their achievements are numerous.

In what sense does their mandate differ from ours? And what are the major challenges ahead? We met with James Tillman, the Head of ICITAP in BiH, to discuss to discuss our common goals.

Could you explain to us what ICITAP is all about?

ICITAP is here under the auspices of a bilateral agreement between the United States Government and the government of Bosnia-Herzegovina to provide a training assistance and development to our local law enforcement counterparts.

What are ICITAP's main goals in BiH?

Over the course of the next few years, our primary goal is to assist in the development of the state-level agencies. We will assist the Border Police in gaining control of the country's borders, help SIPA combat terrorism, as well as terrorist financing, organized crime, war crimes and trafficking in persons. And, last but not least, we will help the Foreigner Affairs Service in gaining control of illegal immigrants. By helping these agencies to become fully functional, we ultimately help keep terrorists from expanding operations and threatening the United States, our European allies and their citizens. We prefer to stop terrorists before they ever reach other borders.

Besides, we have a vested interest in seeing the police in BiH continue to professionalize their services towards the citizens of BiH. This can only be accomplished through a streamlining of police structures, a consolidation of procurement services, a single forensic system capable of analyzing all trace elements, and standardised training. These changes would also result in significant cost savings, which I would hope would be used to increase salaries

ICITAP's main achievements

Since 1996, ICITAP has provided BiH police forces with equipment and numerous training sessions. Here are only some of ICITAP's main projects and achievements:

- State Police Information Network
- Criminal Intelligence Data Acquisition
- Standardised Police Reporting System (SPRS)
- Border Control System
- Case tracking System
- Improving TIP Tier Status
- Task Force Development
- Civil Disorder Project
- Evidence Control
- Foreigners Affairs Service Development
- University of Sarajevo Educational Cooperation



for the police and continue to provide state-of-the-art equipment for them.

You have been in the country for quite some time now. What were the greatest problems ICITAP had to deal with immediately after the war?

The biggest problem was having to implement projects such as written policies and procedures as individual projects in every single ministry, instead of them being adopted using a standardised template. Although we were able to get policies and procedures adopted in every jurisdiction throughout BiH, each one varies slightly. I believe this hampers law enforcement's ability to perform their jobs in the most effective and efficient manner. Police restructuring would make all our jobs much easier

What do you consider to be the main challenges ahead of you?

The main challenge would probably be to emphasize to the Ministry of Security (MOS) authorities that, as the senior law enforcement agency in BiH, they must begin exercising their authority over a myriad of functions currently being completed by other agencies, as well as dealing with the issues arising out of the development of other law enforcement agencies such as the Foreigner Affairs Service (FAS), the Border Police and SIPA.

Another main challenge is to continue building capacity within the FAS as it assumes the responsibility of reviewing requests for citizenship, tourist visas, etc. ICITAP is also assisting in developing a strategic plan for the FAS and

advising on the construction of an immigration detention center. We will also work to enhance the ability of the Border Police (BP) to investigate and close cases of smuggling and trafficking, and detain and/or arrest those with outstanding warrants.

As to SIPA, we will keep prompting them to make further progress. The State Investigation and Protection Agency has displayed its ability to investigate state-level cases such as terrorism and elements of organized crime.

You are also dealing with community policing. What are your impressions about community policing in BiH?

The general consensus between ICITAP and most of the EU countries is that community policing should be more than an awareness project or officer-friendly type of police activity. Rather, it should be a proactive type of programme, where citizens and police address safety and security issues together, within their communities, and then develop a plan to jointly resolve the problems.

The police in BiH have not fully grasped the concept of 'problem solving-based community policing'.

On the whole, community policing throughout BiH is actually pretty good. The police are visible, the citizens know who they are and generally feel like they can approach the police with their problems. Today's attitude of the police is clearly one of service to the citizens, rather than service to the state. There has been a big change over the last ten years.

What do you think about police officers' accountability in general?

After all this time, I still do not see officers taking any initiative. They wait for their supervisors to tell them what to do. Supervisors wait

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for their supervisors to give them guidance. And leadership at the top still does not know how to delegate responsibility and authority as a package, slowing the process down to a crawl. Even when a Minister, Director or Commissioner assigns someone to work on a particular issue, that person can never make a decision on their own. The ideas, the decisions always end up coming from the top.

I know of situations where trained investigators who know how to investigate cases, take no actions on that case until they get 'permission' from their supervisor. Instead, they should be conducting the investigation to the best of their ability, keeping their supervisor briefed, and only asking for a decision when they run into a situation or problem they cannot solve on their own. Until police begin to hold themselves accountable for the success of their agencies, the situation is not likely to improve.

There is still a lot corruption in the country (ranging from traffic police bribery cases to more serious cases). This undermines citizens' trust in the police. How can this problem be solved?

Overall, I think the police see themselves as serving their country and fellow citizens. Every police officer faces a situation at some time or another in which they have to decide whether or not they will do the right thing, or if they will make excuses for accepting a bribe, looking away when someone they know clearly breaks the law. It doesn't help that police salaries are very low, or when their agency fails to pay them on time. When a police agency fails to take care of their officers, their failure creates a situation where corruption can grow. I also believe that every organization reflects the attitude and character of its leaders. When you find a leader who is very verbal about corruption, and who establishes through his actions that he is above corruption, you will generally find an organization with very little corruption. Hence, the only way to solve the problem is to start at the top and insure that every supervisor, at every



■ Emergency operations training

level, clearly states what will and will not be tolerated. I would like to complement the Republic of Srpska Ministry of Interior, for its anti-corruption campaign with the Ministry.

Going back to the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA), what are your general impressions about SIPA's skills, both in terms of investigation and protection?

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SIPA has come a long way from where they were three years ago. I constantly see improvement, but they still have a very long way to go. They are not fully staffed, and the system for hiring personnel continues to place

people in the wrong jobs. Many people think that investigators are interchangeable, but in fact different types of investigations require specific skills and a different knowledge base. You cannot take a general investigator, put him in financial crimes or narcotics, and expect them to perform as an expert without additional training and mentorship. SIPA leadership needs to address this and insure

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they are placing the right people in the right jobs. They also need to step up and insure that their personnel have the tools they need to do their jobs. We are in hopes that many positive changes will take place once a new SIPA Director is selected.

You were already in BiH in IPTF times (EUPM's predecessor). How was your cooperation with them?

Over the years, ICITAP's level of cooperation with IPTF varied. In the earliest years, there was considerable overlapping of donor projects. Once we recognized this problem, we began to liaise with them, keeping them informed of our projects and plans, working together on some projects and dividing up responsibility for others. This greatly improved our level of cooperation. When the EUPM took over, we just continued with this concept and we haven't had any real disagreements with our EUPM counterparts. All of my people know that my philosophy is one of transparency. We are not doing anything that is a secret here, so when we can provide historical information to our EUPM colleagues or when we find an opportunity to work together on a project, we do so. And, if we learn that the EUPM or some other donor wants to begin a project which we also have in our plan, if we find we can work together we do so, or if they don't want to work with us, we reprogram our funding and do

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■ Riot control

something different. There is still so much to be done here, that arguing with another donor is ineffective and pointless.

Is there anything you would like to tell your EUPM colleagues?

Yes, I would like to share a little of my philosophy. What ICITAP and EUPM have an opportunity to do here is very important. We all come from different backgrounds and fields of experience, and this is a lifetime opportunity that very few police officers actually get the honour and privilege to enjoy. We can introduce a lasting legacy of change in another country based on the best practices that we bring from our own countries and cultures. History will judge all of us based on the success or failure of BiH as it becomes a part of the European community. If we are successful, along with our local counterparts, at stopping criminal activities in BiH, we are insuring that those criminals will not become a burden to our own countries. Remember we all belong to the fraternal Brotherhood of Law Enforcement, working towards a common goal.

What are your main wishes for the future of BiH?

I really hope that the government can reach an agreement on police restructuring and make the changes needed to get on the road to EU accession. Unfortunately, although I believe that most of the professional police understand that BiH cannot afford the fractured system currently in place, the problem the local government is having about restructuring is political in nature. I hope that in the future, citizens of BiH will begin to refer to themselves first as Bosnians and that any additional associations they choose, be it ethnic, religious or as a fan of Manchester United or Fernando Alonzo, will come far after that. Also, that Bosnians begin to base their political decisions on what is best for Bosnia-Herzegovina as a whole, rather than on what is best for a particular group of citizens. ■

By Ann Vaessen

Keeping the mission informed

"Keeping the mission informed" is the Report Analysis Department's (RAD) slogan and every single member of the team works hard to turn this into reality.

There are 16 people in both sections of the department - respectively in the Report Analysis Section and the Communications Centre (Comcen) - who collect, analyse and produce reports on mission activities and the general situation in the country, and disseminate these to all EUPM members, the EU Special Representative (EUSR) and decision-makers in Brussels.

"I face numerous challenges every day, but I'm proud to be a member of a dynamic team," says Jasmina Catovic, Reporting Liaison Officer.

"We are quality-oriented," says Sladjana Prlenda, Analyst and Reporting Cell Officer. "It is important that we always look for better ways to do our job."

Luigi Petrucci, International Analysis Expert says, that "learning new things every day" is what motivates him.

"The main goal of the department is to be informative and assist in giving as clear a picture of EUPM's activities as possible and to do it within strict timescales," explains Roberts.

In the future they want to find new ways



■ Front row, from left to right: Sanela Saric, Jasmina Catovic, Hugh Roberts and Patrick Leahy. Second row, from left to right: Sladjana Prlenda, Branislav Kosjerina, Muhammed Fatih Sariyildiz and Alberto Lopez Angulo Fernandez.

to ensure that Mission members have all the information they need to carry out their tasks and improve their understanding of the whole picture, not just their regions.

"I have plans to produce a better input at the induction training, mail staff members with relevant information and reinforce the strategic aims of the Mission," Roberts adds. "This part is often seen as secondary by some staff, but it forms the basis of all we do."

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Roberts goes on. "We will continue to produce information sheets which provide thematic analyses on relevant issues."

To make things happen the Report Analysis Department needs to coordinate its activities with the other departments in EUPM: "Coordination is done through personal contact and by the understanding that we have deadlines to meet," Roberts says. "Departments respond to those needs quite adequately."

Together, the Report Analysis Department and 'Comcen' make up the mission's trunk, which operates as a well-oiled machine. The employees working at the Comcen need to be particularly flexible, insofar as it operates in 3 shifts on 24/7 basis.

"Shift work is something we have all done in our careers and you need to structure your life around these shift patterns, ensuring adequate rest and time for personal activities," says Roberts. "Many amongst the 'Comcen' staff are involved in private study."

To cope with the daily pressure, they 'invented' special team-building exercises.

"Rosario, our newest team building 'executive' is working on this aspect," Roberts says, smiling. "At the moment, it is gossip, teasing each other, Formula 1 and our national staff's amazement at how good we are - especially Pat and myself - at speaking the local language."

In this regard, each team member has their own 'specialty': while Luigi teaches the Italian sign language - he can hold a long conversation without speaking - Jasmina

has a wicked sense of humour, Sladjana is a poet and Rosario is a mad Canadian/Italian who can make stamp collections sound like fun.

"As to Erika, she has so many international influences I'm amazed she knows who she is, but yet she is very English - like marmalade," Roberts goes on. "And Pat has an air of calm about him but...well he can explain this in another issue maybe."

"For me success is being able to work with them, although they tell me I am grumpy at times," he concludes, laughing. "I'm not - it's just the way my eyebrows knit together!" ■

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Report Analysis Department and Comcen: a user's guide

They collect contributions from the regions, head of department and field offices, check them for accuracy and transform them into daily, weekly, monthly, six-monthly and yearly reports.

- **Comcen** is the direct link between the regions and the Main Headquarters. They receive daily reports and disseminate as appropriate. They use encrypted technology to handle more sensitive material and are a 24/7 contact point for Mission staff.
- **Report and Analysis** staff handles the reports, research information, contact Field and Regional Offices for further information and clarification. Crime analysts produce reports in relation to the Mission's Organised Crime focus and assist the regions in analytical profiling.
- The **Archive and Registry** Assistant, Dobrina Kusmuk, keeps track of all official documents entering or leaving the mission. This is an important area and staff should be aware that if they produce or receive an official EUPM document it is copied to Dobrina.

Meet our New Protocol Officer!

Vedran Pataki is our new Protocol Officer. He joined the EU Coordination Office on 15 October. We wished him a very warm welcome... and asked him a few questions to get to know him better.

Could you introduce yourself in a few words?

I originally come from Mostar and I like to think that people from the southern part of the country are cheerful and happy but also quite stubborn and perseverant. I have been living on and off in Sarajevo for the past eight years and have learnt to love this part of the country too.

I am always on the move, never have too much time and I am sure my family, especially my daughter, does not always like that, but they fortunately do put up with me.

What were you doing before joining us?

I have been working in the international environment for the past twelve years. I started with the EU Administration of Mostar in 1995 (it seems like it was ages ago) and then joined the United Nations. It was a time of important developments in the country and it was great to be able to witness many of them from a very close angle, as I was the Senior Language Assistant to the Head of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina back then. My UN experience continued in Liberia. I went there in 2003 to manage



a Protocol Unit at the Mission's Headquarters. That was so far the most challenging period of my life, both professionally and emotionally. I came back home a few months ago.

You have been with us for almost two weeks now. What are your first impressions?

This is not a completely new situation for me as I had spent about four months with EUPM I in between my two UN

Missions. However, the Mission has definitely changed a lot since then. It is now long past that initial phase. There are so many new faces, and the structure itself has changed. I have been trying to learn the basics as quickly as possible. Thanks to the great atmosphere in the EU Coordination Office, I am sure it will not be that difficult.

What do you consider the biggest challenge in your current position?

Everything is a challenge when it comes to protocol. Many counterparts from all over the world have told me that it is a job which you never get credit for, but if something goes wrong everybody knows your name. I like it the way it is, very busy and unpredictable. Ideally, every day is different and represents a new challenge.

What was your first assignment? How did this go?

It was the Medal Awarding Ceremony last week, although my input was very small as I have just joined the Mission. My compliments go to the organizing team, Administration, Logistics, communications experts, everyone involved, really. Having organized hundreds of such ceremonies, I know how difficult it can be. I believe this one was a success. ■

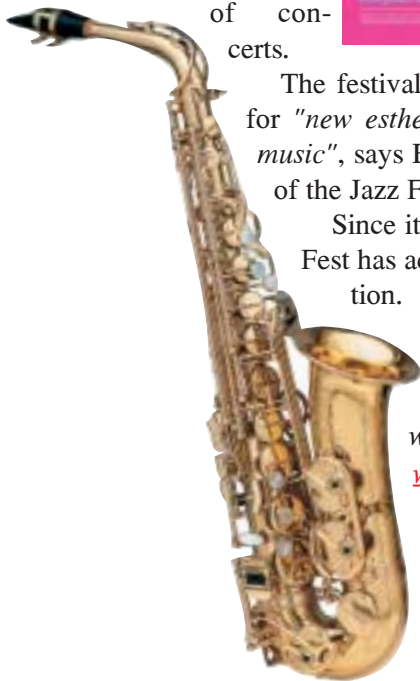
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■ Welcoming His Excellency the President of the People's Republic of China on his visit to Chinese troops in Liberia (Liberia 2007)

Get ready for the Sarajevo Jazz Fest!

The 11th Sarajevo Jazz Fest will take you on a trip throughout the different planets of jazz from **31 October to 4 November**. From jazz with a Balkan twist to Latin American rhythms, including Portuguese traditions, funky jazz, as well as a combination of jazz, house and electronic music, you will have the choice amongst a wide array of concerts.



The festival brings in artists who look for "new esthetic approaches to creative music", says Edin Zubcevic, the Director of the Jazz Fest.

Since its creation in 1996, the Jazz Fest has acquired worldwide recognition.

The full programme and other interesting information can be found on the web page of the festival:
www.jazzfest.ba ■



Holiday Bazaar: International Winter Shopping

What about offering handicrafts or delicacies from Japan or Brazil for Christmas or New Year's Eve this year?

The *International Women's Club of Sarajevo (IWCS)* invites you to its yearly Holiday Bazaar on **Sunday, 2 December** from **12 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the **Unitic Towers in Sarajevo**.

The Bazaar will showcase handcrafted gifts, baked goods, clothes, bags, accessories and artwork produced by local and international vendors. There will be a *Children's corner* and a *Grand Raffle Draw*.

Last year, the Bazaar hosted no fewer than 68 stands, with 25 participating embassies and ten major corporate sponsors. It generated over KM 67,000 which have been used to fund more than a dozen humanitarian projects.

This year the IWCS will launch its *Mammogram Project*, aiming to make breast cancer screening more accessible to women in Bosnia.

Admission Tickets cost 10 KM. Admission is free of charge for children under 12. ■

Recipee

Bosnian Octopus By Sanela Osmanovic

Ingredients:

- 1 smaller lamb (up to 15kg)
- 1 larger octopus (at least 2kg)
- 3 kg potatoes

Preparation:

Prepare the lamb, put it on the spit and start with the rotisserie process. While the lamb is slowly rotating, put peeled potatoes and octopus in the boiling water with a pinch of salt, a small branch of rosemary and a teaspoon of olive oil. Boil until soft.

The potatoes and octopus should be done when the lamb is ready. Take the potatoes and octopus out of the water. Cut up the octopus and throw it to the cats. Serve lamb and potatoes on warm plates, if possible with cold beer.



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