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**In the field  
with  
Liaison Monitoring Teams**

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The KFOR mission has been the frequent focus of local or international media. Together with my KFOR Chronicle Team I will promote KFOR internally and externally to maintain and promote its good reputation. It remains and has always been our goal to give you step-by-step information about all the nations serving on this mission. You can read about them in future KFOR Chronicles. Additional information can be found on the official website of the Kosovo Force located at: <http://www.nato.int/kfor>



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# Medical Emergency Exercise



**By HQ KFOR PIO  
Photos by Lt JG Oleksandr  
Tretiak, Ukrainian Navy**

An exercise involving Serbia and Montenegro's armed forces and Multinational Brigade East took place on Thursday, July 07 in Serbia and Montenegro.

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# KFOR and Serbia and Montenegro's Army Perform a Medical Emergency Exercise

This medical evacuation exercise called MEDEVAC dealing with road accident close to Olarski Rid Serbia and Montenegro Base was designed to perform and coordinate a routine aerial medical evacuation by ambulance and helicopters.

During this unprecedented exercise, the 78 th Serbian Motorized Brigade carried out a mission secured the landing zone in Serbia and Montenegro, while MNB E deployed 1 Black Hawk and two Apaches for a MEDEVAC transportation. To conduct this mission, the KFOR aircrafts crossed the administrative borderline along a specified route, flew a straight line to the landing zone, while maintaining permanent communications from both sides of the administrative borderline.

Such training exercises set up with Serbian and Montenegro Armed Forces and KFOR had been decided during the last High Level Meeting held in Pristina last week. High Level Meetings are official and technical discussions about security arrangements between KFOR and Serbia and Montenegro representatives, within the framework of the Military Technical Agreement signed in 1999.





# Always Ready

## Hungarian Guards HQ KFOR



Story by Lt JG Oleksandr Tretiak,  
Ukrainian Navy  
Photos by Mr. Armend Aqifi

Most of you are here for 4 to 6 months, and pass through the entrance of HQ KFOR countless times without thinking much about the guards on post at the front gate or that the HQ entrance. They have one of the toughest jobs-standing watch over HQ KFOR night and day, sun and snow-keeping us safe.

The soldiers on guard may seem to have a monotonous service, without any exciting highlights during the day, but their job is very important for the security of KFOR. The Hungarian Guard and Security Battalion took over this security mission in July 1999.

Their main armament is an Armoured Personnel Carrier type BTR - 80 / A equipped with one 30 mm machine cannon and one 7,62 mm machine gun; they are also equipped with sub-machine guns AK-74, machine guns, sniper rifles (SVD and GEPARD).

Besides providing guards and security service, the Hungarians maintain the Preventive Medical Laboratory for the HQ. All in all, the Hungarian contingent has around 350 soldiers in theatre and 38 in KFOR Headquarters. They belong to the





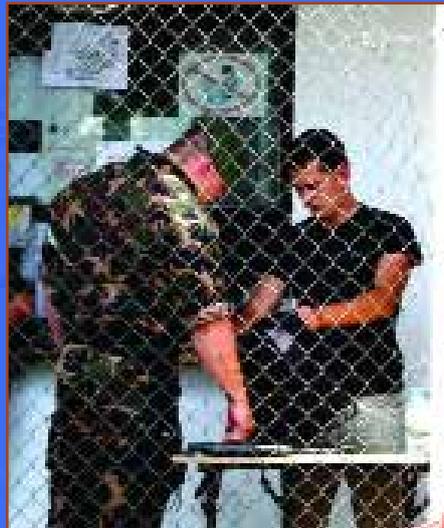
25th Klapka Georgy Mechanized Infantry Brigade based in the city of Tata.

"Our main tasks are to control the flood of personnel and vehicle traffic and, of course, to defend KFOR Headquarters. My soldiers are always ready to guard all Film City inhabitants dream at night," says 1st Lieutenant Adam Peter Boda.

Their tour of duty is a 3-day schedule. The first day they are on duty at the gate or the checkpoint. They work in 3-hour shift, 3 hours on duty, 3 hours off. The next day they will be standby in case of VIP-visits etc. Last day in the schedule they have a day off.

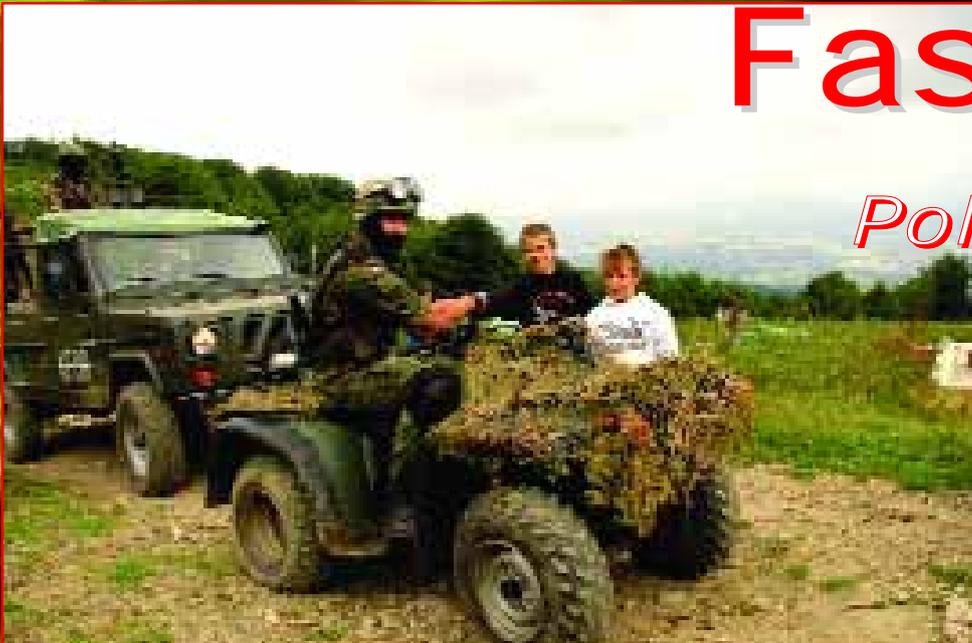
"This is a new job for me, because back at home we work in different situation, but I like it very much. I met lot of new friends from other countries and I learned a lot from different

cultures", says Or-4 Krisztian Krecz, who is on the second mission here. The professionalism of Hungarian Guards impresses greatly as well as their hospitality when guards welcome you with your native language.



# Fast and

## *Polish Reconna*



**By Lt JG Oleksandr Tretiak,  
Ukrainian Navy  
Photos by Mr. Armend Aqifi**

The Reconnaissance unit in Polish-Ukrainian Battalion can bear the name of the most unusual unit in KFOR. Two platoons of the Polish contingent are equipped with Honda FOURTRAX All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and snowmobiles for winter time.

At the end of June we had a chance to join this unusual reconnaissance unit for the patrol. After our arrival the platoon commander 1st LT Tomasz Kudyba was ready to go on a scheduled patrol, so we joined the patrol team that explained us about their group.

The main purpose of having these ATVs is that not all places in

Kosovo, especially in mountains, can be reached on large vehicle. This fact is very important so that the reconnaissance group is able to reach different places according to their duties.

The main tasks of the unit are: patrols along the Kosovo-FYROM border in the Ukrainian-Polish AOR; setting up the observation posts on the routes of illegal activities and smuggling; detaining of people who try to cross the border; taking part in Cordon and Search operations. Usually their work takes place in specific places. Sometimes they do regular patrols and sometimes they observe the border staying more than one hour without moving from one position. The advantage of using these vehicles for them is obvious: possibility to reach distant

places and camouflage ATVs.

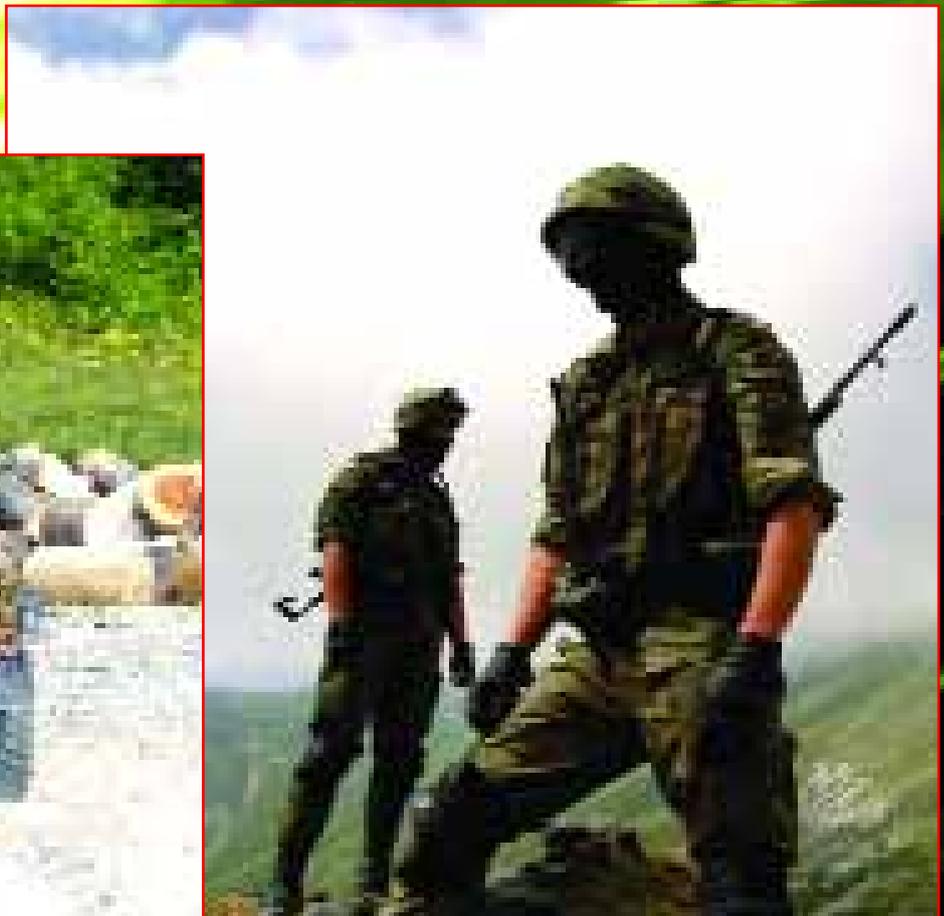
All members of the reconnaissance group are very professional. They are ready to do their duty under any weather conditions and places. "Now we are much more flexible and operational on HONDA's. We have better observation and we hear more than in other vehicles.", said 1st LT Tomasz Kudyba.

When they are passing through the town or village, their vehicles attract lot of children. They surround soldiers, and with great interest investigate all details of bikes.

After the first patrol the platoon leader LT Tamasz Kudyba with his group have already departed for the current patrol, but they didn't look tired. Their job is interesting, fool of a adventures and they like it very much.

# Reliable

*Assurance Platoon*



# 4th of July

## American Independence Day

Story by Spc. Lynette R. Hoke  
Photos by SFC Bobby Grishby

"Happy Birthday," with a local national accent. My birthday isn't for months I thought.

It was the tap on my shoulder, which made me turn to the direction of the voice, as the confusion must have shown on my face. "Happy birthday to your country," the local national finished, with a large smile. "Thanks!" I shot back with a grin and walked away. Thinking about our Nation's birthday, it makes me seriously consider what it is that makes me an American.

What is it that makes you an American? The memories you have from visiting the war memorials at Washington D.C.? The hot dogs and beer-soaked brauts that are over stocked and on sale at every grocery store in the states, once a year? Are you an American because you are a service member? The fact that you have freedom of speech, the right to bear arms?

Soldiers took the opportunity to reflect on what makes them an American.

"I was born in America, therefore it is my country," said 2nd Lt. Mark



Correa, Deputy Chief, Kosovo Inspectorate of Kosovo Protection Corps, Task Force Falcon, Camp Bondsteel. "Documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. These documents give structure and guidance for our liberties, and are what sets us apart from others," he said.

"An American is someone who believes in freedom and is willing to fight for it," said Sgt. Robert Bowman, 578th Engineer Battalion, Task Force Sidewinder, Camp Monteith. "An American is a person who is willing to defend those who

cannot defend themselves and willingly helps those who need help. Finally, an American is someone who believes in the U.S. Constitution and the principle that all people should be free to express themselves and pursue their dreams," he said.

"Being an American involves the fact that we, as a people, take a personal responsibility for the well-being of our nation and our fellow Americans," said Spc. David Devigne, Explosive Ordnance Detachment, Task Force Falcon, Camp Bondsteel.

"Being American is just having choices that some people don't have. For



example, being what you want to be, going where you want to go and doing what you want to do with your life. Deciding who you want to marry may not be something big here, but some people don't even get that choice," said Spc. Stefan White, Medical Log, Task Force Med.

"Yes, some people do take the life we have for granted and some live their life to the fullest, taking advantage of everything possible for them, so it's all in your mind set of what choices you're going to make," he said. "I'm an American, because I was born in the greatest country in the world raised on good country morals, Christian values, and the pride to fight for what is right," said Sgt. Jeremiah Trench, 321st Psychological Operations Team, Camp Bondsteel.

While this 4th of July was spent away from family and friends, you did spend time with the largest family you will ever know - the men and women you serve with in the United States military. These Soldiers are defending the freedoms for those back home and providing a safe and secure environment for the people of Kosovo.

So, to all the military members of United States Kosovo Forces, "Happy Birthday."



# French National Day

By Lt Clemence Viel,  
French Army

Photos by Courtesy of MNB NE

Two hundred and sixteen years after the fall of Bastille on July 14, 1789, the French troops based in Kosovo in union along with all French Communities from all over the world, celebrated this national day.

In Novo Selo Camp, the commemoration ceremony, which included a medal parade, was presided by Brigadier General Tracqui, commander of Multinational Brigade North East, and participation of illustrious guests from KFOR, UNMIK and Kosovo's President M. Ibrahim Rugova. Fifteen soldiers received important medals during the medal parade notably for their acts of bravery in the Ivory Coast. Speaking to the troops, General Tracqui reminded the French of



their fundamental values of Liberté (Freedom), Egalité (Equality), and Fraternité (Fraternity). These values guide French soldiers in KFOR to support people of Kosovo, to suc-

ceed in living in freedom of movement and in fraternity between communities.

After the ceremony, General Tracqui received all the authorities



# in Novo Selo Camp

and guests at the Maison de France. Music from overseas territories accompanied a luncheon in honor of all those present.

The French troops, representatives from the Army, Air Force, and military police of all regions, came from more than 220 different units. They marked their presence and their determination to honour their peacekeeping mission in Kosovo during this national day.



# "WELCOME COL. BARON"

## The Italian Task Force Aquila has a new Commander

By Capt Roberto Sacchi,  
Italian Army

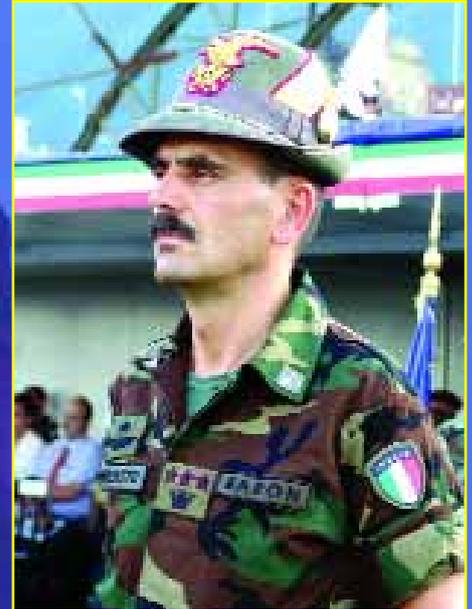
"We have spent three seasons of our life, here in Kosovo, in order to accomplish our mission of peace focusing our efforts to a unique goal: human dignity". With these words the Colonel Riccardo Marchi, last Commander of Italian Task Force Aquila starts his speech during the ceremony of the Change of Command, which took place in "Villaggio Italia" the 19th July 2005. At the presence of the MNBSW Commander, Brigadier General Norbert Stier all the Task Force soldiers were mustering in front of him with their eyes full of sadness for leaving a piece of life in that base and full of gladness for coming back home, to their families, whom they left for fulfilling their duties.

The ceremony was an indescribable melting pot of feelings, the atmosphere was solemn but simple as the military tradition teach. There were the Italian and Romanian soldiers all together standing in front of Civilian and Religious Authorities and Military Personnel, and each of them was wearing their own uniform. There were two regiment war flags, the Romanian national flag, many different cultures, many different religions and many different languages, but at

the same moment they had in common the satisfaction for the work they have done and the hope for what will be done.

Many words of congratulations, several thanks sentences were said for the "marvellous effort and the personal involvement" which everybody has given.

And after that? the future. A NATO flag in the hands of another Commander, Colonel Ornello Baron, in Italy the Commander of the 5th Alpine Regiment and, here, the new Commander of Task Force "AQUILA", the biggest Italian unit which is here since the end of the war and that will be still here in the next future.



# TF Dragash Change of Command

By Maj Fuat Araz, Turkish Army

Each year in July, Task Force Dragash has a busy and exciting period - this is the change of command period of COM TF Dragash after completing a successful year.

Former COM TF DRAGASH, LTC Tekin Bora IYIDIKER, who completed his command period of almost one year, supported all activities for providing peace at Kosovo. During his tour of duty, he managed to provide security in his AOR and established good relationships with the people all around Kosovo without discrimination. More than 1000 people from Kosovo of all ethnic groups attended to the change of command ceremony, which is a good indicator of this.

For a global look to his achievement during his command period: humanitarian aid such as food, house construction and repairs were distributed to families in need, medical support to more than 4500 local people was provided at both the battalion infirmary and their villages; more than 500 children were circumcised; infrastructure activities such as repairment of sewer and water supply systems of villages were built with more than 14 km. road maintenances, repairment and construction, building, schools and mosques repairments; help was given with the struggle with snow in the villages; training equipment support was given to the schools; courses for development of the economical life were given and support the culturel organizations to continue their activities was given.

On July 3 during a change of com-



mand ceremony at Camp Sultan Murat, the sixth Commander of TF DRAGASH, LTC Tekin Bora IYIDIKER, handed over command to LTC Bülent ÇELİK, who will be the Commander of TF DRAGASH until July 2006.

The change of command ceremony was conducted in three phases. The First phase was the military ceremony which is conducted with all personnel of battalion including Azerbaijan and Georgia Platoons. The ceremony started with the

national anthems of Turkey, Azerbaijan and Georgia, continued with the speech of LTC IYIDIKER.

In his speech, LTC IYIDIKER expressed the achievements of TF DRAGASH.

"During my service, I have always tried hard to serve with the pride of being considered worthy of such an important responsibility," he explained. "Within this period, significant developments have been obtained in terms of security of life and property, peace of mind, improving and supporting of social peace and incorporation among ethnic groups in our region."

Brigadier General Hasan Fehmi BÜYÜKBAYRAM from Turkish Army, also expressed his feelings.

"The brave members of Turkish Armed Forces, you are performing your duty with a great effort and self sacrifice far from your homeland for bringing peace, security and safety to this region. I am very proud of you for representing your Country and your Armed Forces," he exclaimed.



# "We Take the Popula

## Liaison and Monitoring Teams: hav

By Lt Eberhard Wenzel  
Photos by Combat Camera Team,  
LMT MNB C and Mr. Armend Aqifi

If it had not been for them, some families in Kosovo would probably live under a holey metal roof even today; but they have already provided brigades with important information about public sentiment, and it is them who also know which civil organizations have to be talked to when the mayor of a community has told them about considerable constructional defects in the school building. They - who are they then? To write about "them" as "angels in camouflage" in the style of a commercial the latter advertising an automobile club would be slightly exaggerated. But like the breakdown service, the soldiers of the LMTs are ready to listen to what the people have to tell them about minor or major problems and report it to



Multinational Brigades.

The best explanation for the tasks they have to fulfil is: "To feel the pulse of Kosovo" - the hand on

Kosovo's pulse".

The liaison and monitoring teams have been a connecting link with the institutions and the population of



# tion's Temperature"

## ing their finger on Kosovo's pulse



Kosovo for less than a year. In the middle of November 2004, the first soldiers of the teams were deployed to their area of responsibility and

started organizing their future work. In February 2005, the LMTs took up their job across the theatre. The teams are multinational with

qualified personnel. The teams are led by a regional Monitoring Liaison Team (RLMT) in all Brigades that also evaluates daily and special reports, summarizes them and determines where to set priorities in terms of the operation.

Each of the teams is responsible for one municipality - the latter being comparable with an administrative district. Since they are always present in their respective area of responsibility they observe intensively and try to get in contact with the people there.

Recent incidents have corroborated that the situation in Kosovo is "calm but not stable" and that sudden incidents remain possible which is again and again stressed by analysts. Knowing that unrest may always be seething under the surface, the LMTs always try to "feel" the population's sentiment by having trusting

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conversations with the people, deducing possible consequences from it to in order to then be able to provide the commanders with a current situation picture - that is what the job description says. Soldiers do not practise the principle of "show of force" but rely on a trusting behaviour. This is why the teams only move in teams of two to three people

each in their allocated area - they do not wear a Bristol jacket, they are armed with a pistol only. Predicting terrorist attacks or even preventing them, however, will continue to remain impossible as is the case throughout the world. Establishing contacts with international civil organizations as well as with national authorities and facilities

and maintaining them will be of particular importance in future. Information will be exchanged with both the UN Administration (UNMIK), the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), independent (IO) and non-governmental organisations (NGO) and mayors as well as the heads of public institutions of the municipalities.





Of course, not everybody is suitable for a job with LMT - what matters most is not the typical fighter but a soldier who is versatile, open-minded and ready to talk. Being interested in history, culture, customs and traditions and the current development of the country are necessary traits a member of the team should possess to be able to work in this spectrum efficiently. Fluency in English as well as a basic knowledge of Albanian are absolute prerequisites.

LMTs are accommodated in the camps depending on where they are employed. They have their working container there from where they drive to their area of responsibility every day. Whether the teams will one day be able to act in buildings outside of military facilities, thus whether they will have their offices in the communities one day, remains to be seen and depends on how the situation will develop.



Një Viti ka filluar punën ekipi i KFOR-it për monitorim dhe ndërtimje

# Janë shënuar rezultatet e para të këtij aktiviteti

Pjesëtarët e KFOR-it janë shprehur se ky ekip do t'i ndihmojë rusëftjes së sigurisë në këtë komunë pasi është më afër qytetarëve

**Titulli** **Parashtesa**

Viti 24 rusor. - Ekipi për monitorim dhe ndërtimje i gjeneratës amerikane në KFOR-in në Vitë, ka filluar punën në terren, ndërsa në fillim ka shprehur rezultate të para të ndërtimit, duke rregulluar problemet me ujë

shkita me gjeneratën Yves de Kermabon, me rastin e promovimit të ekipit për monitorim dhe ndërtimje të KFOR-it në Komandën e Vitës. Gjithashtu, ndihmuesit i këtij ekipi, kapet Gatt, shprehëj inkurajues edhe me parimet që ky ekip edhe do të bëjë në lokalitetin në punë. Në

Vitë, shprehëj i kënaqur me fillimet e punës së këtij ekipi, duke pohuar se ky ekip, përveç që po ndihmon banorët, ka ndihmuar edhe vetë KFOR-in pasi uardh njësitet ushtarake në terren e kanë më të lehtë punën në rusëftjen e ambientit të sigurisë. Të njëjtin koment bëri edhe

Below you can read the translated version of the article published in KOHA DITORE

In Vitia the Liaison and Monitoring Team begin functions

## The first results of the activity of IMT

KFOR members said that this team would help to keep the security in this municipality since it will be a unit closer to the citizens.

By Ibrahim Sefedini,  
KOHA DITORE  
Vitia, 24th of July

The Liaison and Monitoring Team of American KFOR in Vitia started working in the field, while the first result of its activities was fixing the problem of the drinking water supply for the inhabitants of Klokot. Lt. Glast, the leader of this team consisting of 13 American KFOR members and 2 members of Greek KFOR, said that thanks to the cooperation with the municipality, it will soon have a water well for the inhabitants of Klokot that will resolve the problem they have with their drinking water. These inhabitants stressed this problem in the meeting that they

had with General Yves de Kermabon, where he promoted the Team for Liaison and Monitoring of KFOR in Vitia municipality. The leader of this team, Lt. Gatt, said very encouraging words regarding the work of this team also in other municipalities. "We started with our work in Verboc, Klokot, Pozheran and Vitia where we had a full support from all those people that we met with," he said by also informing that at the moment the team is in the phase of collecting information with the problems of these localities and the suggestions of inhabitants for possible solutions to these problems. Also, Captain Clark from American KFOR in Vitia said that

he is very satisfied with the start of the work of this team by stressing that this team, besides offering help to the citizens, has also offered a great assistance to KFOR, since it is easier now for the operational units to carry out their work in keeping peace and security in the field. "The Liaison and Monitoring Unit is now doing the work in the field that was previously done by all operational units and therefore since this team started its work, the units have more time to dedicate to the keeping of security situation," hhe stressed, hoping that also his team will contribute to keeping peace and security since it will be closer to the citizens.

# Help for Municipality

By Lt JG Oleksandr Tretiak,  
Ukrainian Navy  
Photos by Mr. Armend Aqifi

Visiting of Kosovo Municipalities is a part of COMKFOR's work. On 19th of May he visited the STRPCE municipality and the meeting with local Authorities resulted into decision of LTG Yves de KERMABON to help municipality to find means of transportation for use in the area.

The project officer was Theatre Vehicle Fleet Manager Captain Dietmar DOENGES. His personal involvement resulted into handover of the car to STRPCE municipality representative Mr. Petar Jovanovich. In coordination with the local Liaison Monitoring Team (LMT) a lot was done to find the appropriate vehicle for general purpose and official transportation. The car was found in KFOR HQ for very low price. Finally, all the paperwork was done and presented to LTG Yves de KERMABON (COMKFOR) and BG Joseph ORR. Documents were approved and the Handover Ceremony took place in Headquarters of Kosovo Force.



# Spanish Task Force TIZONA organizes

By Maj Rafael Pasamar de Teran,  
Spanish Army

At 9:30 a.m. on June 12, the half-marathon organized by Spanish Task Force "Asturias" began with the starting point at the main gate of Base España.

Four hundred and ninety-seven runners took part in the run. Sixty-three of them were Spanish most of them belonging to the Task Force; although, there were members of the KNSE XIII and HQs of Pristina and Prizren. The number of non-Spanish participants was 434, belonging to 26 different units deployed in Kosovo territory.

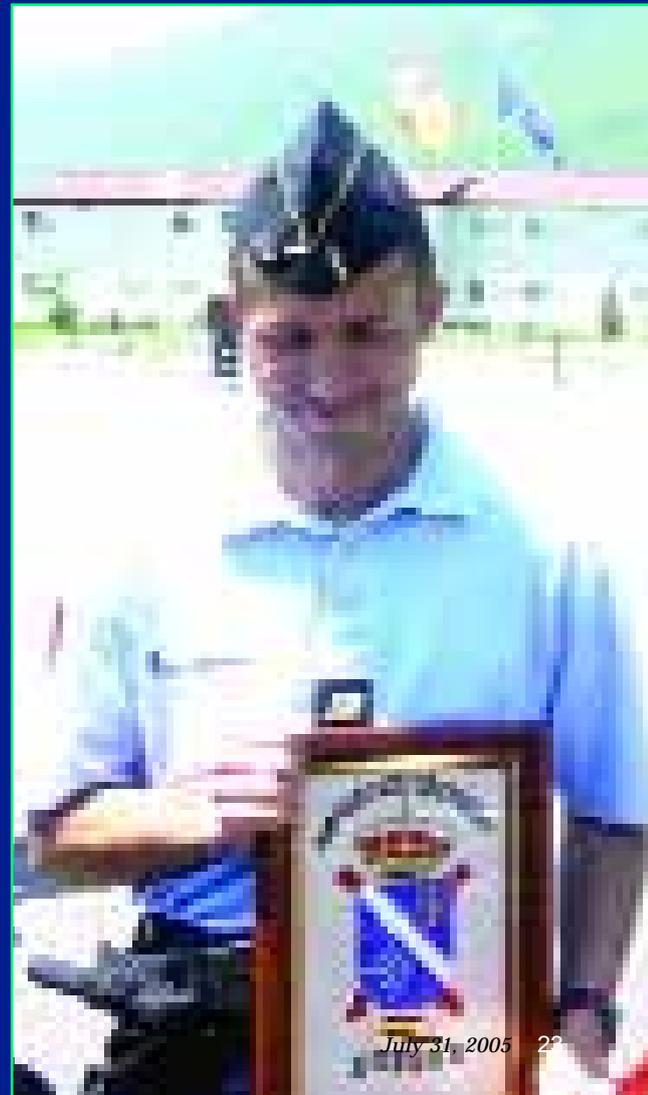
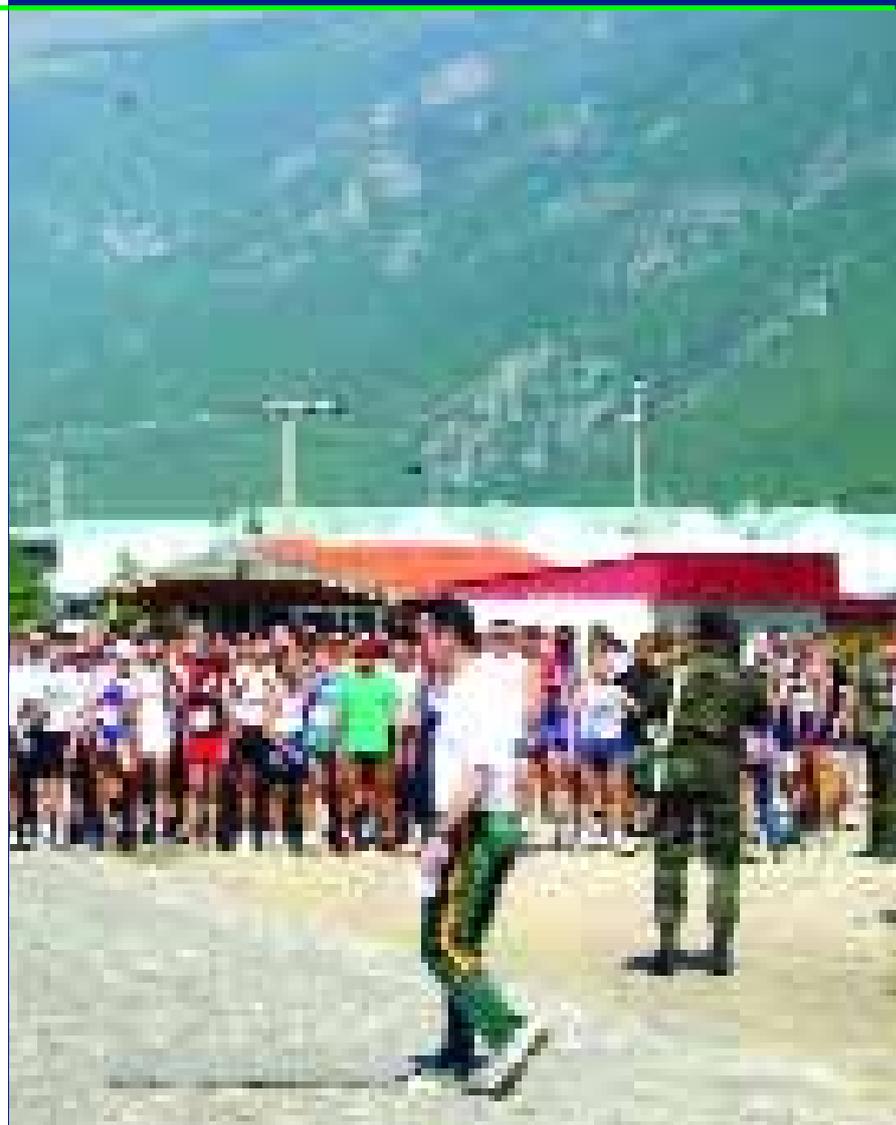
With a demanding itinerary under a scorching sun, the athletes put everything into the run to obtain a good qualification. It's important to emphasize the perfect organization of the run carried out by the third section members of the Task Force staff.

The winner of the competition was the French Frank Gorget (OR-6) spending a time of 1 h 17 min 30 seg. In the veterans' category, the winner was the Austrian athlete Herman Schnolzer (OR-9) and the woman winner was Irish runner Karen Robinson.

After the award, the delivery of the French national anthem sounded with the hoisting of the flag of this country. Immediately afterwards, the visited a multi-ethnic street market with Albanian, Serbian and Bosnian handmade products. Finally all the runners tasted paella with gazpacho and Sangria in Base España's dining room.



# a half-marathon for all KFOR members



# Combat Weather Forecasters Provide Support in Kosovo

By Staff Sgt. Carla Williams  
HQ KFOR PIO

When some people want to start a conversation with a stranger or someone they have not seen for a while, they may ask the long-standing question, "What do you think of the weather?"

As weather forecasters, a small group of Airmen deployed to Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo take the question one step further: "How will the weather affect operations?"

The forecasters, who are deployed from California and Kentucky Air National Guard units, provide weather support as "force multipliers" to allow the brigade to accomplish its missions safely, effectively and in a timely manner. They support a brigade consisting of American, Polish, Ukrainian and Greek forces, and to other Kosovo Forces units that conduct joint operations.



"Exploiting the weather for missions is our business," said Staff Sgt. Patricia Ballou, a forecaster from the California ANG's 195th Weather Flight. "If it were using low-level obscurations to hide servicemem-

bers' movements or (a clear sky) for air reconnaissance missions, we are considered part of the intelligence community, and most commanders agree that weather will make or break an operation.

"There is only so much environmental influence a warfighter can take before the elements, which cannot be controlled by man, start to affect the overall success of the mission and the safe return of our most valuable asset -- the warfighter," she said.

Capt. Roderick Coronel, who is a 21-year veteran, said the weather forecaster's job is dedicated to the KFOR mission.

"As Army support, our job (as forecasters) requires us to cohabitate with the Army," said the captain, who is deployed from the California ANG's 210th WF. "As a result, we learn how to live and speak 'Army.' We don't necessarily turn into Soldiers, but we almost nearly do. Only a few Air Force specialties have this opportunity.

"It is a rewarding experience once the Army has accepted you into their group," he said. "They are extremely appreciative of how we can contribute to their mission once they understand what we can provide them."



# Airman Manages Warehouse in Kosovo Force

By Staff Sgt. Carla Williams  
HQ KFOR PIO

PRISTINA - In support of Joint Operation Guardian at Kosovo Forces here in Film City, Pristina, managing KFOR's supply warehouse is the task of one Airman.

Tech. Sgt. Tormarcla Tillmon, 401st Air Expeditionary Wing Detachment 2 here, is responsible for all warehouse property and customs shipments at KFOR.

"The warehouse supports all supplies KFOR service members may require, requests including office supplies and furniture and any non-stock requests," said Sergeant Tillmon. "Custom shipments include food, clothes and beverages stocked in each country's post exchange or specialty shop here."

Sergeant Tillmon, who is deployed from the 314th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., said her job at KFOR is one of a kind.

"Being involved with customs handling by ensuring all property is accounted for on customs forms is something new and unique, as I



have never been involved with this type of service before," she explained.

The sergeant, who has 13 years of service, said her experience in

Kosovo has been positive.

"Being in Kosovo opens your eyes to another side of the military - by being a part of NATO [North Atlantic Treaty Organization]. It [NATO], is

an unique opportunity to be a part of and to see first hand how my job fits into the mission," the sergeant said.

Although with four deployments under the warehouse manager's belt, Sergeant Tillmon is going to take away a great bonus from Kosovo.

"What I'm going to take away is the appreciation the locals have for Americans and knowing we made a difference in Kosovo.



# Presentation of the French Module 150

By Maj Marcelo A. Leonard,  
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Tretiak, Ukrainian Navy

A presentation of the French Module 150 was conducted on June 29 at Headquarters of the Multinational

Brigade North East, in Camp Marechal de Lattre, in the presence of COMKFOR.

The reason of this event was that KFOR HQ J4 currently studies the way to accommodate forces for Kosovo wide operations. These forces may be Reserve forces as

well as forces involved in Cross Boundary Operations.

The French NSE in Novo Selo can provide with charge the assets to support those forces. These assets are called "module 150". Each module 150 is dedicated to the support of 150 people in the field. It includes materials for cooking, cold, hygiene, water and camp.

The June presentation was organized for the benefit of the command Group of KFOR Headquarters, as well as Senior National Representatives, KFOR National Contingent Commanders and Task Forces Commanders. All branches within KFOR HQ were also invited to attend.

The large number of attendees, as well as the number of nations that were represented, showed the interest of such a demonstration.

The presentation consisted in a HQ KFOR J4, Col Feliu, briefing to explain the requirement for such equipments. Then, Lcl Derrien, MNB (NE) ACOS Support described the Module 150 concept. A convoy demonstrated four trucks and their trails could transport the whole accommodation for 150 troops in the field. Then, each piece of the equipment was presented .

Apart from the presentation itself, the demonstration was an opportunity for the attending officers to meet and exchange points of views and information about current subjects.



# Open Doors

**More than one hundred children visit Base España**

**By Maj Rafael Pasamar de Teran,  
Spanish Army**

missions that KFOR Spain developed in the zone. Finally, their visit

concluded with lunch that included pizza, chips and chicken.

Task Force Tizona organizes an open doors day for the children who received Cervantes Program classes.

On June 13, "Base España" opened its doors to welcome 129 children, mostly Albanian, who had received the Cervantes program of the Task force "Asturias" during the months of April, May and June.

The children, belonging to the primary education of Zac, Susishe/Susica, Muzhevine and Djurakovac schools, also included Gypsy children who as well receive their education in the schools of the Aforementioned villages, all of them belonging to the Istok Municipality.

At the arrival of the base, the children were bestowed with a t-shirt of the Task Force Asturias and a bag containing small souvenirs.

After a short walk around the Base España facilities, they enjoyed some plays organized for the visit and the presentation of BMR and VEC vehicles. Also, the group of teachers, who accompanied the pupils, received a general overview of the



# The Italian Soldiers and the Children of Kosovo

By Capt Roberto Sacchi,  
Italian Army

The Italian soldiers, famous all over the world for their humanity, are completely involved in the activity of restoring hope to the children.

In February the Italian Logistic Unit "GSA" continued and strengthen the project supported by the Italian Defense Head Quarter in cooperation with the NGO and the several Municipalities of the area, and in very close coordination with the Italian local authorities and the Italian Hospitals.

The project created in 2003, aims to treat sick children, whose illness cannot be treated in Kosovo.

Until now, many children were escorted in Italy, in many different hospitals and several of them have already came back..

It was a little contribution to the rebirth of the Kosovo region, it is a big and a little, present which all the Italians wants to give to the future of Kosovo.

"A little smile in a child face is the biggest satisfaction for a soldier, like me, who is always a man" this is the thought of an Italian NCO deeply

involved. "I don't want to be in the middle of the attention for what I have done. What I want is only to work in the dark, no one must know

who I am, but everybody have to know who the Italians Civilians or Military do for the future of this population.



# Donated Medications to Podujevo Hospital



**By Capt Sara Eriksson,  
PIO MNB C**

On June 21, MNB (C) CIMIC team donated medications to a hospital in Podujevo/Podujevë.

Before the donation took place, CIMIC wanted to find the place that was in most need of medications. As a result, CIMIC asked the different Liaison and monitoring teams, LMT, that serve within MNB (C) if they knew about any specific medical centre that was in extra need of free medicaments.

In the end, the Czech and Slovak LMT that is responsible for Podujevo/Podujevë municipality, who then recommended this hospital.

This happened to turn out to be a good choice. When the director of the Central hospital in Podujevo/Podujevë heard that his hospital was going to get medications, he was very pleased since at the moment they had lack of medicine and medical equipment.

On the June 21, CIMIC personnel drove to Podujevo/Podujevë with a mini-bus full of medications and delivered the following supplies orig-

inally from the Finnish medic team that serves within Multinational Brigade Centre: Five different medicines of antibiotics with approximately 3, 300 tablets and 50 doses, 3 200 tablets of painkillers, three different

medicines for allergic reactions with approximately 1,500 tablets, 300 tablets against diuretics, 40 tubes of antibiotic cream, and ten pieces of inhalation medicines for the asthma patients.



# The Strongest Man of MNB(C)

By 2ndLt Elli Flén, PIO, The Finnish Contingent  
Photos by Sara Eriksson, Elli Flén and Lauri Lilja

There was a lot of sweat, grimacing and roaring when The Strongest Man of The Brigade was chosen at MNB(C) headquarter camp, Camp Ville on the May 27.

Twelve strong men, representing Finland, The Czech Republic,

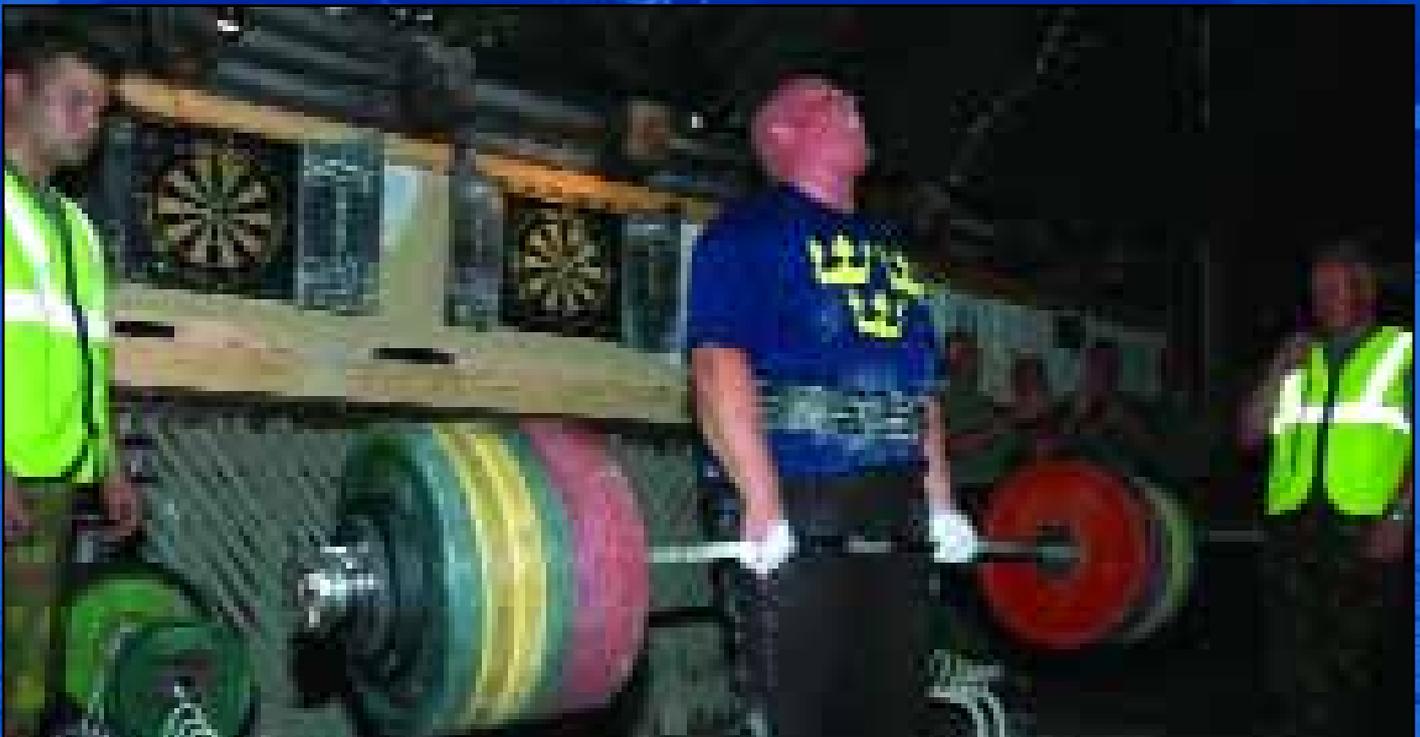
Sweden and Slovakia, took part in the competition. The competition consisted of five different tasks.

The first task was to load four heavy objects to a wheel loader bucket. The second task was to pull a van as fast as possible a distance of 30 meters. In the third task, farmer walking, the competitors had to carry two suitcases weighing 80 kilos each as far as possible.

After these three hard tasks, both the

competitors and the audience took a break for dinner. The sunny, but not too hot weather made the day a good day for competing and all nationalities represented had their own supporters present to cheer and spur on their men.

After dinner there were two tasks left. In "The Crucifix" the competitors had to hold two beer barrels with straight arms for as long as possible. The final task was weightlifting where the



## Peacekeeper's Profile

**Name:** Ingo STRACKE  
**Rank:** Master Sergeant  
**Unit in Kosovo:** Public Information Office  
**Home Unit:** General Army Command

### About mission:

In my opinion our presence and commitment in this region is very important. We guaranty peace for all local populations. Everybody here in Kosovo must have the opportunity to live in a secure environment without hatred and fear and most important, to build a peaceful future for the children.

### Family Reaction:

As it is my fourth mission, my family is used to situations like this. They don't like me being away and missing out part of their lives. Yet, they support me and are proud of me going into missions. In fact, they deserve the medal for pulling together and functioning as a family without my presence.





highest weight lifted gave the highest points.

Camp Vile saw many strong and good men this afternoon, but one was still above all: The Strongest Man of The Brigade is Anders Sjölin from Sweden. Sjölin was superior in almost all tasks and he won the total competition with 57 points. Sjölin was followed by two Finns, Mika Kummumäki (49 points) and Marko Hautala (47 points).



## Peacekeeper's Profile

**NAME:** Adam Peter BODA

**RANK:** 1st LT, Hungarian Army

**UNIT IN KOSOVO:** HGSB

**UNIT IN HUNGARY:** 25th Klapka Gyorgy Mechanized Infantry Brigade

### About mission:

This is my first mission in Kosovo. It is a new thing in my life but I like it very much because I met lot of friends here and I can practice a lot my English. Besides the atmosphere is very friendly and that helps a lot in our job.

### Family Reaction:

At the beginning my family worried a lot about my appointment but in few weeks they realized that I'll be O.K. I also have a girlfriend back at home and I miss them very much.



# Urosevac/Ferizaj

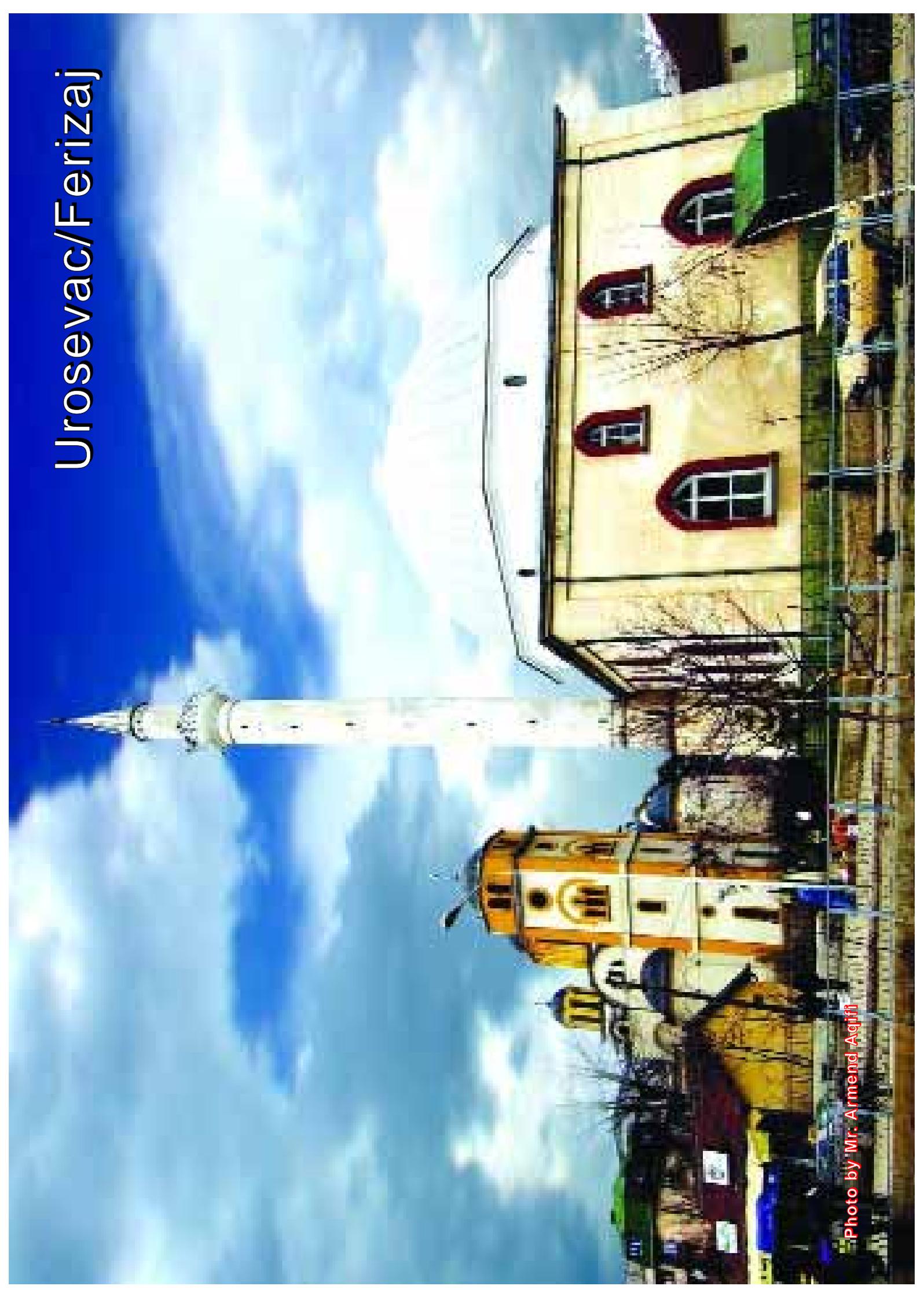


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