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DEAR KFOR

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE DONE FOR US.

WE THANK YOU FOR THE FREEDOM YOU BROUGHT US THE DAY YOU CAME TO OUR COUNTRY. WE THANK YOU FOR BRINGING JOY IN OUR LIVES, FOR HELPING OUR FRIEND. HE IS WELL AND IS GETTING BETTER EVERYDAY.

ONCE AGAIN IN HIS NAME AND IN THE NAME OF THE CLASS.

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU.



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# ANGELS IN THE SKY

*Text by 1st Lt. Maksym Klunnyk, Ukrainian Army  
Photos by Armend Aqifi*

KFOR French soldiers from MNTF N performed a significant and marvelous parachuting drop exercise in Priluzje/Prilluzhe on November 17. During this exercise, the French soldiers were absolutely calm and showed the media and local citizens a high degree of professionalism and an ability to control and find the solution for any situation, even in the sky.

COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Kather attended this event and was accompanied by MNTF N Commander, Brigadier General Marc Duquesne. They gave a short press conference before the first stick of paratroopers landed. Afterwards, COMKFOR personally congratulated each paratrooper for the successful jump. General Kather, even put on a parachute and helmet to experience the weight of the equipment the jumpers must wear.

"C'etait fantastique (It was fantastic)" said the French Major Alex Pinier, medical chief in Novo Selo/Novosellë.

COMKFOR awarded "tandem passenger" Maj. Pinier with his commander coin for completing his first tandem jump.

Also German Major Frank Loose, who jumped in tandem with a French paratrooper, said:

*I saw an angel flying in mid heaven,  
having an eternal Good News to proclaim to those  
who settle on the earth, and to every nation,  
ethnic group, language, and people.  
(Revelations 14:6)*

"Das war fantastisch. I was definitely calm because I jump with my French friend who is very experienced. He has more than 3,000 jumps and he is a jump master in France".

French paratroopers use an ARQ G9 parachute, which is a highly technological device. To perform any mission paratroopers must carry all necessary combat equipment. In order to perform some special missions, paratroopers can be drooped in tandem with different specialists, which are needed for the mission.

Moreover, the weight of an ARQ G9 is about 25 kilos, and the weight of the full equipped paratrooper could be about 160 kilos - so you have to be in a perfect physical condition.

On that day we saw French angels flying in the sky and performing Operation "Priluzje jump" in perfect way in order to proclaim to every nation, ethnic group and people of Kosovo to live in peace.



### Russian Commemoration Ceremony

**NOV 4** COMKFOR and the Russian Head of Mission visited the Camp Vrelo monument dedicated in memory of fallen Russian comrades between 1999 and 2003.

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### Visit of American Four Star General

**NOV 6** The commander U.S. Air Forces in Europe, General William T. Hobbins visited HQ KFOR.



### Commander's Conference

**NOV 7** The Commander's conference took place at MNTF S.



### High-level seminar with KPC leaders

**NOV 8** This seminar took place at HQ KFOR and was organized in cooperation with UNMIK and KPC.

# Tour with KFOR



## Meeting with European Union heads of Mission



**NOV 9** COMKFOR briefed the representatives of the EU members on security issues connected to the Kosovo status talks. Eighteen missions were represented at the meeting.

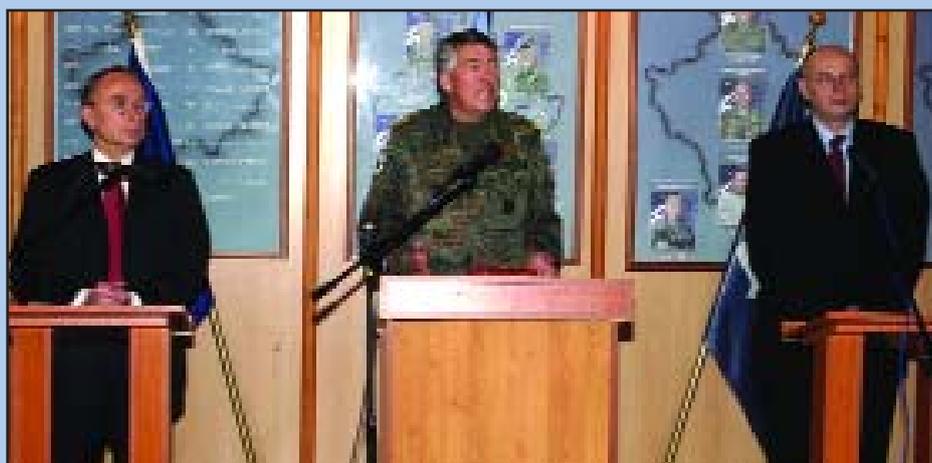


## Medal Parade MNTF E

**NOV 11** COMKFOR was awarded with the United States Armed Force's Legion of Merit award at MNTF E's medal parade at Camp Bondsteel.

## Trilateral meeting

**NOV 13** The trilateral meeting with SRS, Dr. Joachim Ruecker and Prime Minister of Kosovo, Mr. Agim Çeku was held at HQ KFOR and concluded with a press point.



## Visit of Supreme Allied Commander Europe

**NOV 13** "Kosovo remains a high priority for NATO," said the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, General James L. Jones, during a farewell visit to Kosovo.



## Visit to MNTF N

**NOV 17** COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Kather met with paratroopers conducting Operation "Priluzje Jump" in MNTF N.

# LENINGRAD COWBOYS LASSO

*Text by OR-7 Renee Kirkland, U.S. Air Force  
Photos by Armend Aqifi*

A stage and light show accompanied by screaming guitars and dancers rocked the Film City compound on October 26 and in Camp Ville on October 27.

The band's name, Leningrad Cowboys, is a blend of east and west, and it is always a topic of conversation as everyone always asks where it came from since the name is not logical as there are no cowboys in Leningrad.

The band has a crazy look. Dressed in black suits decorated with orange and yellow flames and hairdos reminiscent of 1980's rock stars, their outlandish hair and shoes are more than enough to make you take a second look.

This is the first time that they have performed for the military, although they have performed with the military before - June 1993 performance with the Russian Red Army Ensemble.

They have performed all over the world and don't really prefer one country over another. And evidently people have enjoyed their music as they have performed in the United States, Europe, Japan, Australia, South America and even on the 1994 MTV Music Awards show.

This is the only military performances they have scheduled, however they are open for invitations to come back. What do you say, shall we invite them back again?



# 0 FILM CITY AND CAMP VILLE



# Two events in one day of M



# MNTF S life

[Inside KFOR]



*Text by 1st Lt.  
Maksym Klunnyk, Ukrainian Army  
Photos by Armend Aqifi*

On November 15, Brigadier General Hans Joachim Fröhlich took over command of the MNTF S from Brigadier General Lutz Niemann. The transfer of authority between task force commanders took place in Prizren and was headed by COMKFOR Lieutenant General Roland Kather and the Commander of the Bundeswehr Operations Center, Major General Rainer Glatz. The parade was commanded by the Deputy Commander/Chief of Staff MNTF S, Colonel Horst Hofer.

Representatives from different elements of the MNTF S were lined up on for this parade. An honor guard marching with German and NATO flags started the parade. Surrounded by armored vehicles, troops were inspected by COMKFOR.

"Brig. Gen. Niemann, you are a true model of military professionalism ... Thank you very much for your work as commander of "my" old brigade and Task Force South", said General Kather in his speech. "Thank you for your personal effort and your understanding of this important mission. Well done!"

Maj. Gen. Rainer Glatz awarded Brig. Gen. Niemann with the Medal of the German Bundeswehr for Foreign Duties. Afterwards COMKFOR honored Brig. Gen. Niemann with the NATO Non Article 5 Medal.

The TOA ceremony of the German military contingent was the second event of the day. Maj. Gen. Glatz headed this ceremony. To symbolize the handover between contingents, the German national flag was transferred from Brig. Gen. Niemann to Brig. Gen. Fröhlich.

After the ceremony all guests were invited to the recreation center "Oase" to taste traditional German food. In this center COMKFOR, outgoing and incoming commanders held a press conference. During the press conference they answered the questions of media.



# Sky marksmans

*Text by CW4 Wendell Smith,  
U.S. Army National Guard and  
OR-6 Brandon Kramer, U.S. Army  
Photos by Combat Camera Team*

Soldiers from Task Force Talon, Multinational Task Force East, recently completed a series of six Combined Arms Live-Fire Exercises (CALFEX) with infantry task forces TF Alamo and TF Houston.

"These exercises are designed to improve the unit's gunnery and Air to Ground Integration skills (AGI)", said CW4 Wendell Smith, TF Talon.

Smith explained the purpose of the exercise, and how it incorporates various MNTF E units

into the mission.

"The scenario used for the CALFEX is designed to imitate a possible mission scenario in Kosovo", said CW4 Smith.

"The training event incorporated the full range of TF Talon's capabilities".

"Ground troops were also inserted in a simulated landing

simulated wounds during the exercise.

In preparation for, and during the assault of the objective, the AH-64 Apaches maintained security by suppressing the simulated threat with both the 30-millimeter cannon and 2.75 inch rockets. "This event marks the first

zone", he explained. This gave the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter door gunners a chance to suppress any threat the ground troops could possibly face.

Next, the ground troops assaulted a trench line, including a barrier breach.

Following the assault the medical evacuation helicopters were called to evacuate soldiers who suffered

time 2.75 inch rockets have been fired in the last three



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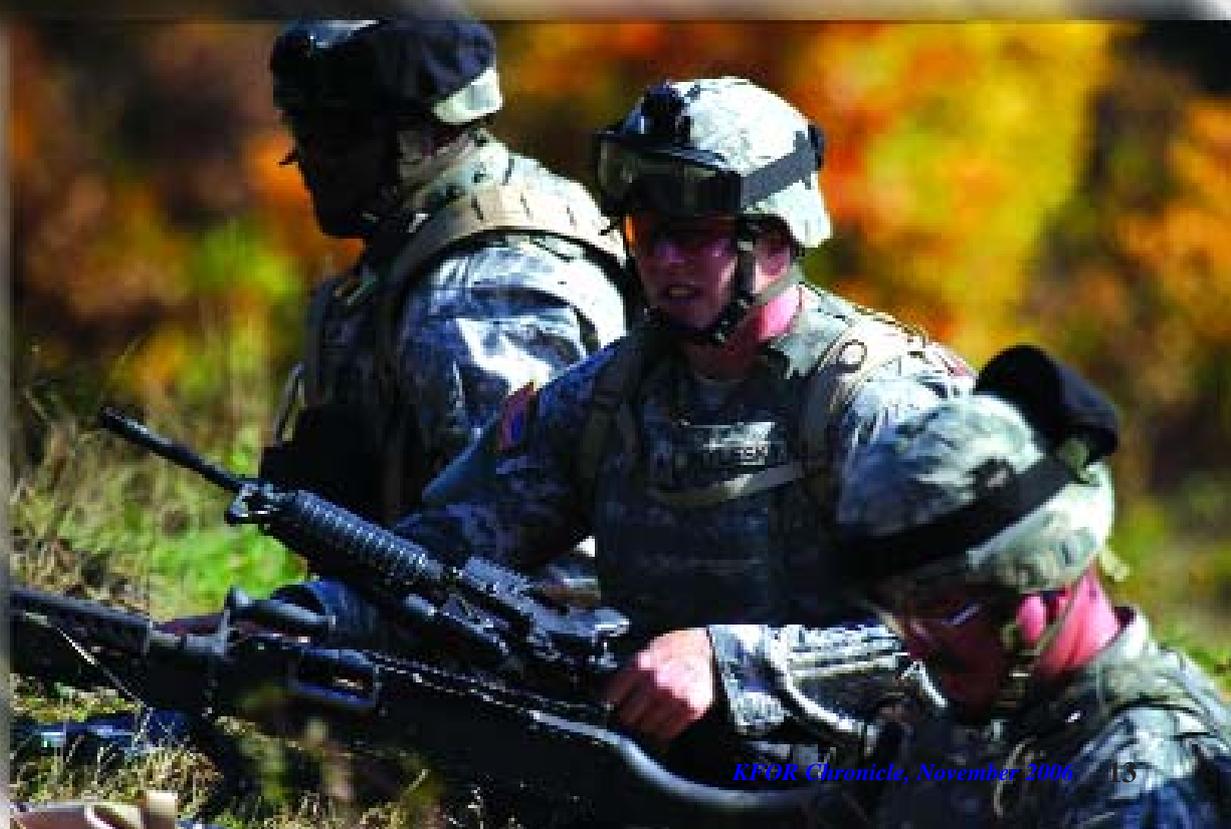


rotations", he said.

"These exercises are resource intensive and demand detailed mission planning by both air and ground unit battle staffs", he added. "Included in this planning process are all the pre-gunnery checks and



required training for both air and ground crews. It serves as the sole gunnery event for AH-64A Apache helicopter pilots, crews and armament maintainers as well as the UH-60 door gunners".





# DRIVE TO A

Next time when you push the pedal ...

*Text by OR-9 Patton Francis, Irish Army and  
OR-6 Ursescu Gabriel, Romanian Army*



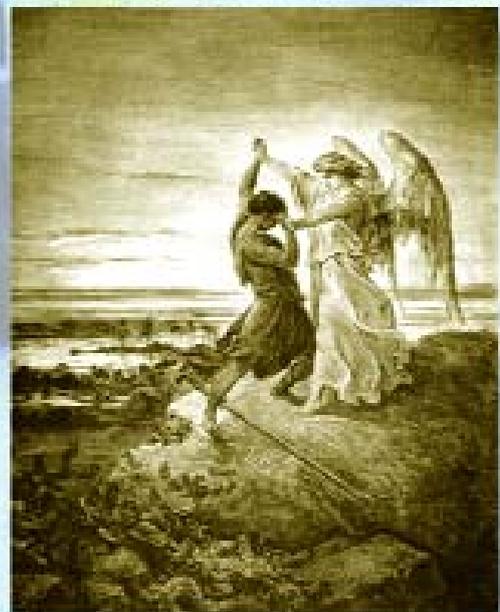
think that someone is watching you,



but more important think about ...  
your wife/husband, your children,  
your mother, your friends ...



and don't hurry to meet the angels!



# ARRIVE ALIVE



The military causes the death of more people through road traffic accidents than in any type of Military Operation!

## Take care especially in winter:

### before driving

- \* Take snow chain training and check the snow chains, don't exceed 40 km/h with them on
- \* Check the weather forecast and road conditions
- \* Remove all snow and ice from windows, mirrors, number plates, lights and indicators, etc.
- \* Maximize starting power by turning off all accessories including heater, radio and lights before you start the car

### when driving

- \* Apply easy pumping pressure to the brakes during slippery conditions to avoid wheel lock up
- \* Reduce speed on icy surfaces, especially on curves. Any sudden acceleration or deceleration while turning will send your vehicle into a skid.
- \* Release the clutch pedal gently when shifting up and down the gears
- \* Remember bridges freeze first

### when parking

- \* Use the first or reverse gear instead of engaging the handbrake
- \* Avoid parking on surfaces with puddles, mud or ice on it
- \* Lift the windshield wipers when parking





# KFOR Multination

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# International Task Force East

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*Say HELLO  
to MNTF E!*

# CLAIRFOND



# OPERATION

*Text by Lt. Eglantine Moirez,  
French Army*

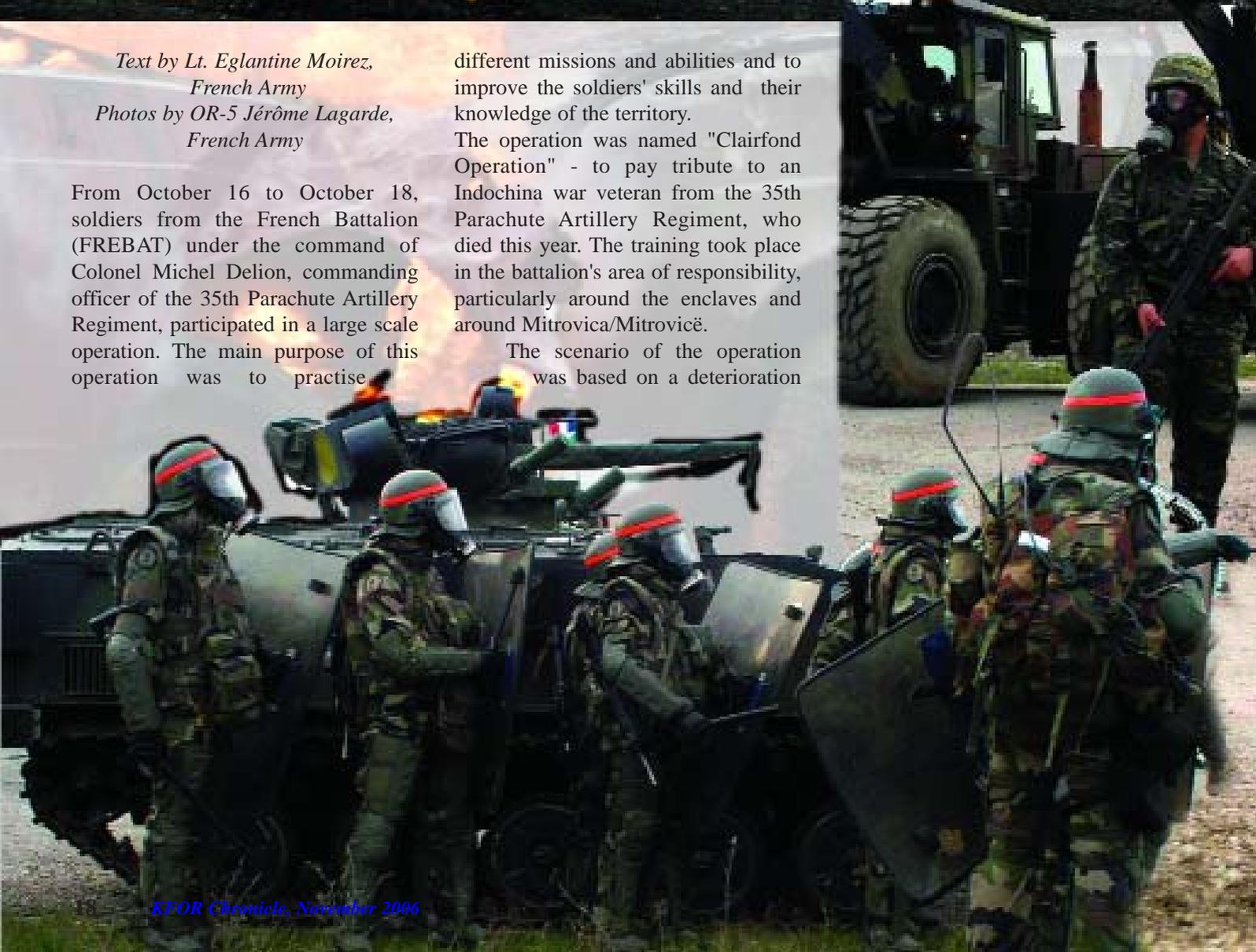
*Photos by OR-5 Jérôme Lagarde,  
French Army*

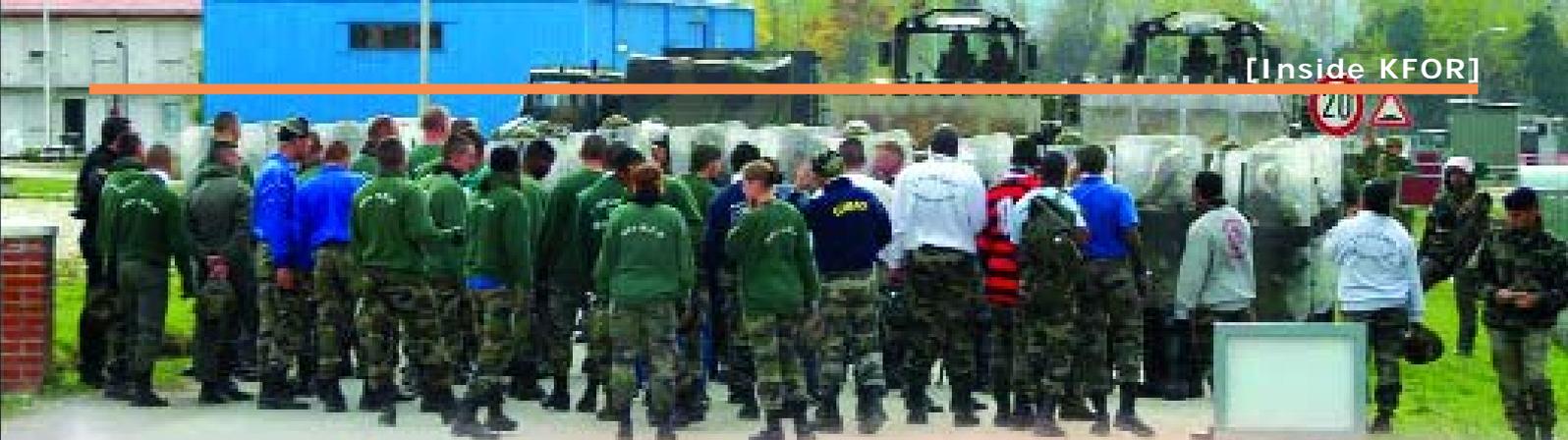
From October 16 to October 18, soldiers from the French Battalion (FREBAT) under the command of Colonel Michel Delion, commanding officer of the 35th Parachute Artillery Regiment, participated in a large scale operation. The main purpose of this operation was to practise

different missions and abilities and to improve the soldiers' skills and their knowledge of the territory.

The operation was named "Clairfond Operation" - to pay tribute to an Indochina war veteran from the 35th Parachute Artillery Regiment, who died this year. The training took place in the battalion's area of responsibility, particularly around the enclaves and around Mitrovica/Mitrovicë.

The scenario of the operation was based on a deterioration





of the situation in the Multinational Task Force North area of responsibility. This led immediately to the reinforcement of the troops with the implementation of the following courses of action: monitoring of all enclaves, reinforcement of patrols in the area, activation of tactical command posts,

relieves in place of units, crowd control trainings, and the activation of blue and red boxes around enclaves and cultural sites.

The armoured tracked vehicles - French AMX 10 and Belgium M 113 - as well as helicopters from the MNTF N were used intensively during these three days.

FREBAT soldiers, very cautious in training and real operation, have managed to maintain a safe and secure environment and freedom of movement for the population of Kosovo during all phases of the training.

Despite the large number of troops and military assets deployed, FREBAT limited disturbances for the inhabitants to the lowest level, night and day.

The FREBAT has demonstrated through this well done training that it is operational ability to adapt to different situations with professionalism and a high degree of readiness and precision.



# Catholic Church makes its mark on

*Text by OR-7 Renee Kirkland,  
U.S. Air Force  
Photos by Armend Aqifi*

Nestled in among the red brick buildings in Klina/Klinë is the white-washed exterior of the Shën Gjon Pagëzuesi (Saint John Baptist) church, whose occupants are not the norm for Kosovo - a Catholic priest and two nuns. There are 24 Catholic Churches in Kosovo and more than 12,000 Catholics in the Klina/Klinë region. Today, the church's membership includes more than 4,800 believers, of which 3,000 reside in Kosovo and the other 1,800 in different parts of Europe and the United States.

The church provides Catholic sacraments to the community and religious and academic education for its youth.

In a youth center built by the Italian company "Misericordia", the church leaders and local citizens teach language and computer skills.

During the 1998-99 war, however, the church served a different purpose. According to Father Don Lush Sopi, who has been at this church since 1989, the church and its staff helped people to receive shelter when they were evicted



# n Kosovo's past, present and future

from their homes during the war and get medical care.

"Residents of seven of 11 Klina/Klinë area villages were kicked out of their homes and then their homes were burned", Father Sopi said.

But some homes have been rebuilt with the help of engineers, contractors, NGOs, GOs and donations by churches throughout the world.

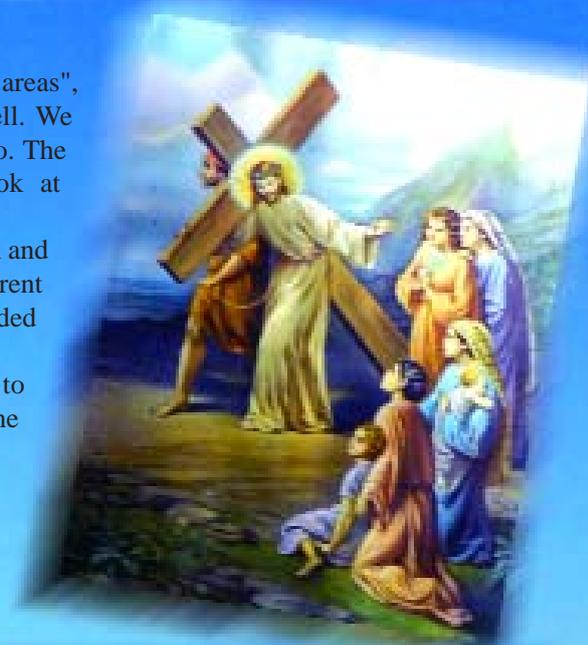
Not only homes have been rebuilt but the church also took care for the sick and injured. With the help of the Italian Caritas Umbria organization more than 125 people, mostly children, have been transported by the Italian KFOR contingent to Italy to receive medical care.

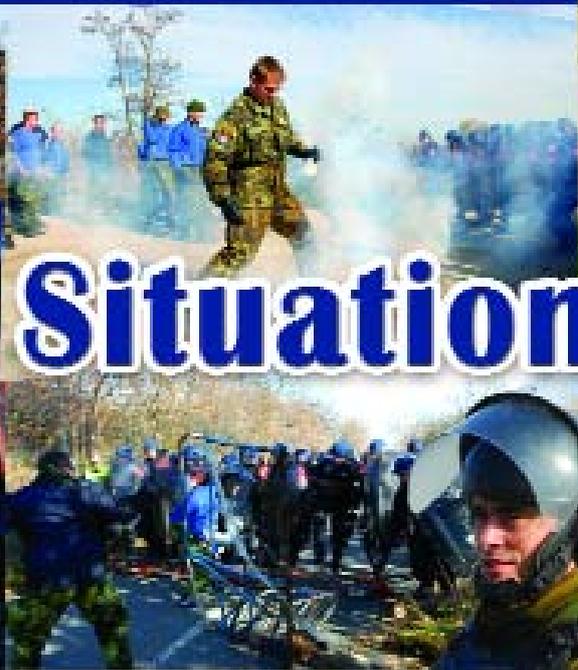
The humanitarian aid is not restricted to those of the catholic faith.

"Humanitarian aid is not used to support only projects in the catholic areas", Father Sopi explained. "We provide aid to non-catholic areas as well. We have good relations with all the religious communities here in Kosovo. The role of the Catholic Church is to help everyone and not to look at nationalities or religion".

This is the largest and oldest Catholic Church in the Klina/Klinë region and it is filled with a unique and rich history. Construction on the current church began in 1926 and completed in 1932. Its members have provided aid in the form of education, shelter, food and medical care.

"The church took the lead when it needed to and it has worked to preserve peace and love between people. This is the mission of the church", Father Sopi said.





*Text by 1st Lt. Maksym Klunnyk, Ukrainian Army  
Photos by Armend Aqifi*

As the result of growing dissatisfaction and misunderstanding between Kosovo communities, more than 1,000 inhabitants started a demonstration in front of the Dragodan flat building, where members of the international community (IC) were located. After a few minutes UNMIK Police and Kosovo Police Service (KPS) officers were surrounded by the demonstrators. They had no chance to get any support from their own specialized units because they were committed elsewhere.

As tension continued to rise and the situation became more critical, UNMIK Police and KPS were afraid that they couldn't control the situation and asked for support from KFOR. COMKFOR decided to send support forces to protect the building and to evacuate the IC members by using

helicopters. He ordered Kosovo Tactical Maneuver Battalion (KTM) and Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU) troops to provide help.

I saw two Black Hawk helicopters suddenly appear in the sky. They were loaded with KTM and MSU soldiers, who were perfectly equipped for CRC (Crowd Riot Control) actions. After the first wave of soldiers arrived they began preparations and formed combat order.





# is under KFOR control

The helicopters took off and came back with a second and third wave of soldiers.

When the rioters recognized the KFOR soldiers, they started to proclaim: "NATO go home,

KFOR protection, they became more and more aggressive and tried to break the soldiers' formation.

I saw MSU soldiers launch grenades filled with special smoke into the sky. The troops performed their work perfectly - not longer than one hour after the beginning of the demonstration, the situation was completely under KFOR control and all IC members had been evacuated.

It was operation "Balkan Hawk VI", an IC evacuation exercise, which took place at Camp Vrelo on November 9. I spoke with the exercise director Lieutenant Colonel

Jan-Petter Lorentzen, Norwegian Navy. "It was a perfect exercise, both sides, soldiers and rioters, were well prepared and they operated very professionally. All actions were extremely realistic": he said.

"Rioters" from Sweden, Greece and the Czech Republic played their roles in a fantastic way.

Unfortunately one soldier from Sweden was injured - he was immediately evacuated from exercise theater. I hope he feels better now.

This exercise showed once again that any situation will be immediately under KFOR control.

leave us alone". The KFOR CRC troop commander warned rioters to clear a way for the soldiers and to go back home. A large number of bottles filled with water started to "fly" at the soldiers. The rioters aggressively tried to stop the troops with sticks and fists in answer to the troop commander's request for them to go home.

Nevertheless, the soldiers stayed calm and after 15 minutes the IC members were evacuated from the building and transported to a secure place to wait for evacuation by helicopters.

When the rioters saw that the IC members were under



# Feel the Pulse of Kosovo!

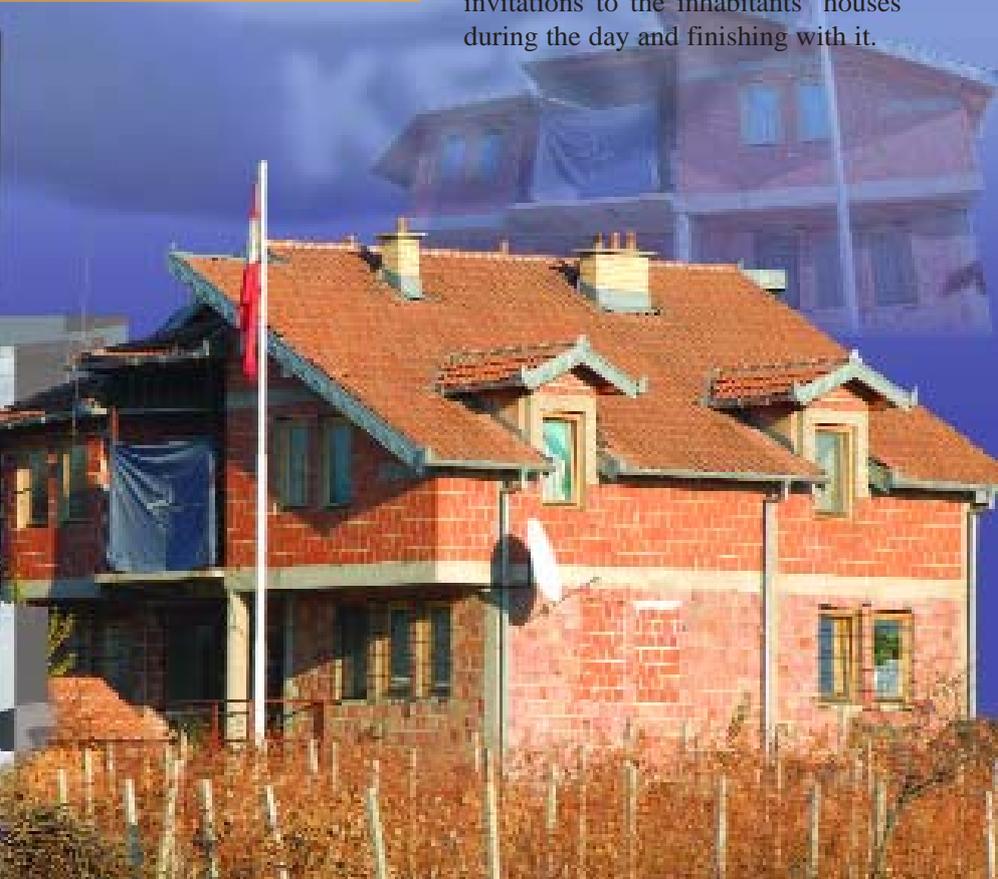
*Text by Lt. Col. Christian Wohlmuth,  
Austrian Army  
Photos by Armend Aqifi*

KFOR's smallest camp - the Austrian Field House in Orahovac/Rahovec. Since February 2006 the Austrian Liaison and Monitoring Team (LMT) 3, part of the Multinational Task Force South (MNTF S), has been situated in their own facility outside a usual KFOR field camp: the eight soldiers of LMT 3 live and work in a typical modern Kosovar family house, rented by the Austrian Armed Forces. LMT 3 is divided in four sub teams, who run their liaison and monitoring work in a shift system:



- \* Patrol duty in the Area of Action includes attendance at meetings in the communities and organizations, and visits to religious facilities, ethnic representatives, individuals and enterprises.
- \* Report submissions to the MNTF S Headquarter and receiving orders and requests for information from there.
- \* House duty, which means a 24 hours shift with several radio checks to surrounding units of the Austrian led Maneuver Battalion Dulje conducted every hour. This also includes the house administration and even kitchen work.
- \* Finally the LMT crew manage the so called "walk-ins". These are visits from persons of all ethnic groups, telling their problems, sorrows and demands.

The Austrian Field House, common in EUFOR in Bosnia & Herzegovina but unique in KFOR, is dedicated and specially enabled to fulfill LMT's mission in KFOR - Feel the pulse of Kosovo! The LMT 3 is neither an intelligence cell nor an infantry squad, but it lives together within the population of Orahovac/Rahovec. The team starts its liaison business by buying bread in the morning, attending official and religious celebrations as well as informal invitations to the inhabitants' houses during the day and finishing with it.



# Operation Sea Hawk

*Text by Spec. Off. Gian Carlí Stäubli  
and Lt. Fabienne Egli, Swiss Army  
Photos by OR-5 Sebastian Heller,  
Swiss Inf Coy, PIO Swiss Army and  
PIO Swedish Army*

For three days, the Swiss Infantry Company (Swiss Inf Coy) participated in the Operation Sea Hawk, which was a part of the Operation Balkan Hawk VI. This operation took place in the area of the Multinational Task Forces North and Center. The Swiss Inf Coy, Ukrainian and Polish units stayed temporarily at the Camp Vrelo near the Pristina airport.

The barracks in Camp Vrelo were built by the Yugoslavian Army and are still used as quarters for the troops. Very soon, the Swiss Inf Coy realised, how comfortable their own Camp Casablanca is. In Camp Vrelo, they had to take showers with cold water and they had to sleeping quarters with 14 other soldiers.

Apart from that, they appreciated the excellent service by our logistics unit during the whole operation; twice a day they got hot meals, delivered by airway from Camp Casablanca. The mobile cistern with diesel guaranteed the use of the Piranha-tanks and the off-road vehicles all the time. Not to forget one of the most essential things during an operation: the transmission, which worked very well, too.

With this logistics support as a basis, the Swiss Inf Coy could do their work, which first of all consisted of doing patrols in a defined area of responsibility. Later on, they did temporary check points (TCP's) as well. On the second day, they

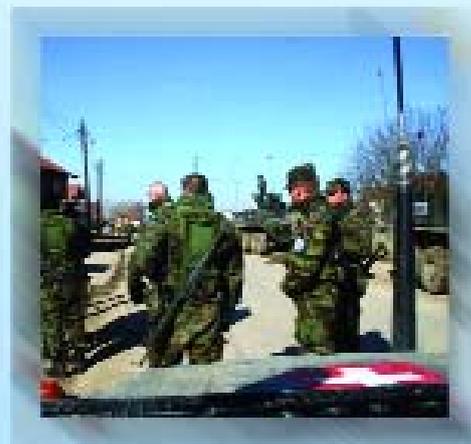


practised how to protect an enclave from the attack.

It was impressive to see how the Finnish and the Swedish officers commanded the operation with short and succinct orders using a communication system from a high level technology of the Finnish Army. Surprisingly, the local TV station RTK came in the area of the operation and the National Contingent Commander (NCC) from SWISSCOY had the chance to give them an interview.

With a lot of impressions from working with other nations and from the beautiful landscape of another part

of Kosovo, the Swiss Inf Coy returned to Suva Reka/Suharekë.



# Spanish in Kosovo



*Text by Capt. Jose Luis Cristóbal Barcón,  
Spanish Army*

*Photos by OR-9 Vicente López-Brea,  
Spanish Army*

The Spanish units have been running the "Cervantes" course for several years now.

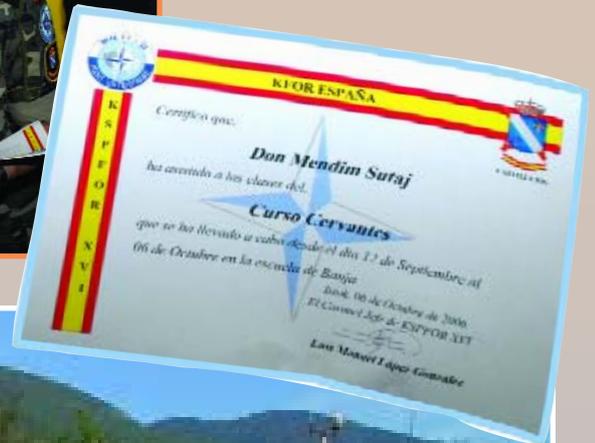
The main goal of these courses is to gain knowledge of the most useful expressions; how to introduce oneself, essential vocabulary, etc. They show students how to develop tolerance, respect, friendship, get familiar with the basics of personal hygiene, healthy lifestyle and diet and learn the rules for walking safely along urban areas and roads (since it is normal to see very young children walking on their own on the roads without sidewalks). Developing a positive taste for sports or learning to identify possible explosives are other course goals.

This is a really ambitious project for children aged 7 to 12, but they are so good at acquiring the language that it is truly a pleasure to be able to understand each other at the end of course, never mind if it is with half-learned words.





The first two courses of this term took place in villiges Vrela/Vrellë and Banja/Banjë, located within the Spanish Contingent AOR, which is formed by units of the Cavalry Brigade and ALOG 41, mainly from Zaragoza city. During a very nice gathering in Banja, the Spanish Contingent Chief, Colonel López González, presented the 36 children - aged 7 to 9 - from several ethnic groups with certificates of attendance to the course. Among those present were also the Head of Education of Istok, the Banja Egyptian Community Representative, the Headmaster of the school, all the militaries involved in teaching and the school teachers. Col. López thanked the headmaster for his help and williness to hold the course, and had words of appreciation for the teachers' enthusiasm and work, as well as for the children's interest in learning. To close the event, soft drinks were delivered to the children.



# Flying into History

## Swedish Heli Unit

*Text by Capt. Adam Folcker,  
Swedish Army*

*Photos by 1st Lt. Magnus Granbom*

At first there is only a low patter and a distant speck in the sky. Then suddenly helicopters touch down in a flurry of noise, dust and debris. The Swedish Heli Unit has landed in Kosovo and also for the first time will participate in a peacekeeping mission. In early November, during final preparations to become operational within MNTF C, the Swedish Heli Unit conducted introductory training sessions with all Task Force Centre troops. On a sunny autumn day, the Swedish soldiers of Bravo Company gathered round to get a closer look at this familiar craft in unfamiliar surroundings.

"We are here to give you an edge. Just tell us what you need," said one of the pilots as he demonstrates some of the features of the German-made BO-105, or "Helikopter 9" as is the Swedish military designation. Originally an anti-tank asset, it is now a utility helicopter that in KFOR will perform surveillance, reconnaissance, transportation of personnel or light cargo, and emergency casevacs - all with day- and night capability. The onset of winter is no discouragement. The crews have experience training in the mountains of northern Sweden, and landing in one meter of snow is no problem.

The three helicopters that make up the unit flew down from Sweden in late October, a four-day journey that took them through the Alps and with stopovers in Germany and Italy before landing at their new home base at Camp Bondsteel where two field hangars have been erected by a team of support ground crew. That this MNTF C asset is based in

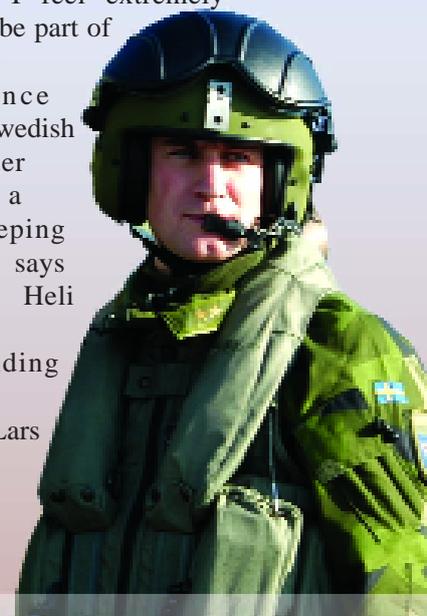


neighbouring MNTF E is not seen as a draw-back. "The flight time to Task Force Centre is only a few minutes" explains the pilot.

Other parts of their preparation include flying over Kosovo both day and night to get to know the terrain. "We need to know where the landing sites are located and also where there are obstacles like power lines and smokestacks" the pilot says.

Some locals lingering nearby are invited to take a closer look at this new KFOR flying machine that has appeared, almost in their backyard. "Very good" they comment, and the pilot agrees with a smile: "Yes, it is". This month, the Swedish Armed Forces celebrate 50 years of participation in peacekeeping missions. In November 1956 the first

Swedish UN troops left for the Middle East. Half a century later, the Swedish Heli Unit writes a new chapter both in Swedish Peacekeeping history and in KFOR. "I feel extremely proud to be part of this first experience of the Swedish Helicopter Wing in a peacekeeping mission" says Swedish Heli Unit commanding officer Lt. Col. Lars Eklind.



# Heroes fight like Greeks...

*Winston Churchill*

*Text by Lt. George Sotiriadis, Greek Army  
Photos by Lt. Col. Panayotis Vasiliou, Greek Army*

"Hence we will not say that the Greeks fight like heroes, but that heroes fight like Greeks".

In the night of October 28, 1940, the Italian ambassador to Athens, Gratsi, went to the home of Greek Prime Minister Ioanni Metaxa, woke him up and asked for free entrance of the Italian forces into Greece. He immediately gave a negative reply, by the simple expression "Alors, c'est la guerre (So, that is war)"! The war with Greece began and the Italian army began its invasion. The Greeks fought fiercely



and despite Italian superiority in numbers and equipment, determined Greek defenders drove the invaders back into Albania.

On October 28, the KFOR Hellenic Contingent celebrated the anniversary of October 28, 1940, when Hellas defended the principals of freedom and democracy, in Camp Rigas Fereos. In a military ceremony the Hellenic KFOR troops registered their gratitude to those who gave their life and youth in defending for their country, following the tradition of their ancestors.

The celebration was honored with the presence of the Chief of Hellenic Liaison Office in Pristina, Ambassador Nikolaos Kanellos, and the Commander of MNTF E, Brigadier General Darren Owens as well as members of the brigade's staff and units commanders. Local authorities of ethnic communities such as: KPC commanders, the Mayor of Urosevac/Ferizaj, the Serbian Archpriest of Saint Uros church and others, who

were also invited, attended the ceremony.

The ceremony started with a memorial service by the military bishop and continued with a panegyric speech in Hellenic, English, Albanian and Serbian languages and a wreath laying ceremony in memory of the honored dead.



The ceremony was followed by a military parade including the majority of the Hellenic KFOR troops and their equipment. The celebration was completed with a reception in the officer's mess.



### Letter from the Ex-girlfriend

One soldier serving in Kosovo was annoyed and upset when his girl wrote breaking off their engagement and asking for her photograph back. He went out and collected from his friends all the unwanted photographs of women that he could find, bundled them all together and sent them back with a note saying, "I regret to inform you that I cannot remember which one is you, please keep your photo and return the others".

### One-Armed Student

An English professor told her students that there would be no excuse for not showing up for their final exam except for serious injury, illness, or a death in the student's immediate family.

A smartass jock in the back of the room asked, "What about extreme sexual exhaustion"? The entire class did its best to stifle their laughter. When silence was restored, the teacher smiled sympathetically at the student, shook her head, and sweetly said, "You can write with your other hand".

### Soldier stands Guard

A new soldier was on sentry duty at the main gate. His orders were clear.

No car was to enter unless it had a special sticker on the windshield.

A big car came up with a general seated in the back.

The sentry said, "Stop, who goes there"?

The chauffeur, a corporal, says, "General Wheeler".

"I'm sorry, I can't let you through. You've got to have a sticker on the windshield".

The general said, "Drive on"!

The sentry said, "Hold it! You really can't come through.

I have orders to shoot if you try driving in without a sticker".

The general repeated, "I'm telling you, son, drive on"!

The sentry walked up to the rear window and said,

"General, I'm new at this. Do I shoot you or the driver"?



*Freeze - This would make a good KFOR Chronicle cover shot!!!*

**Name:** Juan Francisco Lázaro Albaladejo  
**Rank:** Auditor Major  
**Nationality:** Spanish  
**Home Unit:** Audit Office, Spanish Navy HQ  
**Unit in KFOR:** Auditing of Accounts Office, Maneuver Battalion Tizona, MNTF W

**About the mission:** This is my first mission; it started on July 3, 2006. Being here has become a new and profitable experience in regards to public expenditure control and my profession as a military notary. I have established a friendship with my colleagues and I hope that this friendly relationship remains until the end of my mission in December.

**Family reaction:** The support of my wife and two children has been constant and unconditional from the moment I told them that I had been posted to Kosovo. **Plans for the future:** In the short term, what I would like the most is to enjoy Christmas time with my family because later I will have to return to my home unit and carry on with daily work.



**Name:** Carola Henrisson  
**Rank:** 1st Lieutenant  
**Nationality:** Swedish  
**Home unit:** 7th Armored Regiment, Tank Company  
**Unit in KFOR:** HQ MNTF C, Deputy Chief of Guard Platoon MNLOGCOY

**About the mission:** This is my first mission. I think it's very exciting to be in a multinational community. It's good experience for me; it's interesting to see Kosovo and understand people better. In my job it is good to see a lot of different people from different nationalities.

**Family reaction:** My family was worried about me when I came to Kosovo but now they support me. They are happy for me and miss me.

**Plans after the mission:** First of all I want to have a vacation and afterwards to go back to my normal life in my tank regiment. Maybe I'll go to another mission but I have not decided yet.



**Name:** Abdelghani Haddadi  
**Rank:** Lieutenant Colonel  
**Nationality:** Moroccan  
**Unit in KFOR:** PIO HQ KFOR

**About the mission:** This is my second mission with multinational forces. I served before in an UN mission on the Ivory Coast, but this is my first time in Kosovo representing my country. I'm also pleased to see many nations working all together in close cooperation for one aim.

**Family reaction:** Married, with two children, I would like to thank my wife for her support during my mission here and taking care of our children at home.

**Plans after the mission:** After one year, acting as staff officer Media Operations and then as Chief Media Operations, it will not be easy for me to forget the PIO family. I have to do my inprocessing back home before going back to my unit and proudly serving again, my devise: Dieu, Patrie, Roi.

# Speed limit on KFOR skyways

15  
km/h

