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*Dear Readers,*

*Welcome to this edition of EUForum, which covers a very busy period for this headquarters.*

*Over the last couple of months, you have comprehensively planned an OPREH, before having to adjust plans swiftly and effectively to facilitate JOINT EFFORT in response to the devastating flooding. All aspects of EUFOR, including the Multi-National Battalion and Intermediate Reserve Coys, assisted BiH during a very busy – and successful – period of flood-related disaster relief. All this, in addition to day-to-day EUFOR business.*

*I addressed some of you during the JOINT EFFORT Closing Ceremony but I would like to use this*

*page to reiterate my thanks to every one of you who was involved in JOINT EFFORT. It made me immensely proud to see you working shoulder to shoulder with Armed Forces BiH to such great effect. I know that the lives of the people of BiH have been made a little easier thanks to your help.*

*While I am delighted with our output during JOINT EFFORT, the next step is now to conduct a thorough analysis of lessons learned, so that both we and Armed Forces BiH can identify room for improvement, making our response to any other future disaster even more effective.*

*Once again, well done and thank you for your excellent efforts over the previous months.*

Commander EUFOR Major General Dieter Heidecker

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JOINT EFFORT

Dear Readers,

Welcome to this issue of EUFORum, the first for me as the new Spokesperson. As you will all be aware, the focus of the EUFOR Headquarters over the last month has been JOINT EFFORT, the name given to the flood-related disaster relief tasks that EUFOR troops undertook with Armed Forces BiH. So, you won't be surprised to see that JOINT EFFORT is the focus of this edition of the magazine.



Lieutenant Commander  
Alice Williams-Alden

I must say a huge thanks to those of you who went to great lengths to send valuable information through to the PAO showing your hard work. We got some very positive press coverage in the local media. Now we need to keep up the momentum and keep the work of EUFOR in the press, so please do keep on sending us your material. Our Facebook followers have increased now to over 11000 and if you're not following already, then take a look at [www.facebook.com/euforbih](http://www.facebook.com/euforbih). And of course, you can still go to the website, twitter and flickr for more information.

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## Flood-Related Disaster Relief Activity

Exercise Quick Response 14 was originally planned to take place in May and June. However, the situation changed rapidly due to the huge floods in the north of BiH. Initial EUFOR activity was carried out by EUFOR aircraft and the Multi-National Battalion, including tasks such as evacuation of personnel and transportation of aid.

The decision was taken to change the exercise to assist Armed Forces BiH and local authorities in their disaster relief work. The name given for this activity was JOINT EFFORT.

All air assets, the Multi-National Battalion and the Intermediate Reserve Companies from Slovenia, the United Kingdom and Austria were tasked to help. They provided supplies and moved rescue teams into position in a very short period of time. Work continued alongside Armed Forces BiH, repairing water supplies, disinfecting buildings, and clearing the huge amount of flood debris.

You can read in the following pages further details on the tasks carried out by EUFOR personnel.



### EUFOR helicopters used in evacuations

On 16th May, four EUFOR helicopters operated in the areas of Zenica, Maglaj, Tuzla and Šamac to rescue dialysis patients, a pregnant woman and other people in severe emergency situations.

“The most important thing is to save lives and to support the population in emergency situations. We will carry on providing support shoulder to shoulder with the AFBiH and the civilian authorities for as long as required”, EUFOR Chief of Staff Brigadier General András Szűcs said.

EUFOR immediately installed permanent liaison through liaison officers with Ministry of Security and other relevant organizations to provide assistance.

Ground troops with vehicles remained on standby in Camp Butmir to provide further assistance within their means and capabilities when requested.

### Several hundreds of people rescued by EUFOR helicopters

On 17th May, EUFOR rescue operations started with a medical evacuation and four more were executed during the day. Around 200 civilians were evacuated in 30 lifts until 4 pm that afternoon. “The older people, children and those who are already weakened and in a critical condition have priority”, said EUFOR Air Chief Lieutenant Colonel Christian Tesar.

While the main effort of EUFOR air operations initially was in the areas of Maglaj, Tuzla and Zenica, the focus of



evacuations shifted later to the north of the country, namely to Šamac, Doboj, Brčko District and Modriča. To increase the endurance and effectiveness of EUFOR air operations an additional helicopter refuelling point was established in Zenica.

On the 16th May, 291 civilians were evacuated in 72 lifts with EUFOR Alouette and Black Hawk helicopters. During the night trucks transported food, water and clothes to Maglaj where they assisted in the dissemination. They returned to Camp Butmir ready to further assist the BiH population.

### **Immediate Medical Aid saved lives**

Timely movement and care was provided by medical personnel to injured and sick people. The

EUFOR medical evacuation team, consisting of three doctors and two flight rescuers, provided immediate medical aid on the evacuation flights of the EUFOR helicopters. Some 41 civilians, including children and the older people, received emergency treatment and were transported to hospitals.

### **Basic Supplies were the most essential**

More than 200 flights were performed by EUFOR helicopter teams, rescuing around 900 people. The EUFOR disaster relief operation continued with the transport of goods to affected areas all over Bosnia and Herzegovina. Food, water, pharmaceuticals, blankets and other supplies (in total around 15 tons) essential for people in need, were transported by EUFOR air assets to the

most affected municipalities in the north of the country - Orašje, Brčko, Doboj and Odžak. Where roads were passable, trucks from the EUFOR Multinational Battalion were used to transport a number of supplies including boats and engineering equipment.

### **Reinforcement of air assets**

On 20th May, European Forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina also received support from the Swiss Air Force. The Swiss Armed Forces, which also have troops deployed to EUFOR Althea, transferred a Cougar helicopter from the KFOR mission to be involved in disaster relief in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Swiss helicopter was coordinated and tasked by the EUFOR Headquarters in Camp Butmir, Sarajevo. 22 tons of sandbags were dropped to repair the river embankment in Vidovići near Orašje.

## Summary of Land Tasks

Planned and executed on request of Ministry of Security of BiH

**Turkish Company (May):**

Transport of 3 boats and 16 passengers from Konjic to Rajlovac

Transport of blankets, sand bags and fire fighting equipment from Sarajevo to Orašje, Brčko and Bijelina

Transport of 8 tons of hygiene products

Transport of power generator to Civil Protection HQ in Šamac

Transport of 15 tons of humanitarian aid from Sarajevo to Bijeljina

**Hungarian Company (May):**

Food, water and clothes transport from Sarajevo to Misurići

Transport of 33 passengers and equipment from Tuzla to Bijeljina

Transport of water and baby food from Pale to Vukosavije

Transport of High Energy Biscuits to Brčko, Bijeljina, Kakanj, Dobož and Šamac

## EUFOR Reserve Coys' work with Armed Forces BiH

EUFOR's reserve companies worked with Armed Forces BiH to conduct a number of tasks, including repairing water supplies, disinfection of streets, removal of garbage and transportation of aid.

The reserve companies deployed from Camp Butmir on Friday 6 June 2014 to assist the Armed Forces of BiH in their flood-related disaster relief efforts, commonly known as JOINT EFFORT. The UK and Slovenian companies travelled to Dubrave, near Tuzla, while the Austrian company deployed to Zenica.

EUFOR's UK reserve company from 1 SCOTS, the Royal Scots Borderers, repaired water network pipes in Lopare together with Armed Forces BiH. The teams salvaged water pipes that had been flushed down the Gnjica River during the flooding. The commander of the 1 SCOTS platoon, Lt Guy Ballantyne, and the AF BiH platoon commander, Lt Benudin Barjaktarevic, then worked together to ensure that the pipes will be used again in the local water distribution network.

EUFOR's Slovenian reserve company also worked with Armed Forces BiH to disinfect and remove garbage from the Dobož area.

## EUFOR and AF BiH Joint Ops Centre in Zenica

On 5th June the staff of the EUFOR Multi-National Battalion set up a joint forward operations centre in Zenica with staff from the 1st Battalion of the 5th Brigade of Tuzla. From there EUFOR's Lieutenant Colonel Scharf controlled the tasking for EUFOR's Multi-National Battalion including the 'over the horizon' reserve companies from Austria, Slovenia and the UK.

The Austrian reserve company mainly operated in the Bosna valley, including the areas around Dobož, Maglaj and Zavidovic, whereas the work of the Slovenian and UK companies, stationed in Dubrave near Tuzla, was centred around the Sava valley.



## EUFOR Reserve Companies' disaster relief work



EUFOR's reserve companies worked with Armed Forces BiH in Doboj, Maglaj, Lopare and Žepče to conduct a number of tasks, including repairing water supplies, disinfection of streets, removal of garbage and transportation of aid. The reserve companies deployed from Camp Butmir to assist the Armed Forces of BiH in their flood-related disaster relief efforts, commonly known as JOINT EFFORT.

The UK and Slovenian companies travelled to Dubrave, near Tuzla, while the Austrian company deployed to Zenica. EUFOR local observation teams (LOTs) had spent the previous few days assessing the local situations with the Armed Forces BiH Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) teams, drawing up task lists which were then prioritized.

## EUFOR troops clean up Doboj



EUFOR's Slovenian reserve company worked with Armed Forces BiH to disinfect areas of Doboj and remove garbage as part of JOINT EFFORT.

They also conducted a number of reces with the UK reserve company prior to further tasks in Vučilovac, Krepšić, Gorice and numerous other villages.

Two Austrian recce teams also performed a recce of Žepče to assess further tasking.

## Summary of Land Tasks

Planned and executed on request of Ministry of Security of BiH

JOINT EFFORT (June)

Disinfection of schools and kindergartens in Doboj (Slovenia)

Water supply system repair in Lopare (UK)

Road construction near Zenica (Austria)

Transport of waste from Doboj (Slovenia and UK)

Transport of waste from Domaljevac (Slovenia and UK)

Transport of aid to Šamac (Hungarian Coy)

Removal of waste in Šamac (UK)

Road construction in Željezno Polje (Austria)

Waste removal in Usora (Austria)

Disinfection of kindergarten in Bijelinja and Tuzla (Slovenia)

Removal of waste in Kopanice (Slovenia and UK)

And so on!

## EUFOR troops repair water pipes

EUFOR's British reserve company (from 1 SCOTS) repaired water network pipes in Lapore together with Armed Forces BiH. Once EOD and medical teams had assessed the area as being safe to work in, the teams began to salvage water pipes that had been flushed down the Gnjica River during the flooding.



The commander of the 1 SCOTS platoon, Lt Guy Ballantyne, and the AF BiH platoon commander, Lt Benudin Barjaktarevic, worked together to ensure that the pipes will be able to be put to use again in the local water distribution network.

## EUFOR assistance continues following conclusion of JOINT EFFORT



A farewell parade was held on Friday 20 June to thank EUFOR's Reserve Companies for their participation in JOINT EFFORT, the name given to the disaster relief work conducted with Armed Forces BiH.

Slovenia, Austria and the United Kingdom each contributed approximately 120 troops, who were originally deployed to BiH to take part in Exercise Quick Response 14. However due to the devastating flooding, the main effort of both EUFOR and Armed Forces BiH changed to conducting flood-related disaster relief.

Tasking included removing debris and waste from homes and businesses, transporting aid, disinfecting buildings and streets and reconstructing roads in the north of the country. This activity

demonstrated the 'double use' of modern Armed Forces, acting in a humanitarian role as well as being a military instrument.

The parade was held at Armed Forces BiH base, Dubrave, Tuzla, to say farewell and thank you to the troops. It was attended by Commander EUFOR, Major General Dieter Heidecker, the Minister of Defence, Mr Zekerijah Osmic, and Chief of Joint Staff Armed Forces BiH, Major General Anto Jelec.

Major General Heidecker took the opportunity to thank the Reserve Companies for their hard work but stressed that the EUFOR work is not yet over.

“While we say goodbye to the Intermediate Reserve Companies today, this is by no means the end of EUFOR's involvement. Our re-

maining EUFOR troops will continue to assist in the flood-related disaster relief work, and EUFOR will continue our capacity building and training programme with the Armed Forces of BiH.”

Major General Heidecker also praised the Armed Forces of BiH for their efforts, saying that he was delighted to see how Armed Forces BiH responded quickly and rose to the challenge.

EUFOR will also now conduct assessments of lessons identified and lessons learned together with Armed Forces BiH, so that they can build on the successes of JOINT EFFORT. Thorough analysis will ensure that the Armed Forces continue to respond quickly and efficiently to any future disaster to assist the population most effectively.

## General Sir Adrian Bradshaw visits BiH



General Bradshaw and Major General Heidecker at press conference

**General Sir Adrian Bradshaw, the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander EUROPE (DSACUEUR) and EUFOR Operation Commander, visited BiH on 9-10 June to gain an update on the progress of Operation Althea and to witness EUFOR troops assisting Armed Forces BiH in their flood-related disaster relief work.**

On the morning of 9 June, General Bradshaw received an update in EUFOR HQ on Operation Althea progress, with particular focus on the recent flooding. He spent the afternoon in Sarajevo visiting the Presidency, the UN Development Programme office and the Ministry of Defence.

On 10 June, General Bradshaw was given an aerial tour of flood-affected areas in the north of BiH in a EUFOR Black Hawk helicopter, where he was able to see the extent of the flood damage first-hand. He was also shown where EUFOR troops have been working as part of JOINT EFFORT, the name given to the combined EUFOR and Armed Forces BiH flood-related disaster relief work.

On landing at Tuzla, General Bradshaw was then shown the Combined Joint Operations Centre

(CJOC) where Brigadier General Dragan Vuković, Commander Operational Command of Armed Forces BiH, was present. General Bradshaw was briefed on the ongoing EUFOR tasks, the progress of his teams and details of their collaboration with Armed Forces BiH.

Later, he met with a number of members of the EUFOR UK Reserve Company from 1 SCOTS, and the Slovenian Reserve Company. Their tasking has so far been focused around Lopare, where the team has been repairing the water network and near Doboje, where they have been assisting the Armed Forces BiH to clear flood debris.

### **General Bradshaw said,**

*“EUFOR’s Intermediate Reserve companies were coming to BiH for a joint exercise with Armed Forces BiH but due to the recent flooding, they were re-tasked to assist the Armed Forces with the flood-related disaster relief work. I have seen today, how this not only benefits the worst affected areas of BiH, but also the ability of the Armed Forces of BiH in working together with other nations’ soldiers in disaster relief work of this kind.”*



# JOINT





# FOR 14



## EUFOR Chief of Staff begins a series of visits to EUFOR's Embedded Advisory Teams



EUFOR Chief of Staff, Brigadier General András Szűcs began a tour of seven visits to meet with 10 Embedded Advisory Teams (EATs) around BiH on 29 April 2014. These EATs are small groups of advisors who work in close coordination with their counterparts from the Armed Forces of BiH (AF BiH) in various organizations, embedded to the force structure of AF BiH at Joint Staff level down to the brigades. They are part of EUFOR's main effort working on Partnership Goals to build and improve the capacity of the AF BiH on a wide variety of military capabilities.

There are two teams at the AF BiH Joint Staff HQ in Sarajevo one of which is the so called 'Lessons Learned' EAT, where two Polish staff officers work on im-

plementing Lessons Learned doctrines and systems for AF BiH.

The other embedded team in the Joint Staff HQ consists of an Albanian and a Dutch senior staff officer who work closely with the key decision makers in AF BiH on different capacity building projects and tasks according to the Partnership Goals requirements as a part of the Partnership for Peace Action Review Plan.

After a warm welcome, Brigadier General Szűcs first met with Brigadier General Tepšić, the Deputy Chief Joint Staff Operations of AF BiH, to familiarize himself with the current situation at the Joint Staff level and to improve the cooperation for future capacity building efforts for AF BiH and they agreed to meet again after Brigadier General Szűcs

concludes his visit programme by the middle of June. Their discussion also concerned the establishment of a joint working group in the near future, to further improve the work of the EATs.

After the meeting, LTC Jan Bogusz and LTC Hans Goedings, both from EUFOR, gave Brigadier General Szűcs presentations on the current status of several of the projects related to the Partnership Goals that they are advising and assisting on. EUFOR's main focus will be to continue to assist AF BiH to build their capacity and incorporate robust and self-sustaining systems to further their integration into Euro-Atlantic structures.

by LTC Hans Goedings, Lt Cdr James Love

## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between EUFOR and the BiH Ministry of Defence



On 16 April 2014, in Army Hall, Sarajevo, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between EUFOR and the BiH Ministry of Defence.

This MOU is now the principal agreement that provides the framework for co-operation between EUFOR and the MoD / Armed Forces of BiH and it consolidates and streamlines 9 previous agreements between these two parties.

It has taken almost two years to reach this stage but should bring immediate advantages to the working relationship, especially with EUFOR's capacity building and training programme for the Armed Forces and the common training serial 'Quick Response' between EUFOR and the Armed Forces.

The Commander of EUFOR Major General Dieter Heidecker

said: "The signing of this MOU will develop a self-sustaining training system for the Armed Forces which, along with EUFOR's capacity building and training programme, will assist in the building of a more efficient multi-ethnic state institution and enable further Euro-Atlantic integration for BiH and its Armed Forces.

And of course the Armed Forces can be used, not only for conventional military operations, but also for other domestic tasks, such as de-mining, medical evacuation, disaster relief and other CIMIC duties. This 'double use of forces' is the most economical way of running the military and further contributes to a safer and more secure BiH, which will in turn lead to greater economic development in this beautiful country."

Minister Osmić stressed the

importance of EUFOR's cooperation with the MoD for the ten years that EUFOR has been present in BiH and he said:

"EUFOR's capacity building and training programme provides an enormous contribution to the development of the independent and self-sustaining capacity of the Armed Forces according to the standards of NATO and the EU. This enables the Armed Forces to develop a self-sustainable training system and to work together with other Euro-Atlantic forces."

On EU integration, Minister Osmić said: "We expect that an agreement between BiH and the EU on the participation of the Armed Forces in EU crisis management operations will be signed this year, which will enable BiH to contribute to the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU."

# Theoretical and Practical Advanced Ammunition Course

Weapons and Ammunition management is one of the most important tasks for EUFOR's Joint Military Affairs Branch (JMA) and EUFOR's Capacity Building and Training Division (CBTD). There is a major effort to reduce the quantity of Weapons and Ammunition Storage Sites in BiH, so it is necessary to have and to train the best professionals in this field.

To this end, a Theoretical and Practical Advanced Ammunition Course was organised by EUFOR for Armed Forces of BiH (AF BiH) personnel in Ammunition Storage Site Gabela from 8 – 25 April 2014.

The training was conducted by AF BiH and a EUFOR mobile training team, under the leadership of the Austrian Armed Logistics School and with technical support staff from Armaments and Military Technology and Operational Support Command. The topics of this course were "Visual ammunition inspection" and "Chemical Stability Tests of Propellants".

The main focus was on safety in handling ammunition during an ammunition inspection. The content of this training was divided into the subject

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areas of visual inspections and chemical analysis of ammunition. Problems of moisture, temperature and similar environmental influences which may occur during the storage of ammunition and the chemical aging process of propellant charges increases the risk of accidents in ammunition sites.

One trainee, Samer Ćosovic said:

"I was very satisfied with the course and I gained new knowledge which I never had before about chemical analysis."

One of the 5 trainers from AF BiH, Siniša Šegrt said:

"I'm very satisfied with the trainees as every of them passed the exam. I saw very strong motivation, the logistic support was perfect, the presentations were excellent and the practical work was on the highest level. The aim of the course was achieved and I'm very happy"

The training was carried out on the principles of moderating, mentoring and monitoring which ensures the transfer of knowledge into the existing school structure of AF BiH.

EUFOR CBTD's mission is to assist AF BiH in achieving a robust and self-sustainable training structure, with appropriate staffing mechanisms, to

allow AF BiH to provide capability-orientated and trained personnel in line with international standards and able to participate in Peace Support Operations.

by Capt Petr Filouš  
and Lt Cdr James  
Love



## AF BiH complete EUFOR-led CISCO Network Academy Course



One of EUFOR's Mobile Training Teams (Turkish) successfully delivered a 4-week CISCO Network Academy Course to 14 members of AF BiH, from 12 May to 6 June 2014.

This was the seventh CIS training course of eleven planned for this year, and was held at the Tactical Support Brigade Barracks in Rajlovac.

The Certificate Award Ceremony took place on 6 June 2014. Colonel Ahmet Ugur Gönel (DCOS CB&T) congratulated both the successful course members and the MTT.

The aim of this course was to give the participants detailed training about information systems, LAN switching, wireless concepts and configuration, and to enable

them to configure switched wired and wireless networks within their organization.

The main objective of the Capacity Building and Training Division (CBTD) is to assist AF BiH in achieving a robust and self-sustainable training structure. Following the successful completion

of this course, AF BiH now has its own trained personnel, and by continuing with the upper level CISCO Network Academy Courses they will have the competency in networking to establish the AF BiH INTRANET System.

by OF-3 Ugur Urhan



## EUFOR medal parade takes place at Camp Butmir

A medal ceremony took place on 3rd July 2014 in the hangar at EUFOR Headquarters, with Commander EUFOR awarding Operation ALTHEA medals to over 100 personnel from numerous different nations.

Major General Heidecker, addressed the troops and thanked them for their support to Operation ALTHEA.



## New British Troops at Camp Butmir

One Recce Squadron from the UK will be deploying to BiH this month.

The squadron consists of 4 recon teams in wheeled vehicles (like the Jackal, right), and 3 Liaison and Observation Teams (LOT).

The role of the troops will be to improve situational awareness around the country. This will strengthen EUFOR in its current mandate, improving its planning and awareness.

The UK already contributes staff officers to HQ EUFOR in

Sarajevo, as well as holding an Infantry Company in the UK at

readiness as part of the Intermediate Reserve for EUFOR.



# To help where no one else can



Protecting people and providing relief is an important task for Armed Forces. This can be done in various ways.

“What the Armed Forces of BiH currently do and what EUFOR does is a good example for the double use of forces. We use our soldiers, our knowledge and military equipment to relieve the people of this country now from the consequences of a natural disaster

and so support our societies”, said Major General Dieter Heidecker, Commander of EUFOR.

Armed Forces have the necessary manpower, off-road trucks and other equipment able to operate in difficult terrain and so be used in these kinds of situations. It is essential for them to be trained and maintain resources.

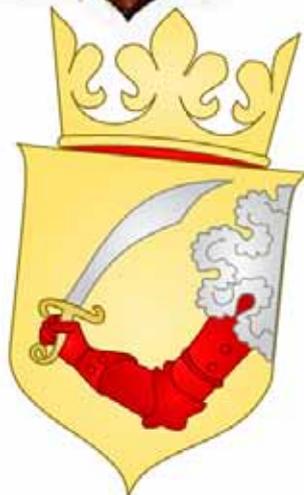


## Bosnia and Herzegovina (origin of the word)

In history and science there is no collective agreement about the origin of the word Bosna. Some historians connect the word Bosna with the name of the ancient tribe Besa who left no trace of their existence in this area. Another idea was that Bosna originates from the Illyrian word Bos and means “place of the salt washing”. According to this theory, Bosnia would be the “salt country”. This theory is hard to accept because there was a neighboring area to Bosna called Usora and “Salt country” was part of the Usora.

Another idea was that the origin of the word might be associated with the name of the Roman settlement “Bistua Nova” (today’s Travnik or Zenica area) or Roman fortress “Basante” which was somewhere in the northern part of the river Bosna towards the Sava river.

Another possible origin could be the Latin word “Bosina” which means “The frontier”. So Bosnians were kind of the frontiersmen.



Bosnian heraldry

The most used meaning for the word Bosna is “running water” or the river, or even the pure water. The original name Bosna was connected with the river Bosnia, and originally territories of Bosnia (as territorial units) in the 10/11/12th centuries were placed around the river Bosna (Sarajevo-Zenica area). This meaning is commonly and the most frequently used when we talk about the origin of the word Bosnia.

Bosnia was for the first time mentioned in the written documents of the Byzantine Imperia in 958. The Byzantine emperor Constantinus Porphyrogenitus in his work “De Administrando Imperio” mentioned Bosnia as a separate territory. This fact is used as a reference when historians talk about 1000 years of Bosnia.

The origins of the name Herzegovina may be identified with greater precision. In the Early Middle Ages the corresponding region was known as Zahumlje (Hum), after the Zachlumoi

tribe of southern Slavs which inhabited it. In the 1440s, the region - adjoined to medieval Bosnia since the early 1300s - was ruled by the powerful Bosnian nobleman Stephen Vukčić Kosača. In a document sent to the later Holy Roman Emperor Friedrich III, on 20 January 1448, Kosača styled himself “Herzog of Saint Sava, Lord of Hum and Primorje, Grand Duke of Bosnia”; Herzog being the German word for “duke”, and so the lands he controlled would later be known as Herzegovina (“Dukedom”, from the addition of -ovina, “land”).



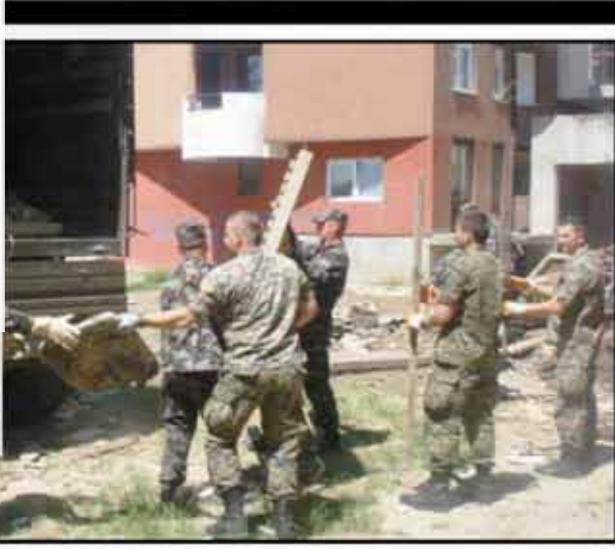
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**EUFOR organises ammunition inspection training course**

Written by Lt Cdr Alice Williams-Allden

Members of Armed Forces BiH have recently completed an advanced ammunition course delivered by EUFOR personnel at the ammunition storage site in Gabela. The course took place for two weeks and covered topics such as how to visually inspect ammunition, and how to analyse the chemical content of ammunition to keep ammunition sites safe.



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