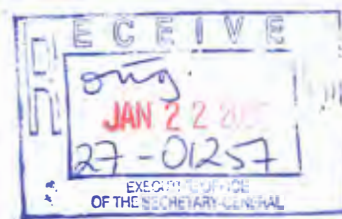




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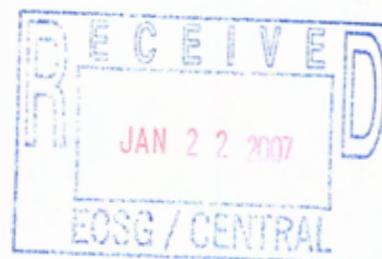
Dear Secretary-General,

In accordance with paragraph 20 of UN Security Council Resolution 1244, I attach a report on KFOR operations covering the period 1 to 31 October 2006. I would appreciate you making this report available to the members of the UN Security Council.

Yours sincerely,

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MONTHLY REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON KFOR OPERATIONS

1. This report covers the period from 1 to 31 October 2006.
2. As of 25 October 2006, the total number of troops in theatre was 16,174, which included 2,700 troops from non-NATO countries.
3. There was no change to the status of Partner/Non-NATO Nation contributions.

Political Situation

4. The Serbian constitutional referendum held on 28-29 October 2006 was the main event during the month of October. KFOR closely monitored the referendum. Except for some celebrations and gathering particularly in Mitrovica North and Gracanica, overall, the situation remained peaceful. President Ahtisaari met with the Contact Group on 21 October 2006 to present some of his preliminary ideas for the future of Kosovo. There are no direct indicators threatening the Safe And Secure Environment (SASE), although the current political landscape keeps the situation tense.

Security

5. During the reporting period, the number of inter-ethnic incidents decreased.
6. During the reporting period, one incident against a KFOR soldier was recorded.
7. During the reporting period, a total number of 236 incidents related to UXO, Illegal Weapons Possession, Weapons and Ammunition Findings, drugs, Human Trafficking and Counterfeit Currency were recorded, compared to 247 incidents the previous month. Weapons seizures made up the vast majority of incidents. It has been assessed that smuggling activities will continue to be one of the highest threats to a safe and secure environment within Kosovo.
8. KFOR undertook a number of measures in order to avoid any incident during the Serbian constitutional referendum, held on 28-29 October 2006. As a result, the ballot boxes left Kosovo as of 30 October 06 without any significant incident, except for a few minor demonstrations.

Compliance with COMKFOR's Statement Of Principles and UNMIK Regulation 1999/8.

9. One existing case of non-compliance was received from KPC, its staffing is ongoing.

The Kosovo Protection Corps

10. The percentage of minorities within the KPC is short of the SRSG's goal of 10 percent. The recruitment of minorities remains a KPC priority. There are 22 open slots left in the active Personnel Establishment list.

11. In accordance with OPLAN 10501 REV2, KFOR continues to support UNMIK in training the KPC on civilian and non-political aspects.

12. The Disciplinary and Recruitment Board dismissed 1 KPC member. No new ethnic minority members were appointed.

13. The current active Personnel Establishment is 3030. There were 223 (7,35%) active ethnic minority members (192 Males, 31 Females): 37 Ashkalis, 4 Romas, 12 Egyptians, 19 Croat, 40 Bosnjaks, 14 Muslims, 38 Turks, 1 Goran and 58 Serbs.

14. KPC TRADOC conducted the following courses during the month of October: Officer Basic Course, Officer Career Course, NCO Instructors Course, University Scholars Phase first and second generation Course, English Language Course and Computers Course. There was a total of 132 attendees. KPC also conducted a simulation exercise. One area of concern is the low **level** of KPC attendance at a number of KFOR provided classes. In some instances less than 50% of expected attendees showed up. This issue has been raised with KPC J7.

15. During October, there were 6 approved ceremonies which involved more than 45 KPC members and more than 500 civilians. No incidents were reported.

Conclusion

16. The overall situation in Kosovo remains calm but unpredictable as the status talks progress. The population continues to be more concerned with daily-life difficulties rather than with politics and propaganda surrounding the status talks. The threat level against UNMIK and other international community facilities remains MEDIUM, and the threat level against KFOR is LOW.