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1. UAF Training: Command-Post Exercise with Command and Control Structures

25.05.10. The first phase of the CPX series for UAF C2 structures "Vzaemodia -2010" ("coordination") started in Kiev. The CPX is directed by the Ukrainian Defence Minister Mykhailo Yezhel.

Comment: The chief aim of the first phase of the exercise is to determine the role and the place of state authorities and military Command and Control structures in the national defence. Another aim is to rehearse coordination between state authorities and security, defence and law enforcement agencies. Senior executive officers and rank-and-file representatives of Ukrainian state authorities as well as security, defence and law enforcement agencies will also take part in the exercise.

2. Ukraine-NATO: Meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Joint Working Group

26.05.10. Ukraine intends to assign its units to the NATO Response Force. This statement was made by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kostiantyn Yeliseiev, at a meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Joint Working Group.

Comment: The Ukrainian delegation at these meeting was headed by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kostiantyn Yeliseiev, the NATO delegation was headed by the Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning, Jiří Šedivý. In the course of the meeting, the First Deputy Secretary of the National Defence and Security Council, Stepan Gavrysh, said that Ukraine would continue its cooperation with NATO while developing at the same time strategic partnership with Russia.

Jiří Šedivý, in turn, pointed out that NATO would continue to assist Ukraine with reformation of its security and defence sector.

Other issues on the agenda included the current status and prospects of the strategic defence review in Ukraine, improvement on interagency coordination of structures reformation in the security and defence sector, increasing the part the JWGDR played in the implementation of Ukraine's annual national programmes.

Earlier, on 6 May 2010, representative of the NATO Military Committee, Massimo Panizzi, said that Ukraine had received an offer to join the NATO Response Force in 2015-2016. Thus Ukraine can become the first non-NATO country to assign its units to the Alliance's Response Force.

3. Military Policy: Increasing Servicemen's Pay

25.05.10. Deputy Defence Minister, Borys Andresiuk, said at a briefing in Kiev that starting on 1 October 2010 UAF servicemen's pay would be increased so as to equal that of civil servants.

Comment: The Defence Ministry worked on the pay increase for certain categories. For instance, from 1 October 2010 on, servicemen's pay is to be increased by 55%. The Platoon Commander's pay can amount to almost 2600 UAH (currently – 1670 UAH), a Company Commander – approximately 3300 UAH (currently – 2216 UAH), a Battalion Commander – about 3700 UAH (now – 2466 UAH) and a Brigade Commander – almost 4650 UAH (now – 3100 UAH). The average UAF personnel sustainment figures for various cost estimate items are annotated in the Annex to IAR 21/2010.

The majority of retiring servicemen do so either because their contracts have expired, or by early termination of the contract as a result of low pay and lack of social security. For instance, whereas 3286 officers retired in 2008 and 2526 in 2009, over the short first five months of 2009 the number of retirees has already reached 915.

4. UAF Development: Reformation Priorities in Ukraine's Security and Defence Sector

26.05.10. The international round table "Reformation Priorities in Ukraine's Security and Defence Sector" was held in the framework of the Ukraine-NATO Joint Working Group on Defence Reform.

Comment: The Round Table was attended by representatives of non-governmental organizations and experts who discussed reformation priorities in Ukraine's security and defence sector as well as defence cooperation priorities. According to the Director of the Defence Ministry Department for Military Policy and Defence Planning, V.Korendovych, one of the key challenges for the defence reform in Ukraine was ensuring its consistency and heredity.

Experts take the view that consolidated efforts of all branches of power make one hopeful that the Defence Ministry Special Fund will actually be filled. This, along with the anticipated national economic development, is supposed to ensure the financial aspect of first stabilization and then development of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

5. Combat Training: Special Tactical Exercise in the Crimea

26.05.10. The Special Tactical Exercise "Man-Made and Natural Disaster Relief Operations" was conducted at a Ukrainian Naval Armament Base in the vicinity of Inkerman (the Autonomous Republic of Crimea).

Comment: The chief aim of the exercise is for the Armament Base servicemen to hone their professional skills, enhance cohesion of command and control structures and military units as they locate and put out a likely fire at storage, assembly and other technical facilities.

The training audience for this exercise included representatives of Navy command and control structures and Naval units; units of a Naval separate engineer battalion, medics of the Crimean Regional Military Medical Clinic Centre, representatives of the UAF Military Law and Order Service. Altogether approximately 100 servicemen as well as 7 pieces of military and special equipment were involved in the exercise.

6. Peacekeeping: UN Military Observer Course

26.05.10. A "UN Military Observer Course" is currently underway at the International Peacekeeping Science and Training Centre operating as part of the Ukrainian National Defence University.

Comment: *The aim of this course is to train UAF servicemen for operating as peacekeeping personnel and military observers in multinational peace support operations under the UN auspices.*

The course is attended by 16 officers of the Ukrainian Armed Forces. The training is carried out in two stages: the theoretical phase takes place at the International Peacekeeping Science and Training Centre from the 4th till the 30th of May. The practical phase will be conducted from the 31st of May till the 11th of June at the Army International Peacekeeping and Security Centre situated in the Lviv region.

7. International Cooperation: Movement of Russian Black Sea Fleet Units within the Ukrainian Territory

A Working Group on Military-Political Issues operating as part of the Subcommission on the Russian Black Sea Fleet stationing in Ukraine (part of the Ukraine-Russia Interstate Commission) held a meeting in Sevastopol to discuss a draft concept on coordination of movement of Russian BSF units within the Ukrainian territory.

Comment: *In the course of the meeting, the parties discussed the draft concept of the Protocol between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Government of the Russian Federation on coordination of movements associated with the functioning of military units of the Russian Black Sea Fleet in the Ukrainian territory outside their home bases. Experts take the view that this draft can serve as a basis for a bilateral document regulating coordination of movement of Russian BSF military units within the Ukrainian territory outside their home bases.*

The Ukraine-Russia Interstate Commission was founded in 2005. The Commission includes the Economic Cooperation Committee, the Security Subcommittee, the International Cooperation Subcommittee, the Subcommission on the Russian Black Sea Fleet functioning and stationing in the Ukrainian territory, the Humanitarian Cooperation Subcommittee.

8. International Cooperation: Ukrainian Military Delegations Visiting Germany and the USA

25.05.10. A Ukrainian Army delegation paid a working visit to the United States European Command (Hohelfels, Germany). On the same day, a delegation of Ukrainian Navy pilots visited Pensacola (Florida, USA).

Comment: *In Germany the Ukrainian servicemen together with their US colleagues analysed the current and prospective training of military umpires during exercises, as well as training of mobile simulation teams.*

The Ukrainian Navy airmen, in the course of their visit studied various aspects of water surface survival of air units and imbibed the US Navy experience in organization of search and rescue of aircrafts that crash-landed of water.

9. Social Security: Building Homes for Servicemen

25.05.10. The Ukrainian Deputy Defence Minister, Borys Andresuk, advised during a briefing in Kiev that taking into account the Stabilization Fund figures and budgetary allocations for housing, the Defence Ministry plans to get 3440 flats this year.

Comment: *As of today, the Defence Ministry has about 30 residential housing sites under construction, each of them 70% and more ready. According to expert estimates, approximately 350 million UAH are required to finish the aforementioned projects. This will give the Defence Ministry some 1800 new flats. As of 1 January 2010, 45085 servicemen were on the Defence Ministry registry for housing support. Under the State Budget 2010, 876,8 million UAH are to be allocated to the Defence Ministry for construction and purchase of homes for servicemen, including 56 million UAH for the General Fund, 765,5 million UAH for the Special Fund and 55,4 million UAH for the Stabilization Fund. The aforementioned money will be allotted first and foremost to complete residential construction projects, convert barracks and other premises into service flats for contract servicemen of the Joint Rapid Reaction Force.*

10. Refinement of Data in the Previous Issue of IAR DN

The Informational Analytical Review of Defence News of № 19/2010 17.05.10 contained information on the number of UAF servicemen who had taken their training abroad. The DSPC did not specify though that the adduced data concerned only those servicemen whose training lasted no more than two months. This brought about a request to explain why the provided figures were smaller than the actual number of servicemen who had undergone training abroad. The DSPC staff offer their sincere apologies for failing to clarify the calculation method and express their sheer gratitude to all countries for their support in training servicemen of the Ukrainian Armed Forces abroad.

COST ESTIMATE
Average sustainment costs for Ukrainian Armed Forces Personnel
by categories

Personnel category	Total expenditure per one servicemen (UAH)		Including the following items										
	Per month	Per year	Pay	Salary	Food supply	Bathing and laundry	Clothing allowance	Transportation (by Military Transportation Service)	Medical support and recreation	Communal expenses	Conscription campaign	Cultural activities	Severance pay
General officers (admirals)	11762,6	141 150,7	125 000,0		0,00	0,00	3061,60	530,89	3750,00	870,66	0,00	8,26	10629,25
Officers	5 612,1	67 345,7	57 000,0		444,00	0,00	1982,83	365,73	5300,00	860,05	0,00	8,26	1384,84
NCOs (WOs)	3 328,3	39 939,1	29 800,0		888,00	0,00	2026,12	365,73	5300,00	827,01	0,00	8,26	724,00
Contract servicemen	2 766,1	33 193,2	26 700,0		888,00	0,00	1457,12	306,74	2250,00	934,37	0,00	8,26	648,69
Conscripts	1 860,3	22 324,2	2 040,0		13505,00	814,89	1594,33	114,01	119,00	2423,23	101,22	252,47	1360,00
Military cadets	1 887,8	22 653,4	2 940,0		13505,00	814,89	1648,25	141,57	119,00	3152,32	37,40	294,94	0,00
UAF Civil employees	3 624,9	43 499,0		42 100,0	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	708,19	484,88	0,00	5,90	200,00

Notes:

1. The average expenditures per year in calculated to include items that provide for a one-time cash allowance.
2. The average costs of food supply are calculated in compliance with Cabinet's Decree №426 of 29.03.2002 "On Catering on Servicemen of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and Other Military Formations" which establishes Catering Standard №1 with the average daily catering expenses of 37 UAH.
3. The average costs of clothing allowance are calculated in compliance with Cabinet's Decree №1444 of 28.10.2004 taking into account additional costs of providing certain categories of servicemen with special clothing (special clothing for airmen, flak jackets, etc.)
4. The average costs of severance pay are calculated according to the existing standards for the average length of service in grade (general – 10 years, officer - 25 years, NCO – 20 years, contract servicemen – 10 years, conscript – 1 year).