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1. Security Policy: Response to Ukraine's Refusal to Join NATO

07.06.10. The NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said at his traditional monthly press-conference that the North Atlantic Alliance would show 100% respect for Ukraine's choice.

Comment: *Commenting on the possible cancellation of NATO membership by the Supreme Council as one of Ukraine's foreign policy priorities, the Secretary General noted that cooperation between NATO and Ukraine would in any event continue in the framework of the Ukraine-NATO Commission. Besides, opening a NAC meeting at the defence ministers level on 10 June 2010, Anders Fogh Rasmussen said that the NATO door would remain open for Ukraine, but now NATO was counting on partnership.*

It will be recalled that on 3 June 2010 the Supreme Council passed at the first reading Bill № 6451 "On Fundamentals of Domestic and Foreign Policy". This bill provides for Ukraine's full-fledged membership in the pan-European and regional collective security systems. It does not contain though the provision on NATO membership for Ukraine. The bill also provides for prospective EU membership while maintaining the good-neighbourly relations and strategic partnership with Russia, other CIS members as well as other countries.

2. Military Policy: Military Intelligence

08.06.10. The President of Ukraine, V. Yanukovych, introduced to the Supreme Council a bill on amendments to the laws "On Defence" and "On the Armed Forces of Ukraine" regarding the peacetime preparation for national defence. The bill contains an additional provision on military intelligence.

Comment: *The bill developers (the Defence Ministry and the MoD Main Intelligence Department) note that the aim of the bill is legal regulation of military intelligence and its functioning for accomplishment of the UAF tasks in support of national security and defence.*

It is suggested that the peacetime preparation for national defence should also include intelligence, informational and analytical activities. Besides, the scope of UAF functions should be broadened through legal regulation of the MoD MID involvement into intelligence activities. The Main Intelligence Department attributes the President's legislation initiative to the change in Ukraine's foreign policy vector.

3. Military Policy: Military Patriotic Education in the Ukrainian Armed Forces

The Ukrainian Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, signed Decree № 295 "On Approval of the Concept of Military Patriotic Education in the Ukrainian Armed Forces".

Comment: *The aim of the decree is for MoD and UAF officials to develop a common outlook on methodological and methodical foundations of military-patriotic education, identify an associated system, and implementation mechanism as well as improvement of the supporting legislation.*

The chief goals and objectives of the Concept is to improve the UAF-related legislation; identify key areas and tasks for military command and control structures to ensure functioning of the military patriotic education system; continue instilling in UAF personnel lofty moralities, patriotic values and convictions, devotion to national historical and military traditions, readiness for armed defence of their Motherland.

4. Combat Training: Mobilization Week in the UAF

Mobilization week activities are carried out in UAF military units and military registration and enlistment offices during 07-11.06.10.

Comment: *The chief aim of the mobilization week is to ascertain the actual state of affairs with sustainment of military units and MREOs during the special period as well as help executive officers of these structures to conduct timely activation of forces.*

The activities include refinement of combat and mobilization readiness documentation; examination of reserve personnel and national economy equipment; training of administrators at reception stations in military units and MREOs as well as improvement of their resource base.

5. Combat Training: Inspection of Southern Region Units

09.06.10. A commission of the MoD Main Inspection continues its work in UAF military units and institutions in the Southern region.

Comment: *Members of the inspection team inspected the UAF Western Naval Base (the aim is to verify accomplishment of tasks to control and protection of the water space and ability to operate according to the intended purpose), the UAF Air Command "South" and its support units (to verify the ability to bring the AC Command Post to higher levels of readiness, organization and performance of combat duty, personnel training standards and cohesion of crews, readiness of equipment, command, control and communications systems as well as response of forces on duty to test targets) and a Separate Mechanized Brigade 6th Army Corps (combat readiness, training of the brigade command and control structures).*

6. Peacekeeping: Preparation for the Next Rotation

130 servicemen of the new (the 14th) rotation of the national peacekeeping contingent operating as part of the Multinational Battle Group "East" in Kosovo have departed for Germany.

Comment: *The Ukrainian servicemen will undergo training at the Joint Multinational Training Centre of the US 7th Army in Europe (Hohenfels, Germany) till the 30th of June. Upon the completion of their training in Germany, the future peacekeepers will be accredited and the unit as a whole will be certified.*

The next (14th) rotation of the peacekeeping contingent operating as part of the Multinational Battle Group "East" of KFOR in Kosovo is scheduled for the first half of August this year.

In April 2010 in Kosovo, the Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent closed its base camp "Breza" and relocated to the US military base "Bondsteel". Besides, under the directions of the MBG "East" Command, units of the Ukrainian

peacekeeping contingent operate in Shtrptse municipality by sending out patrols directly from the US military base "Bondsteel".

7. International Cooperation: Ukrainian-Belorussian Air Defence Command-Post Exercise

08.06.10. Practical training activities of the bilateral command-post exercise were conducted with command and control elements and air defence forces on duty of the Ukrainian Air Force and the Belorussian Air Force and Air Defence Force.

Comment: Ukrainian Air Force Command and Control elements, command posts, tactical aviation brigades, anti-aircraft missile assets, aviation guidance posts, radiotechnical brigades were involved in the Command-Post exercise.

The chief aim of the exercise was to improve the bilateral coordination of command and control of air defence forces on duty in both countries as well as ensure well-coordinated and coherent actions of forces on duty in different situations.

Aircrafts MiG-29, Su-24 and Su-27 were involved in the practical phase of the exercise. The Belorussian side assigned four fighting aircrafts from the forces on duty.

8. International Cooperation: Contribution to the EU Counter Piracy Mission "Atalanta"

07.06.10. The Ukrainian Defence Minister said at the meeting with the German Ambassador that Ukraine would soon dispatch its representative to the HQ of the EU Counter Piracy Mission "Atalanta".

Comment: According to experts calculations, the contribution to the EU will cost the Ukrainian budget some 30-40 million UAH annually. The EU Naval operation "Atalanta" has been underway since December 2008.

The main task of the operation "Atalanta" is convoy of civilian vessels that bring humanitarian assistance to Somalia in the framework of the UN World Food Programme as well as ships of the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Somalia. Besides, EU military ships protect vessels that run the highest risk of being captured by pirates because they do not meet certain technical requirements (low speed, low height of the side). They also conduct counter piracy operations in the Gulf of Aden and Pacific Ocean; monitor the situation with illegal fishing in the region.

9. International Cooperation: Preparation for Multinational Exercises

A number of activities in preparation for the joint exercises "Rapid Trident 2010", "Blonde Avalanche 2010", "Viking 2011" and "Active Endeavour" took place from the 7th till the 11th of June 2010.

Comment: 07.06.10. A conference on synchronization of scenario instructions for the joint Ukraine-US Command-Post Exercise with troops "Rapid Trident 2010" began in Lviv. The exercise is scheduled for August-September 2010.

08.06.10. The Main Planning Conference of the Multinational Command-Post Exercise with troops "Blonde Avalanche 2010" started in the Transcarpathian region. In the course of the conference its participants will coordinate various issues of preparation for and conduct of the CPX and approve the training and methodology documentation. The Command-Post Exercise "Blonde Avalanche 2010" is scheduled for June-September 2010.

09.06.10. A series of events in preparation for the Multinational Joint Command-Post Computer-Assisted Exercise "Viking 2011" are taking place in Enköping (Sweden). The Ukraine-US-Sweden CPX "Viking 2011" will be conducted in Zhytomyr in 2011.

09.06.10. A working meeting between representatives of the Ukrainian Navy Command and a foreign delegation started in the Crimea. The purpose of the meeting is improvement of the logistic support to Ukrainian ships participating in the NATO operation "Active Endeavour" in the Mediterranean.

10. Ukraine-NATO: A Meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Commission

10.06.10. A meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Commission at the defence ministers level started in Brussels.

Comment: A Ukrainian military delegation headed by the Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, took part in the meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Commission at the defence ministers level in Brussels and a NAC session attended by TCNs that assign their forces to the KFOR operation in Kosovo and ISAF in Afghanistan.

In the course of the meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Commission, Mykhailo Yezhel briefed participants on priority areas of the Ukrainian MoD activity in 2010, priority areas of military cooperation between Ukraine and NATO and the current state of the Defence Review in Ukraine.

On 11 June, Mykhailo Yezhel took part in the meeting of the North Atlantic Council with NATO partners contributing their troops to the ISAF operation in Afghanistan.

In the course of his visit to the NATO HQ in Brussels, Mykhailo Yezhel plans to hold bilateral working meetings with the NATO Secretary General, Mr Anders Fogh Rasmussen, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Admiral James Stavridis, the Polish Minister of National Defence, Mr Bogdan Klich, the Georgian Defence Minister, Mr Bacho Akhalaia, the Lithuanian Minister of National Defence, Mrs Rasa Juknevičienė, and the Latvian Defence Minister, Imants Lieģis.

11. Military Equipment: Batch Production of An-70

08.06.10. In the course of his meeting with the Russian Prime Minister, Volodymyr Putin, the Ukrainian President, Viktor Yanukovich, said that Ukraine would commence batch production of the military transport aircraft An-70 by the end of 2010.

Comment: The Ukrainian Design Bureau "Antonov" has been developing a transport aircraft since the early 1990s. Russia joined the project in 2002. The first flight of the aircraft took place in December 1994.

At the moment, the Antonov Design Bureau has contracts for 42 aircrafts. The order for two aircrafts has been placed by the Ukrainian Defence Ministry whereas the Russian Defence Ministry intends to buy 40 planes. In Russia the purchase of these aircrafts is provided for by the draft of the State Armaments Programme for 2011-2020. The Antonov Design Bureau announced earlier that the first batch-produced aircrafts An-70 could be assembled by the end of 2012.

12. Defence Industry: Ukrainian Helicopter Engineering

The First Vice-Premier of Ukraine, Andrii Kluev, apprised at a press-conference in Zaporizhia, having visited the open joint-stock company "Motor Sich", that the Government intends to consider development of helicopter construction in Ukraine.

Comment: Experts take the view that approval of the State Programme of Helicopter Construction in Ukraine will provide 10000 additional jobs. Besides, Ukraine has practical capabilities for manufacturing helicopters using the facilities of the open joint-stock company "Motor Sich". See Annex to IAR DN 23/2010 for information on the types of helicopter engines manufactured by "Motor Sich".

**Types of helicopter engines
manufactured by the open joint-stock company "Motor Sich"**

№	Engine model	Helicopters using this engine model	Can be used for modernization of helicopters	Can be mounted on newly designed helicopters
1	MS-500	-	Mi-54, "Ansat" and others	+
2	TV3-117VMA-SBM1V	-	For re-motorization of earlier manufactured helicopters	+
3	TV3-117VMA	Ka-27, Ka-29, Ka-32, Ka-50, Ka-52, Mi-24, Mi-28, D-2, D-2B	-	-
4	TV3-117VM	Mi-14, Mi-17, Mi-8AMT, Mi-8MT, Mi-80MT, Mi-28, Mi-171, Mi-172, Mi-8MTV	-	-
5	VK-2500	Mi-28N, Ka-52	Mi-17, Mi-24, Mi-28, Ka-32, Ka-50, Ka-50-2	-
6	VK-1500VM	-	For re-motorization of helicopters Mi-8T	+
7	VK-1500VK	-	Ka-62	-
8	D-136/D-136 series 1	Mi-26 and Mi-26T	-	-