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### 1. Security Policy: Meeting of the National Security and Defence Council to Discuss Ukrainian Armed Forces Issues

08.07.10. A special meeting of the National Security and Defence council chaired by the President of Ukraine was held to discuss the situation in the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

**Comment:** *The task assigned by the President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, was to scrutinize the actual state of the Armed Forces and develop strategic papers on improvement of the UAF direction and management system, as well as the structure of the Defence Ministry and the Armed Forces. Furthermore, a decision was made to develop a strategy of social security for servicemen for 2011-2025.*

*Viktor Yanukovich also emphasized the need for development of the Armed Forces. He warned senior leaders of the Defence Ministry and the General Staff about their personal responsibility for organization and implementation of measures to improve the situation in the Ukrainian Armed Forces.*

### 2. Legislation: Improvement of Mobilization Tasks Dissemination Procedure

06.07.10. The Supreme Council passed the bill "On Amendments to the Law "On Mobilization Preparation and Mobilization" (concerning dissemination of mobilization tasks (orders))".

**Comment:** *The aim of the law is to extend the authority of central and local executive agencies as well as other state authorities and local government institutions to disseminate mobilization tasks (orders) to enterprises, institutions and organization regardless of their form of ownership.*

*The law in force is supplemented by a clause which stipulates that "mobilization produce is produce, work and services manufactured, done or rendered to meet requirements of the Ukrainian Armed Forces, other military formations and Civil Defence Force; ensure functioning of national economics and vital activity of population in special period and are regarded as mobilization tasks (orders)".*

### 3. Military Policy: Enlarged Meeting of the Defence Ministry Board

06.07.10. A meeting of the Defence Ministry Board chaired by the Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, was held in Kiev.

**Comment:** *The focus of the MoD Board's meeting was the state of medical support in the Ukrainian Armed Forces and combat training.*

*The meeting was attended by the Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant-General Grygorii Pedchenko, as well as heads of staff branches from the General Staff and Defence Ministry.*

*Following the discussions, the Board approved a proposition on possible establishment of rehabilitation centres at MoD sanatoriums, the need for providing UAF medical facilities with drugs and forming of mobile medical teams to work in remote garrisons.*

### 4. Development of the Ukrainian Armed Forces: Government Defence Contract

21.06.10. A joint Decree of the Defence Minister and the Minister of Finance approved the descriptor of the budget programme "Production, Purchase and Modernization of Weapons and Military Equipment under the Government Defence Order of the Defence Ministry" for 2010.

**Comment:** *The aim of the Decree is to authorize to use allocations from the Stabilization Fund of the State Budget earmarked for the offset of debt for repair of military equipment (helicopters) in 2009.*

*According to the budget programme descriptor for 2010, 432 15500 UAH are to be allocated for production, purchase and modernization of military equipment under the government defence order of the Defence Ministry. All the money is to be allocated from the Special Fund.*

*Furthermore, the Decree establishes that the average cost of modernization (repair) of a Mi-8 helicopter is 92 10200 UAH and 682 7800 UAH for a Mi-24.*

### 5. Combat Training: Joint Command-Post Exercise of Army and Air Forces Units

06-08.07.10. A three-day' Joint Command-Post Exercise of the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps and the Air Command "South" took place.

**Comment:** *Participants exercised coordination between large units of the UAF operating as part of the Joint Rapid Reaction Force.*

*Among those involved in the Joint CPX were Command and Control elements of the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps and the Air Command "South", military unit HQs as well as manning Military Registration and Enlistment Offices.*

*Training Objectives of the CPX were to improve participants' practical skills at operational planning of a JRRF employment; command and control of units during operational deployment or regrouping; learn Instructions on Operational Work of Military Command and Control Structures of the UAF; research forms and methods of joint employment of an Army Corps and an Air Command in a JRRF operation.*

### 6. Personnel Training: Complex Commission of the Defence Ministry Main Inspection

06.07.10. A complex commission of the Defence Ministry Main Inspection started its work in the Vinnitsa Garrison.

**Comment:** *The Commission's aim is to study and analyze thoroughly functioning of command and control structures of the inspected sites to make sure they are organized to operate according to their intended purpose both in peacetime and in special period.*

The working schedule of the Commission includes inspection of the Logistic Department and Aviation Training and Employment Directorate of the Air Command to verify the actual flight safety and prevention of air incidents. Furthermore, military Command and Control structures will be inspected for fullness and efficiency of key planning documents for 2010. Staff branches and military units will be inspected for standards of professional, physical and leadership training.

The Commission will be working in the Garrison till 15 July 2010.

#### **7. Multinational Exercises: Preparation for the Ukraine-US Exercise “Sea Breeze 2010”**

Preparation for the Ukraine-US exercise “Sea Breeze 2010” is underway.

**Comment:** The Ukraine-US exercise “Sea Breeze 2010” will last from 12 July till 23 July 2010. The exercise topic is planning and conduct of an international counter piracy operation. Apart from Ukrainian and US servicemen, the exercise will be attended by representatives from Azerbaijan, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Denmark, Moldova, Poland, Turkey, Sweden and a military observer from Austria.

The littoral phase of the exercise will take place in “Shyrokyi Lan” Training Area in Mykolaiv region. A Ukrainian marine battalion, a Georgian platoon and a Moldovan platoon will be stationed here in a field camp.

The naval phase will take place in the North-Western region of the Black Sea. The “Sea Breeze 2010” Multinational HQ will be deployed at the Western Naval Base of the Ukrainian Navy in Odessa.

Exercise participants will include 450 US Army servicemen with small arms as well as 1 US ship, 2 aircraft, 1 helicopter and up to 10 wheeled vehicles. The Ukrainian Navy plans to assign to the exercise 16 ships, boats and auxiliary vessels, a reinforced marine battalion, a diving unit, two helicopters and two aircraft.

The Army will assign four transport helicopters and one medical helicopter Mi-8. The Air Force will contribute a medical evacuation aircraft An-26 “Vita”. The State Border Service of Ukraine will be represented by five patrol boats. The strength of other countries’ contingents will be up to 500 personnel with small arms in addition to 15 ships, a submarine and up to 4 helicopters.

#### **8. Verification: Inspection of Designated Areas in Ukraine**

05.07.10. One Polish and one Hungarian verification teams have arrived in Ukraine for inspection.

**Comment:** This event is provided for by the Plan of Verification Activities of Ukraine under international arms control treaties and agreements for 2010 as well as Agreements between the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Polish Government and the Hungarian Government.

The Agreement between the Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers and the Polish Government on additional trust building and security enhancing measures covers the frontier area along the state border. Four additional events have already been conducted in Ukraine under the Agreement. Ukraine, in its turn, has conducted 9 similar events in Poland.

The Agreement between the Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers and the Hungarian Government on trust building and security enhancing measures covers the 125km deep frontier area along the state border. 20 additional events have already been conducted in Ukraine under the Agreement. Ukraine, in its turn, conducted 16 similar events in Hungary. See Annex to IAR DN 27/2010 for detailed information on the number of arms control inspections (verification events) conducted in Ukraine and by Ukraine in other countries during 2006-2009.

#### **9. Conversion Challenges: Melange Disposal**

Preparation for removal of the first batch of melange from a rocket fuel depot situated near the district centre Radehiv (Lviv region, Western Operational Command) has been completed.

**Comment:** The first train with melange is to leave Radehiv for Russia in the second half of July 2010. 2900 tons of melange in total are to be removed from the depot.

2740 tons of melange have already been moved from depots in Vinnitsa and Ivano-Frankivsk regions to Russia in the framework of the OSCE-Ukraine Project.

On 16 September 2009, the Ukrainian Defence Ministry, the OSCE and three Russian enterprises signed a trilateral contract for disposal of liquid rocket fuel oxidizer also known as melange. The contract was signed with the closed joint-stock company “Tehnozot” and two federal (state-owned) enterprises, namely the Sverdlov Plant and the Biisk Oleum Plant. Under the contract, 3168 tons of melange currently stored at depots in Vinnitsa and Ivano-Frankivsk regions are to be disposed of by the Russian enterprises within a year.

#### **10. Development of Weapons and Military Equipment: Ukraine-Russia Special Commission**

05.07.10. The Ukraine-Russia Special Commission started its work at the 61 Communards Shipbuilding Yard. The aim of the Commission is to give a complex assessment of the expediency of completion of the missile cruiser “Ukraine”.

**Comment:** The Commission was established by a decision made at the meeting of a Security Committee of the Ukraine-Russia Interstate Commission that was held in the Crimea last June. The Commission must give a realistic appraisal of the vessel including the actual tear and wear and restoring resource of the equipment; prepare propositions on modernization as well as the cost of modernization and additional equipment for the military ship.

One of the peculiarities of the missile cruiser project is high specific amount of available weapons on the cruiser. It must have attack missiles, antiaircraft missiles, artillery guns, torpedoes, antisubmarine and antitorpedo weapons as well as radio and aircraft armament.

Furthermore, the Supreme Council of Ukraine passed Resolution №6357 of 06.07.10 “On Acknowledging as Void the Resolution of the Supreme Council of Ukraine “On Giving the Name “Ukraine” to the Missile Cruiser (Project 1164, Serial Number 2011)”. The Resolution was passed inasmuch as there were no plans for completion of the missile cruiser and its adoption by the Ukrainian Navy.

**The number of arms control  
inspections (verification events) conducted in Ukraine and by Ukraine in other countries  
during 2006-2009**

№	Year	The Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe		The Vienna document 1999 and bilateral agreements on trust and security		Open Skies Agreement	
		in Ukraine	by Ukraine in other countries	in Ukraine	by Ukraine in other countries	in Ukraine	by Ukraine in other countries
1	2006	12	8	1	16	13	13
2	2007	11	35	11	13	13	13
3	2008	26	21	15	14	12	13
4	2009	30	18	7	1	6	3
<b>Total</b>		79	82	34	44	44	42