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1. Security Policy: Fire Hazard in Ukraine

02.08.10. The Ukrainian Defence Ministry strengthens control over all military sites in view of the increased fire hazard in Ukraine with the focus on ammunition, weapons and military equipment depots.

Comment: *The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, convoked an extraordinary meeting of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine. A decision was made at the meeting to suspend immediately all military exercises, firing practice, disposal of ammunition and explosives. The Ministry of Defence was entrusted with the task to revise within three days all schedules of regular exercises and training activities involving UAF units and other military formations in order to reschedule exercises and firing practices that could provoke situations associated with fire hazard.*

The Defence Ministry approved an appropriate fire prevention plan aimed at prevention of natural and anthropogenic emergencies at all arsenals, storages and depots containing missiles, ammunition and rocket fuel. Furthermore, the measures taken include intensified control and observation the perimeter of the technical area and restricted areas, and, first of all, depots and open grounds where ammunition is stored. The Chief of the General Staff made a decision to introduce certain changes into UAF training plans for the next two weeks.

See Annex to IAR/DN 31/2010 for more detailed information on the MoD's expenditures under the Budget Programme 2101200 "Operability and Explosion and Fire Safety of Arsenals, Storages and Depots Containing Weapons, Missiles and Ammunition of the Ukrainian Armed Forces from 2002 till 2010".

2. Military Policy: Meeting of the National Security and Defence Council on the MoD's Activity and Development of the Military Industrial Complex

According to the Head of the Presidential Administration, Sergii Liovochkin, an NSDC's meeting on the MoD's activity and development of the military industrial complex is scheduled for 20 August 2010.

Comment: *The previous special meeting of the NSDC held on 8 July 2010 was presided over by the President of Ukraine and dedicated also to the MoD's activity and the situation in the Armed Forces.*

The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, assigned the task to consider the actual state of affairs in the UAF, develop strategic documents on improvement of the UAF management system as well as the MoD and UAF's structure. Besides, a decision was made to develop the social security strategy for servicemen from 2011 till 2025.

3. Legislation: Reasons for the Failure to Report for Duty at Military Registration and Enlistment Offices

28.07.10. The Cabinet of Ministers issued Resolution № 673 establishing the list of valid reasons for the failure to report for duty or belated reporting of citizens liable for military service at Military Registration and Enlistment Offices.

Comment: *Under the Resolution, a citizen liable for military service can fail to report for duty at his MREO if a death of his immediate relative or his/her spouse's immediate relative took place not earlier than 7 days prior to the beginning of the assembly.*

The list also includes such reasons as an illness of the spouse or the need to nurse the diseased spouse as well as parents living together with the person liable for call-up; being under pre-trial examination or paying an administrative or criminal penalty; being affected by an emergency that arose during the conscription campaign.

Another valid reason for the failure to arrive at the MREO (on time) is the draftee's sitting a final examination at a college or a university.

4. Personnel Policy: Deputy Defence Minister Made Redundant

28.07.10. The Cabinet of Ministers issued Decree № 1577 making the position of Deputy Defence Minister redundant.

Comment: *Earlier, the Cabinet of Ministers issued Decree № 1385-r of 12 July 2010 discharging the Deputy Defence Minister, Volodymyr Dibrova, by reason of his resignation and retirement.*

Volodymyr Antonovych Dibrova was born in 1954. From 1973 till 1975 – service in the Armed Forces. In 1981 he graduated from the Kiev Construction Engineering Institute. From 1985 till 1993 he worked in the Kiev municipal government; then as the Vice-Chancellor of the Kiev Mogilianska Academy; also was engaged in business. From 1994 till 1997 – Chief Executive Officer of the State Property Fund of Ukraine. In 1998-2001 – Chief Executive Officer of the joint-stock company "Naftogaz Ukrainy" (Ukraine's oil and gas); Deputy Director General of "Torgovyi Dim" (trade house) "Gaz Ukrainy" (Ukraine's gas), subsidiary of "Naftogaz Ukrainy". From 2002 till 2007 – Chairman of the Board – Chief Executive Officer of the Kiev Regional Office of the Union of Small and Medium-Sized and Privatized Enterprises of Ukraine. From January 2007 till April 2008 – Director of the Personnel Policy Department, Defence Ministry.

Under the Cabinet's Decree № 628-r of 17.04.08, appointed Deputy Minister of Defence of Ukraine.

5. Defence Planning: Approving Budget Programmes' Descriptors

The Defence Minister and the Minister of Finance issued joint Decree № 400/783 of 29.07.2010 "On Approval of Descriptors of Budget Programmed for 2010".

Коментап: *The purpose of the Decree is to authorize transactions using budget appropriations earmarked for purchase and modernization of weapons and military equipment as well as applied research in the national military defence domain.*

For instance, under the descriptor of the 2010 Budget Programme 2101160 "Applied Research in the National Military Defence Domain", the budget appropriations for this purpose amount to 109149300 UAH (80936700 UAH from the General Fund and 28212600 UAH from the Special Fund).

This includes 33822900 UAH to be allocated for research and design efforts for development and modernization of weapons and military equipment; 36917800 UAH to be allocated for the making of the missile system "Sapsan" and 35880900 UAH to be allocated for the making of a corvette. 2527700 UAH in total will be allocated for the military-theoretical and military-practical research and support to government contracts.

Under the descriptor of the 2010 Budget Programme 2101150 "Purchase and Modernization of Weapons and Military Equipment for the Armed Forces of Ukraine", the anticipated budget appropriations amount to 346709600 UAH (7111700 UAH from the General Fund and 339597900 from the Special Fund). This includes 40000000 UAH to be allocated for the making of the military transport aircraft An-70, 114410600 UAH for the making of a corvette, 30000000 UAH for the batch manufacturing of the tank BM "Oplot" and 50259200 UAH for the modernization of the tank T-64B to upgrade it to BM "Bulat" type including required repair.

6. Force Training: Preparation for the Command-Post Exercise "Rapid Trident 2010"

02.08.10. Officers and NCOs assigned to the Ukraine-US CPX with troops "Rapid Trident 2010" began their training course in preparation for the exercise.

Comment: *The aim of the course is to train Ukrainian officers and junior leaders in international staff procedures and Standard Operational Procedures tailor-made for the exercise.*

The course supported by foreign instructors and facilitators took place at the 95th Separate Airmobile Brigade, 8th Army Corps, stationed in Zhytomyr.

The course is to be conducted in two phases. 62 UAF servicemen will take part in Phase I – Staff Officers' Training. 92 UAF servicemen will take part in Phase II – Junior Leaders' Training.

The joint Ukraine-US CPX "Rapid Trident 2010" is scheduled for August-September 2010 at the International Peacekeeping and Security Centre located in the Lviv region. The overarching aim of the exercise is for servicemen of different countries to gain practical experience in planning and conduct of peacekeeping missions while operating as part of multinational HQs or forces as well as enhancement of their interoperability.

7. Peacekeeping: Rotations in Kosovo

02.08.10. The regular 14th rotation of the Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent operating as part of the Multinational Battle Group "East" in Kosovo has begun.

Comment: *48 Ukrainian relief peacekeepers set off for the capital of Bulgaria in the framework of Phase I of the rotation.*

On 31 July 2010, a special troop train carrying 30 relief servicemen, 23 motor cars and 60 tons of logistic supplies departed from Mykolaiv for Grylytsa in Kosovo. 43 pieces of equipment and 60 tons of logistic supplies are to be re-deployed to Ukraine.

The next phase of the 14th rotation of the Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent is scheduled for the 14th of August. 125 relief servicemen in total are to leave to the Balkans and 175 relieved peacekeepers are to be re-deployed to Ukraine in the course of the ongoing rotation.

8. Conversion Challenges: Removal of Ammunition from the 61st Arsenal of the Southern Operational Command

Removal of ammunition from the 61st Arsenal of the Southern OC in the Kharkiv region is underway.

Comment: *Out of the 8400 tons of ammunition that remained intact after the emergency that took place in summer 2008, over 6000 tons have already been removed. Under the warrants of the Central Rocket and Artillery Department, the aforementioned ammunition was handed over to central storages and depots for future use in combat training and for disposal.*

Removal of Class I ammunition from the 61st Arsenal has been completed. Based on the results of tenders, the MoD's Department for Disposal of Rocket Fuel, Missiles and Ammunition named contractors for ammunition disposal. Those are "Tasco" Corporation, the state-owned enterprise "Ukroboronservis" and the State Research Institute of Chemical Industry (located in the town of Shostka). The removal of ammunition from the arsenal is to begin on 9 August 2010.

MoD's Expenditures
under the Budget Programme 2101200 «Operability and Explosion and Fire Safety of Arsenals,
Storages and Depots Containing Weapons, Missiles and Ammunition of the Ukrainian Armed
Forces from 2002 till 2010

thousand UAH

UAH	General Fund	Special Fund	Total
2002	4600,0	10000,0	14600,0
2003	4600,0	700,0	5300,0
2004	32300,0		32300,0
2005	75015,4	800,0	75815,4
2006	85000,0		85000,0
2007	85000,0		85000,0
2008	105000,0		105000,0
2009	31686,6		31686,6
2010*	31686,6	57126	88812,6

* - planned in the State Budget of Ukraine for 2010