

1. Military Policy: Control over the UAF Activity

13.08.10. The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, signed Decree № 815/2010 "On Control over Activity of the Armed Forces and Other Military Formations".

Comment: This Decree authorizes the Presidential Administration to act on the President's behalf controlling activity of the UAF and other military formations created under the Ukrainian law.

The Head of the Presidential Administration was entrusted with the task to manage the Military Formation Activity Control Inspection. The Inspection's key functions are to study the combat and mobilization readiness of the UAF, the Interior Troops subordinated to the Ministry of Interior and the State Border Service of Ukraine for operation according to their intended purpose; the state of weapons and military equipment; measures taken by military formations to dispose of surplus materiel and ammunition; implementation of the military personnel policy in the UAF; implementation of the UAF reforming and development programmes.

2. Personnel Policy: New Commander of the Ukrainian Air Force

The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, signed Decree № 813/2010 appointing Lieutenant-General Sergiy Onyschenko Commander of the Ukrainian Air Force.

Comment: The President also signed Decree № 814/2010 discharging the previous Air Force Commander, Colonel-General Ivan Rusnak, from office and placing him at the Defence Minister's disposal until further notice.

Lieutenant-General Sergiy Ivanovych Onyschenko was born in 1954. In 1975 he graduated from the Kharkiv Higher Military Pilot College. In 1983 he graduated from the Gagarin Air Military Academy and in 1997 he got a degree from the Operational-Strategic Department of the UAF Academy.

From 1975 till 1998 he served in various positions from pilot all the way up to Commander of Fighter Air Division. From 1998 till 2002 – Air Corps Commander. During 2002-2004 – Deputy Chief of the Combat Training Staff, Main Air Force Command. From 2004 till 2010 – First Deputy Commander of the Ukrainian Air Force.

3. Personnel Policy: New Director of the Press and Media Relations Department

12.08.10. The Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, appointed Oleksandr Kluban Director of the Press and Media Relations Department.

Комментар: Oleksandr Mykhailovych Kluban was born in 1960. He got a degree from the Journalism Department of the Lviv Higher Military Political College. In 1981 he worked as Newsperson and Newspaper Manager of the 48th Guard Training Tank Division (located in the urban-type village of Desna). From 1982 – newsperson and from 1988 – Chief of the Youth Section of the Kiev Military District Newspaper. In 1991 he worked as Chief of Section at the Defence Ministry newspaper "Narodna Armia" (People's Army). In 1992 he graduated from the Editor Department of the Humanities Academy of the Armed Forces (previously the Lenin Military Political Academy in Moscow).

From 1991 till 1996 – Chief of the Defence Ministry Press Office and Press Secretary to the Defence Minister. In 2000 he retired from the UAF. Worked at Central Executive Authorities of Ukraine as Chief of the Press Office at the State Export Control Service, the National Space Agency and the Main Control and Auditing Department of the Transport and Communication Ministry.

4. Personnel Policy: Length of Service

According to the Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant-General Grygorii Pedchenko, the Defence Ministry and the General Staff will propose the scheme where every year of service at explosive arsenals will for officers be counted as eighteen months.

Comment: The Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant-General Grygorii Pedchenko, ordered that propositions on career development for officers serving at arsenals, storages and depots be submitted to him for consideration at the earliest possible date.

Under this order, a list of explosive arsenals, storages and depots is being compiled. After that the Defence Ministry will submit the proposition to the Cabinet of Ministers to count each year of service at arsenals, storages and depots for officers as eighteen months.

5. Legislation: Housing Development for Servicemen

The Cabinet of Ministers issued Decree № 683 of 30.07.10 allocating 53,5 million UAH to the Defence Ministry, the Ministry of Emergencies and Protection against Consequences of the Chernobyl Disaster and the State Border Service for housing development for servicemen.

Comment: By this Decree, the Cabinet allocated 30 million UAH to the Defence Ministry (Budget Programme 2101190 "Housing Development (Purchase) for Servicemen of the Ukrainian Armed Forces"), 13,5 million UAH to the Ministry of Emergencies and 10 million UAH to the State Border Service.

The Defence Ministry planned to get 3440 flats for servicemen in 2010. Furthermore, the Cabinet plans to allocate some 900 million UAH in 2010 for housing for servicemen.

See Annex to IAR DN 32/2010 for more detailed information on financing of housing development and purchase of flats for servicemen as well as the number of built (purchased) flats from 2005 till 2009.

6. Force Training: Fire Fighting

09.08.10. At his meeting with leaders of the Armed Forces, Chief of the General, Lieutenant-General Grygorii Pedchenko identified additional measures required to increase fire safety, organize access control and strengthen security of storages, depots and arsenals.

Comment: The Chief of the General Staff, Lieutenant-General Grygorii Pedchenko, ordered to lay pipelines to ensure uninterrupted water supply to the most dangerous places at UAF arsenals and depots where highly explosive items are stored.

Over one thousand servicemen and 27 pieces of equipment from the 6th Army Corps were involved in fire-fighting activities all over Ukraine.

By the CGS's decision on actions to be taken by the forces to prevent and fight fires at UAF sites and nearby, the following Air Force assets were prepared and put on permanent stand-by (4 hours' readiness) to provide air reconnaissance: one An-30B aircraft and one Mi-8 helicopter from a transport aviation brigade stationed in the Kiev region, one An-26 aircraft and one Mi-8 helicopter from the 456th Transport Aviation Brigade stationed in the Vinnitsa region as well as one An-26 aircraft and one Mi-8 helicopter from the 203rd Training Air Brigade stationed in the Kharkiv region.

7. International Exercises: Participation in BLACKSEAFOR

10.08.10. The minesweeper "Cherkasy" of the Ukrainian Navy left the Sevastopol port to take part in the August activation of the Black Sea Naval Cooperation Group BLACKSEAFOR.

Comment: According to the BLACKSEAFOR activation plan, from the 11th till the 30th of August, ships of the multinational formation will pay unofficial visits to the ports of Constanta (Romania), Sevastopol (Ukraine) and Varna (Bulgaria). The Transfer of Authority ceremony will take place on the 14th of August in Constanta where the Bulgarian party hand over the command of the BLACKSEAFOR to the Romanian party.

8. International Cooperation: Navy Commander Meeting with Diplomats

09.08.10. The Navy Commander, Vice Admiral Viktor Maksimov, met with the newly appointed Norwegian Defence Attaché, Lieutenant Colonel Håkon Magnus Løken. The meeting took place at the Ukrainian Navy HQ in Sevastopol.

Comment: The aim of the new Norwegian Defence Attaché's visit was to introduce himself to the Ukrainian Navy Commander. Besides, in the course of the meeting, they discussed the bilateral naval cooperation between Ukraine and Norway and identified its priority areas for the future. The previous Defence Attaché at the Embassy of Norway to Ukraine was Lieutenant Colonel Tommy Andre Johansen.

Lieutenant Colonel Tommy Andre Johansen. 1986-1987 – Squad Leader. 1987-1990 – Higher Military College, followed by the Platoon Leader assignment. 1991-1992 – dispatched to the Norwegian Peacekeeping Battalion in Lebanon. Upon his return from Lebanon, appointed Deputy Company Commander. 1993-1994 – sent to Macedonia; Company Commander in the "North" Battalion (Norway). Worked in the Army HQ (Oslo), later was a Military Advisor in the Baltic States. Accredited in Ukraine in 2006.

9. International Cooperation: Training Course Aboard a UK Royal Navy Ship

10.08.10. Representatives of the Ukrainian Navy started their in-depth training course aboard a UK Royal Navy ship.

Comment: The aim of the training course is for the Ukrainian seamen to gain experience in preparing a ship for participation in the counter piracy operation ATALANTA.

Furthermore, during their training course, the Ukrainian seamen will be exposed to the standard shipboard procedures in the Royal Navy, go on duty and perform various tasks according to their speciality and improve their naval terminology.

10. Ukrainian Armed Forces and Society: Social Security for Ukrainian Servicemen

2.08.10. The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, entrusted the Prime-Minister, Mykola Azarov, the Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, and the Minister of Construction and Regional Development, Volodymyr Yatsuba, to develop emergency measures to be taken to improve the housing situation for servicemen and their families. The task is to be accomplished by the 1st of September and include propositions on necessary improvements in the related legislation.

Comment: In order to improve social security for Ukrainian servicemen and their families, an issue must be considered by the 25th of August about providing the state guarantee on obligations of MoD-controlled enterprises to build housing for servicemen and their families.

By the 15th of September, the Head of the Cabinet, M. Azarov, the Defence Minister, M. Yezhel, and the Minister of Finance, F. Yaroshenko, have to consider the issue of actual funding sources for housing (both permanent and temporary) for servicemen and their families. They must also consider here the expediency of increased planning of such appropriations from the General Fund of the State Budget of Ukraine.

**Information
on financing of housing development and purchase
of flats for servicemen as well as the number of built (purchased) flats
from 2005 till 2009.**

	2005			2006			2007			2008			2009		
	Plan, million UAH	Received, million UAH	% executi on	Plan, million UAH	Received, million UAH	% executi on	Plan, million UAH	Received, million UAH	% executi on	Plan, million UAH	Received, million UAH	% executi on	Plan, million UAH	Received, million UAH.	% executi on
Housing construction for Service personnel, include	724,7	599,6	77,4	1271,8	623,6	49,0	599,7	496,6	82,8	509,3	509,1	99,9	755,7	98,6	11
<i>General Fund</i>	404,4	404,4	100,0	350,7	350,7	100,0	359,3	359,3	100,0	359,3	359,3	100			
<i>Special Fund</i>	320,3	195,2	60,9	921,1	272,9	29,6	240,4	137,3	57,1	150,0	149,8	99,8	755,7	98,6	11
Construction and acquisition of housing, at the end of year, accommodation	6 537			4 515			1 560			2 682			85		
Number of servicemen without housing, at the beginning of year, thousand persons	44,2			45,5			51,5			51,8			42,3*		

* - In 2008 measures have been taken in relation to the compliance with law of registration of servicemen in the waiting list for housing, whereby the common list was reduced.