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1. Military Policy: Army of the Latest Pattern

17.09.10. The Defence Minister, M.Yezhel, stated that a new army would appear in Ukraine within the next five years.

Comment: According to M.Yezhel, in five years' time, Ukraine will have a new army with new modernized equipment, new ships and missile systems.

However, an analysis of anticipated appropriations for defence from the State Budget's General Fund till 2023 (the Cabinet's Decree №568 of 07.07.10) evinces that with the anticipated funding the Defence Ministry will only manage to maintain the minimum of the army's combat capabilities, not to mention its development.

2. Military Policy: Elimination of Military Courts

14.09.10. The President of Ukraine, V.Yanukowych, issued Decree № 900/2010 disbanding 13 local military courts and 2 military courts of appeal.

Comment: The Decree eliminates the Military Appellate Court in the Central Region and the Military Appellate Court of the Navy.

The Decree also disbands local military courts of the Dnipropetrovsk, Zhytomyr, Kyiv, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Odessa, Rivne, Sevastopol, Simferopol, Uzhgorod, Kharkiv, Khmel'nitsk, and Cherkask garrisons. The Government is entrusted with the task to ensure funding of activities associated with implementation of the Presidential Decree.

See Annex to IAR DN 37/2010 for more information on the Court System of Ukraine.

3. Military Policy: Elimination of the Special Fund

15.09.10. The Vice Premier on Security, Defence, and Law Enforcement, Volodymyr Sivkovich, entrusted the Defence Ministry and the Ministry of Finance with the task to work out elimination of the defence agency's Special Fund.

Comment: The Defence Ministry and the Ministry of Finance are to work out jointly the possibility of funding the UAF from the State Budget's General Fund alone starting from 2011.

Besides, Volodymyr Sivkovich charged the Defence Ministry to identify the demand for service flats in each garrison in view of the Armed Forces reform process. In addition, the Defence Ministry, the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Regional Construction must consider the possibility of full compensation for rent of longings and find alternative ways of funding of housing development for servicemen.

4. Combat Training: COORDINATION 2010

17.09.10. The active phase of the exercise series for military command and control elements and troops COORDINATION 2010 started in OPUK Training Area in the Crimea.

Comment: The overarching aim of the exercise is to train participants in the full spectrum of military command and control tasks inherent in management or neutralization of a military crisis from strategic deployment to defensive operations.

Following the tactical phase of the exercise on 17 September in OPUK Training Area, the next phase of COORDINATION 2010 will take place in CHAUDA Training Area (Crimea) on 20-24 September. Altogether there will be 55 Command-Post, tactical, special tactical, and air tactical exercises in 9 Army and 5 Navy training areas with live fire, firing missiles from ships, aircraft as well as antiaircraft missile systems.

About 7500 servicemen, over 1200 pieces of weapons and military equipment, 31 fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft and 15 ships have been involved in the exercise series COORDINATION 2010. About 70 million UAH has been appropriated for the whole exercise series, almost 42 million UAH of which has been spent on fuel.

5. International Exercise: RAPID TRIDENT 2010

17.09.10. The Ukraine-US Command-Post Exercise RAPID TRIDENT 2010 conducted at the International Peacekeeping and Security Centre (Lviv region) has been completed.

Comment: In the course of the After-Action Review and the Official Closing Ceremony, the best participants from the Ukrainian Armed Forces were awarded with the California National Guard Medal.

Furthermore, the field phase of the exercise served as a background for Level I and II Self-Evaluation of some units from a Separate Airmobile Brigade, an Engineer Regiment and a Separate NBCd Battalion (8th Army Corps) to test their interoperability with military units of other nations.

6. International Cooperation: Military Technical Cooperation between Ukraine and Kazakhstan

13-15.09.10. In the course of a Kazakh military delegation's visit to Ukraine, the Ukrainian and Kazakh Ministers of Defence identified areas for further development of military technical cooperation.

Comment: The Ukrainian-Kazakh military cooperation is regulated by the Intergovernmental Ukrainian-Kazakh Agreement on Military Technical Cooperation signed in 2005 and the Agreement between the Defence Ministries of both nations on military cooperation signed in 1997. Under the Agreement, 1917 Kazakh servicemen took a short academic (officer) training course and an advanced training course at the Zhytomyr Military Institute (named after S.P.Koroliov) of the National Aviation University of the Defence Ministry of Ukraine. At the present time, 7 servicemen of the Kazakh Armed Forces are being trained there. Another four Kazakh cadets will be despatched for training in Academic Year 2010-2011.

In the course of the meeting, the parties discussed the possibility of establishing a joint enterprise as part of the subsidiary of the Joint-Stock Company "National Company "Kazakhstan Engineering" to provide major overhaul and modernization of tanks, infantry fighting vehicles, armoured personnel carriers with a follow-up transfer of technology and exchange of experience. The parties also considered the possibility of establishing a joint enterprise in Kazakhstan to manufacture spare parts, tools, maintenance kits as well as current repair and mid-life repair kits for maintenance and repair of armoured equipment of the Kazakh Armed Forces.

7. International Cooperation: Military Delegation Visiting Belarus

14-16.10. A Ukrainian military delegation headed by the Chief of the General Staff, Colonel-General G.Pedchenko, visited the Republic of Belarus.

Comment: *In the course of the negotiations, the parties discussed development of the bilateral military cooperation.*

In addition, on 16 September, Colonel-General G.Pedchenko met with the Belorussian Defence Minister, Lieutenant-General Yuri Zhadobin. In the course of their visit, the Ukrainian servicemen visited military units and institutions of the Belorussian Defence Ministry.

8. International Cooperation: Brazilian Defence Minister Visiting Ukraine

15-17.09.10. A Brazilian military delegation headed by the State Minister of Defence of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Mr. Nelson Jobim, paid an official visit to Ukraine.

Comment: *In the course of the negotiations, the parties discussed development of the bilateral military and military-technical cooperation.*

Following the negotiations, the Defence Ministers of Ukraine and Brazil signed an Agreement on Defence Cooperation. The Agreement stipulates for cadets exchange between military colleges and universities as well as an exchange of research and scientific developments and contacts between staff members of Ukrainian and Brazilian think tanks.

In addition, the Brazilian side was asked to consider the possibility of participation in the building of the first domestic corvette and an An-70 aircraft as well as various options of joint building of a missile boat with the displacement of up to 450 tons.

In October 2004, the MoD's state-owned enterprise "Central Design Institute" won the tender to develop the raw design data as well as space-and-planning parameters for facilities of the ground component of the space rocket complex CYCLON-4 near the Brazilian city of Alcantara.

In 2009, MoD's enterprises conducted initial reconnaissance of the future space launching site near Alcantara. The first launch from CYCLON-4 is scheduled for 2012.

9. International Cooperation: Ukraine-US Cooperation

14.09.10. A meeting between a Ukrainian delegation and a US military delegation headed by the Adjutant General of the California National Guard, Brigadier General Mary J. Kight, was held in Kiev.

Comment: *In the course of the meeting the parties discussed implementation of the Partnership Programme and prospective areas of bilateral cooperation between the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the California National Guard.*

The US Government is currently implementing about 7 logistic assistance programmes in the Ukrainian Armed Forces in the framework of the FMF Programme. The total cost of the programmes exceeds \$94 million.

In the course of the negotiations, the parties discussed the possibility of conducting the Ukraine-US exercise SAFE SKY 2011 in Ukraine. The aim of the exercise is to increase interoperability in airspace safety management during public sporting events.

10. Military Equipment and Defence Industry: International Defence Agreements

15.09.10. The Cabinet of Ministers issued Decree № 1830-r authorizing the Minister of Industrial Policy, Dmytro Kolesnikov, to sign an Agreement on Defence Cooperation with the Government of India and an Agreement on Military-Technical Cooperation with the Government of Peru.

Comment: *At the present stage, the most dynamic development of cooperation between the defence agencies of Ukraine and India can be observed in the military-technical area.*

It will be recalled that MOTOR SICH and Antonov Concern that includes such Kiev enterprises as Civil Aviation Works 410 and Aviant as well as the Kharkiv State-Owned Manufacturing Enterprise contracted to modernize 105 aircraft for the Indian Air Force. By estimate, the contract is worth \$600 million. The arrangement was made by the Ukrainian state-owned company SPETSTEHNOEXPORT and the Indian Defence Ministry. The first batch of aircraft (five military-transport aircraft An-32) of the Indian Air Force arrived in Ukraine in March 2010.

The Court System of Ukraine

The Supreme Court of Ukraine				
Civil Court	Criminal Court	Military Panel of Judges	Administrative Court	Economic Court
			Supreme Specialized Courts	
			Supreme Administrative Court	Supreme Economic Court
COURTS OF APPEAL				
GENERAL			SPECIALIZED	
Appellate Courts of Kiev, Sevastopol, the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and regions	Military Courts		Administrative Appellant Courts	Economic Appellant Courts
	Military Appellant Court of the Navy	Military Appellant Court of the Central Region		
LOCAL				
District courts, district courts in cities, town courts, town-district courts	Military garrison courts	Administrative courts		
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