

### 1. Military Policy: Control of the UAF and Other Military Formations

27.09.10. The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, signed the Decree "On the Regulations on Control of the Activity of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and Other Military Formations by the President of Ukraine".

**Comment:** Control will be managed by the Inspectorate of the Presidential Administration for Control of Military Formations.

*The entities under control are: the Ukrainian Defence Ministry and its organic units; the Main Directorate of Internal Troops, Ministry of Interior, and its subordinated organizations; the Administration of the State Border Service of Ukraine; the Administration of the State Special Transport Service of the Ministry of Transport and Communications.*

*The Inspectorate will examine combat and mobilization readiness of its controlled entities; the state of weapons and military equipment as well as measures taken to dispose of surplus military materiel and ammunition; implementation of the military personnel policy in the UAF and other military formations; development of military education, training and science.*

### 2. Military Policy: Renewal of the Military Aircraft Fleet

30.09.10. According to the Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel, the Defence Ministry is developing a military aircraft fleet renewal programme.

**Comment:** In the nearest future, the Defence Ministry intends to modernize some 20 aerial vehicles, including MiG-29, Su-27, Il-76, and Il-39.

*MiG-29 (NATO reporting name – Fulcrum) is a fourth generation multipurpose fighter. Designed in 1972, adopted in 1982. The frontline fighter MiG-29 is designed to destroy air targets as well as engage ground targets with unguided means of destruction.*

*Over 1300 MiG-29 aircrafts have been manufactured and adopted by Air Forces of six CIS countries (besides Ukraine) and 16 other countries. The aircraft has two RD-33 engines.*

*Su-27 (NATO reporting name – Flanker) is a multipurpose manoeuvrable all-weather interceptor. Designed by the Suhyi Design Office. Its first flight took place on 20 May 1977. In 1984, Su-27 was adopted by the Soviet Army.*

*This aircraft is also adopted by CIS countries, India, China and other countries.*

*See Annex to IAR DN 39/2010 for more information on modernization of the Ukrainian Air Force equipment in 2007-2009.*

### 3. Combat Training: COORDINATION 2010

30.09.10. The final phase of the command-post and tactical exercise series with live fire COORDINATION 2010 took place in the combined arms training area SHYROKYI LAN in the Mykolaiv region.

**Comment:** The pan-Ukrainian exercise COORDINATION 2010 opened in the Crimea in CHAUDA Training Area and finished in Mykolaiv. A total of 55 command-post, special tactical and tactical air exercises were conducted in the course of one month. Approximately 7500 servicemen, over 1200 pieces of weapons and military equipment, 31 fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft as well as 15 ships were involved in the exercise.

*The exercise after-action review provides for finalization of changes in the C2 structure of the Services and military units as well as the UAF planning and training system.*

### 4. Personnel Training: NBC Specialist Training Course

28.09.10. A multinational NBC specialist training course (SIBCRA) is currently underway in the Italian town of Rieta.

**Comment:** The course will last till 08 October 2010. UAF servicemen on this course have an opportunity to study the methodology of NBC situation assessment, NBC reconnaissance, and NBC protection measures.

*The students will also be exposed to terminology used in preparation for and conduct of NBC operations by leading countries of the world as well as international standards for procedures and algorithms applied in case of a NBC contamination.*

### 5. International Exercises: BLOND AVALANCHE 2010

27.09-01.10.10. The multinational Ukrainian-Slovak-Hungarian-Romanian exercise BLOND AVALANCHE 2010 with personnel of national components of TYSA Battalion was conducted in the Western part of Ukraine.

**Comment:** The aim of the exercise was to perfect participants' skills at rendering assistance to population in a flood relief operation.

*150 servicemen (one third of them Ukrainians) and 50 pieces of military engineering equipment of the participating nations were employed for the exercise.*

*The exercise was conducted in two phases. Phase I (27-29 September 2010) took place at the International Peacekeeping and Security Centre (Lviv region). Phase II (30 September – 1 October 2010) was conducted in the Transcarpathian region.*

*This is the first exercise of this series involving servicemen and military equipment of other multinational units of the engineer battalion TYSA.*

*The exercise BLOND AVALANCHE was hosted by Romania in 2004, by Slovakia in 2005, Ukraine in 2006, Hungary in 2007, Romania in 2008, and Slovakia in 2009.*

### 6. Peacekeeping: Rotation of the 56th Separate Helicopter Detachment in 2011

The Ukrainian Defence Minister, M. Yezhel, signed the Directive "On Organization and Conduct of Rotations of the National Contingent in Kosovo and the 56<sup>th</sup> SHD of the UNMIL in 2011".

**Comment:** *The rotation of the peacekeeping contingent in Kosovo is scheduled for 18-29 April 2011. Rotations of the 56<sup>th</sup> SHD within UNMIL will be conducted twice, namely on 13-27 June and 5-19 December 2011.*

*Generation, manning and pre-rotation training of the Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent in Kosovo will be done by a separate mechanized brigade of the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps.*

*A separate army aviation regiment of the 13<sup>th</sup> Army Corps will provide generation and preparation of the 56<sup>th</sup> SHD for the June rotation; the December rotation will be responsibility of a separate army aviation regiment of the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Corps.*

## **7. International Cooperation: Ukraine-US Consultations**

27-29.09.10. Ukraine-US defence consultations were held in Washington DC.

**Comment:** *The Ukrainian delegation was headed by the Deputy Defence Minister, B.Andresuk. The US DoD delegation was headed by the Assistant Secretary of Defence for International Security Affairs, Ambassador Alexander Vershbow.*

*In the course of the consultations, the two delegations discussed aims, objectives, achievements and challenges of security cooperation between Ukraine and the US in 2010, bilateral cooperation in regional security, the ongoing Strategic Defence Review in Ukraine, implementation of the State Programme of the Ukrainian Armed Forces Development in 2006-2011, and the Concept of Further Reform of the Ukrainian Armed Forces till 2015.*

*In addition, in the course of the visit, the Ukrainian delegation held a number of meetings with executive officers of leading US defence industry ventures interested in developing cooperation with Ukraine.*

## **8. Conversion Challenges: the State Programme of Liquid Fuel Components Disposal**

29.09.10. The Cabinet of Ministers issued Decree № 874 approving the State Targeted Programme of Liquid Rocket Fuel Components Disposal for 2010-2014.

**Comment:** *The aim of the Programme is a phased step-by-step disposal of all surplus stockpiles of liquid rocket fuel currently stored by the UAF and the National Space Agency of Ukraine employing methods and procedures in line with current technogenic and environmental safety regulations.*

*The Programme is subsidized from the State Budget, through international financial and technical assistance as well as from other sources. The total approximate appropriations amount to some 115,9 million UAH, including 82,3 million UAH from the State Budget and 33,6 million UAH of financial assistance.*

*The disposal of the rocket fuel stockpiles is to be completed by 2014 and followed by final elimination of the rocket fuel storage infrastructure during 2014.*

## **9. Legislation: Additional Monthly Monetary Support**

22.09.10. The Cabinet of Ministers issued Decree № 889 under which airmen and seamen of the UAH, the State Border Service and the Ministry of Interior's Internal Troops will receive a monthly gratuity not exceeding their monthly pay starting on 1 October 2010.

**Comment:** *Under the Decree, the maximum size of the monthly gratuity as well as the associated procedures and conditions are established by the Defence Ministry, the Ministry of Interior and the Administration of the State Border Service in coordination with the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Ministry of Finance.*

*It will be recalled that the Defence Ministry planned to increase servicemen's pay by 55% from 1 October 2010 on. Starting from October 2010, the platoon leader's monthly pay was to have been almost 2600 UAH (currently 1670 UAH), the company commander's pay – about 3300 UAH (currently 2216 UAH), the battalion commander's pay – some 3700 UAH (currently 2466 UAH) and the brigade commander's pay – almost 4650 UAH (currently 3100 UAH).*

**Modernization of the Ukrainian Air Force equipment  
in 2007-2009**

MODERNISATION	2007	2008	2009
<b>AIR FORCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ka-27 helicopters;</li> <li>• MiG-29, SU-25, L-39 aircraft;</li> <li>• An-24, An-26, An-30 aircraft;</li> <li>• aircraft engines;</li> <li>• 35D6 radio-location stations;</li> <li>• anti-aircraft missile complex S-300P, 9K37 “Buk”;</li> <li>• Radio-penetrative covers;</li> </ul>	<p>Su-25, An-26 aircraft;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aircraft engines;</li> <li>• S-300P, 9K37 Buk anti-aircraft missile complexes”;</li> <li>• 9M38 medium range surface-to air missiles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MiG-29, Su-25, Su-27 YB,</li> <li>• An-30, An-26, An-24, IL 76MD, IL 39 aircraft;</li> <li>• aircraft engines;</li> <li>• P-18 radio-location stations up to P-18MU level;</li> <li>• OSA AKM anti-aircraft missile complex;</li> <li>• radio-location stations</li> </ul>