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1. Military Policy: Vice Premier on Security, Defence and Law Enforcement Discharged

13.10.10. The President of Ukraine, V.Yanukovych, signed Decree № 956/2010 discharging the Vice Premier on Security, Defence and Law Enforcement, V.L.Sivkovich.

Comment: Another presidential decree appoints Volodymyr Sivkovich Deputy Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council. Under the recently re-enforced original 1996 version of the Constitution, there must be three positions of vice premiers in the Ukrainian Government. Until recently there were five of them. The Supreme Council approved V.Sivkovich as Vice Premier on 11 March 2010.

His terms of reference in this position covered state sovereignty, defence capacity and national security; mobilization training and mobilization; resource support of military formations and law enforcement agencies; functioning of defence industry; military-technical cooperation; export and import of military and special items; sale of surplus military materiel; prevention and fighting corruption; information security.

2. Military Policy: Government Defence Contracts

14.10.10. The President of Ukraine, V.Yanukovych, signed Act № 2560-VI «On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Government Defence Contracts"».

Comment: On 23 September, the Supreme Council approved the Act "On Amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Government Defence Contracts"».

This Act establishes a general legal foundation for planning and development of government defence contracts. It also regulates peculiarities of relations associated with purchase of defence produce, execution of defence work and rendering of defence services.

The Act stipulates that governmental customers select contractors to provide produce, work and services: if purchase of produce, work and services is a matter of state secret, selection is regulated under this Act; otherwise it is done under the law on state purchases.

3. Conscription Campaign: Funding for Conscripts

The President, Viktor Yanukovych, instructed the Prime Minister to ensure timely funding required to meet needs of conscripts, first of all those who will be drafted in October and November.

Comment: Furthermore, in order to ensure proper conditions of military service, the President ordered that cadets and pupils of military lyceums be issued appropriate winter clothing as provided for by the wintertime supply plan.

The Cabinet of Ministers increased State Budget Special Fund appropriations for the UAF development in 2010 by 2,085 million UAH by decreasing consumption expenditures.

The State Budget 2010 provides for 13,5 billion UAH for the Defence Ministry, including 8,671 billion UAH for the General Fund and 2,664 billion UAH for the Special Fund.

4. Forces Support: Purchase of Oil Products for the UAF

The association «Promtehsnab-2010» (Vasylkiv, Kiev region) has been declared the winner of the tender to supply 141700 tons of liquid oil products for the Ukrainian Defence Ministry.

Comment: The contract was signed on 29 September 2010. The total value of the contract is 121,6 million UAH. Previously, on 22 September 2010, the Defence Ministry signed a contract with "Promtehsnab-2010" for delivery of 17800 tons of fuel costing 154,2 million UAH. "Promtehsnab-2010" will deliver to the Defence Ministry 1100 tons of A-95 petrol; 1800 tons of A-92 petrol; 4500 tons of low-octane petrol; 4800 tons of summer diesel oil and 5700 tons of winter diesel oil.

In addition, on 27 September 2010, the Defence Ministry signed two contracts with "Artil" venture in Odessa for delivery of 1380 tons of fuel oil costing 7,6 million UAH.

5. Peacekeeping: NATO Training Mission in Iraq

Ukrainian servicemen operating as part of the NATO Training Mission in Iraq conducted a week's Staff Officer Training Course.

Comment: The training took place at the Regional Training Centre in Kirkuk (250km north of Baghdad).

Ukrainian servicemen working in the NATO Training Mission in Iraq have been running Staff Officer Training Course for Iraqi military units and training centres since 2008. Over 200 representatives of the Iraqi Army have been trained on 8 courses since then. Iraqi instructors are to have taken over all staff officer training by the end of 2011.

6. International Cooperation: Southeast European Defence Ministerial Council

11-12.10.10. A regular meeting of the Southeast European Defence Ministerial Council was held in Tirana (Albania).

Comment: Attendees discussed regional security and defence cooperation, various aspects of functioning of the SEE Defence Ministerial Council and the multinational brigade SEEBRIG in 2010. They also approved work plans for next year – 2011.

The SEE Defence Ministerial Council was established in 1996 in order to maintain peace and stability in the region. Ukraine joined the Council on 6 December 2005. As of today Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Macedonia, Italy, Romania, the USA, Slovenia, Turkey, Croatia, Ukraine, Bosnia and Herzegovina are members of the Council. Georgia, Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro are observers.

In 2009, Ukrainian assigned its forces to the Southeast European Multinational Peace Force (the multinational brigade SEEBRIG).

SEEBRIG brigade (South Eastern Europe Brigade) is a core of the Southeast European peacekeeping forces. It consists of standing HQ and Army units (on-call). The brigade's mission is participation in NATO- and EU-led peacekeeping operations.

See Annex to IAR DN 41/2010 for more information on the SEEBRIG's structure.

7. International Cooperation: Repair of Foreign Ships

Greece is interested in having its small amphibious air-cushion ships "Zubr" repaired by Ukrainian defence industrial ventures.

Comment: This interest was expressed by the Greek Defence Minister, Evengelos Venizelos, at his meeting with the Ukrainian Defence Minister, M. Yezhel, in Tirana (Albania).

"Zurb" was manufactured by the Feodosia Shipbuilding Yard "More" (Crimea) in the late 1980s. It is designed to enable boarding of marines and their equipment from the shore, transportation by sea, landing on the enemy shore and fire support to amphibious troops.

In addition, in the course of the Southeast European Defence Ministerial Council, the Ukrainian Defence Minister stated that Ukraine was willing to provide its military training areas for exercises of multinational peacekeeping force of South Eastern Europe SEEBRIG.

8. Development of Military Equipment and Defence Industry: Modernization of Tanks

The Morozov Design Bureau in cooperation with the Peruvian company Desarrollos Industriales Casanave SA modernized tank T-55.

Comment: The new vehicle was named T-55M8A2 Typhoon. Tank T-55 was designed in Nizhny Tagil and batch-produced by Malyshev Plant in Kharkov from 1958 till 1963. The new vehicle has state-of-the-art equipment, an improved running gear and a duplicated fire control system. Typhoon can engage targets at the distance of 3500-5000 metres. The military political leaders of Peru planned to purchase from 80 to 140 (some sources suggest 120) new main battle tanks by the end of 2010.

TYPHOON Specifications: Combat weight - 46 tons. Crew - 3 personnel. Average road speed (earth road) - 32-35 kph. Maximum road speed (tarred road) - 65-75kph. Operating temperature range from -40 to 55°C. Forging depth - 1,8 m. Engine capacity - 1050hp.

9. Conversion Challenges: Ammunition Disposal at the Lozova Military Arsenal

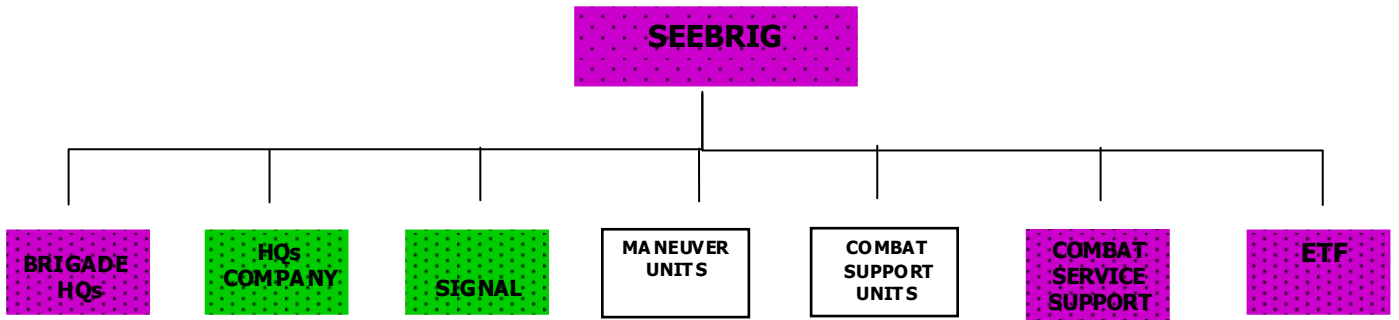
14.10.10. According to the First Vice Premier, Andrii Kluev, in 2011, the Cabinet of Ministers will allocate 60 million UAH from the State Budget for ammunition disposal at the Lozova Military Arsenal and remediation of the area.

Comment: The total cost of ammunition disposal at the Lozova Arsenal is 120 million UAH including 30 million UAH appropriated this year.

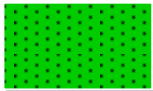
In 2008, a fire started at the 61st Arsenal of the Southern Operational Command and triggered detonation of ammunition.

3000 tons of ammunition are to be disposed of in 2010. The whole process is to be completed within two years. The disposal started on 1 October following six weeks of preparation and fire prevention.

SEEBRIG GENERAL STRUCTURE



MN-MULTINATIONAL



ETF-ENGINEER TASK FORCE