

1. Military Policy: Ukrainian-Russian Interstate Commission

03.11.10. The President of Ukraine, Viktor Yanukovich, signed Decree №1005/2010 amending Decree №438 "On Renewal of the Ukrainian Element of the Ukrainian-Russian Interstate Commission".

Comment: *The Presidential Decree complemented the Ukrainian part of the Commission with Deputy Chief of the Presidential Administration, A.Gonchar, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, R.Demchenko, and Director General of the state-run company specialising in export and import of military goods and services, D.Salamatin.*

R.Demchenko was appointed the Chairman of the Ukrainian part of the Sub-commission for the Russian Black Sea Fleet stationed in Ukraine. The previous chairman, V.Khandogiy, is no longer part of the Commission.

2. Personnel Policy: New Appointments in the Presidential Administration

05.11.10. Head of the Main Defence Policy and Law Enforcement Directorate in the Presidential Administration, Mykhailo Gavryluk, was appointed Deputy Attorney-General of Ukraine,

Comment: *Mykhailo Ivanovych Gavryluk was born in 1958 in the Khmelnytskyi region. Upon graduation from the Kharkiv Law Institute (now – the Ukrainian Law Academy named after Yaroslav the Wise) in 1983, he worked as investigation officer at the Khust District Public Prosecutor's Office (Transcarpathian region); Prosecutor at the Investigation Cell, Regional Public Prosecution Office; Mizhgiria and Tiachiv District Prosecutor; First Deputy Prosecutor of the Transcarpathia region; Chief of Department at the Prosecutor General's Office of Ukraine; Ternopil, Poltava and Odessa Regional Prosecutor. Legal Counsellor of State Class II. Appointed Head of the Main Defence Policy and Law Enforcement Directorate of the Presidential Administration in March 2010.*

Kay tasks of the Main Directorate for Defence Policy and Law Enforcement is expert, analytical, advisory, informational and organizational support to the President of Ukraine as the Supreme Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Armed Forces as he exercises his authority in controlling activity of the UAF, the State Border Service of Ukraine and other military formations established in compliance with Ukrainian law.

3. International Exercises: SEA BREEZE 2011

02-05.11.10. A planning conference of the Ukraine-US exercise SEA BREEZE-2011 was held in Odessa.

Comment: *The aim of the conference was to develop the concept and establish the venue for the future military exercise; identify the list of participating nations, the capabilities they will assign to the exercise and support procedures. Apart from the US and Ukrainian delegations, the conference was attended by military delegations from over 30 countries.*

The Ukraine-US exercise series SEA BREEZE was launched in 1997 by the Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation in Defence and Military Relations between the US DoD and the Ukrainian MoD. The exercise series was initiated as a bilateral event but it is open for other nations to join.

The overarching theme of SEA BREEZE 2011 will be multinational headquarters and forces in planning and conduct of counter piracy operations.

The key topics of SEA BREEZE exercise last July were coordination between security, defence and law enforcement structures of participating nations to counter terrorism and piracy, unlawful proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, search-and-rescue operations and monitoring of shipping.

According to open sources information, the USA have spent the total of some \$20 million for all exercises of the SEA BREEZE series, including the largest one run in 2007 in the Black Sea waters and Shyrokyi Lan Training Area near Mykolaiv as well as this year's major exercise employing military personnel from 11 nations. Ukraine, for its part, has spent some \$100000.

Eight exercises of the "Sea Breeze" series have been conducted since 1997 – in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2007, 2008 and 2010.

See Annex to IAR DN 44/2010 for more information on SEA BREEZE exercise series from 2007 to 2010.

4. Ukraine-NATO: NATO Official Visiting Ukraine

04-05.11.10. A NATO delegation headed by the Commander of the Allied Command Transformation, General Stephane Abrial visited Ukraine.

Comment: *In the course of negotiations, the parties discussed the current state and future development of cooperation between the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the Allied Command Transformation as well as possible ways to improve the cooperation and assist Ukraine with transformation of its Armed Forces. Other issues under considerations included preparations for the next meeting of the NATO Military Committee attended by chiefs of defence scheduled for January.*

5. Ukraine-NATO: Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Defence Reform

03.11.10. The 7th meeting of the Ukraine-NATO Joint Working Group on Defence Reform was held in Brussels.

Comment: *The Working Group included an international cell of experts on special services, namely intelligence agencies and domestic security organizations. The cell was headed by the co-director of Ukraine-NATO expert consultations on security and intelligence reform, Oleksandr Belov.*

The aim of the meeting was to exchange experience and give Ukraine apolitical professional advice on special services organization.

Besides, according to Mr Belov, the new version of the National Security Strategy based on the Act "On Fundamentals of Foreign and Domestic Policy" will be developed by December.

6. International Cooperation: Ukrainian-Georgian Military Relations

03-04.11.10. A Ukrainian military delegation headed by the Defence Minister, M.Yezhel, paid an official visit to Georgia.

Comment: *In the course of negotiations, the two delegations discussed the current state and prospects of the bilateral defence cooperation.*

Heads of the Ukrainian and Georgian defence reached an accommodation on continued training of Ukrainian servicemen at the Specialized Training Centre of the Georgian Armed Forces.

The negotiations resulted in the signing of a Plan of Cooperation between the Defence Ministries of Ukraine and Georgia in 2011.

Moreover, an off-schedule meeting between the Ukrainian Defence Minister, Mykhailo Yezhel and the Georgian President, Mikheil Saakashvili, was held in Batumi. The two officials discussed cooperation between the defence ministries of the two countries and how to boost it.

7. Peacekeeping: UN Mission in Côte d'Ivoire

04.11.10. The Supreme Council approved the Ukrainian President's decision to dispatch a Ukrainian contingent to provide operational support to the UN Mission in Côte d'Ivoire.

Comment: *The Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent operating as part of the UNMIL numbers some 300 personnel. There is a plan to dispatch up to 25 personnel to the UN Mission in Côte d'Ivoire as well as three combat helicopters Mi-24, eight transport helicopters Mi-8, five units of fire for each Mi-24 and three units of fire for each Mi-8.*

The UN Secretariat plans to employ the Ukrainian peacekeeping contingent for the duration of the election campaign in Côte d'Ivoire, namely for 30 days prior to the election and 60 days after the election. The UN mandate in Côte d'Ivoire expires on 31 December 2010.

8. International Cooperation: Meeting of the Sub-Commission for Cooperation between the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation and Ukraine

03.11.10. The Sub-commission for cooperation between the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation and Ukraine functioning as part of the Security Sub-committee of the Ukrainian-Russian Interstate Commission held a meeting in Moscow.

Comment: *Commissioners summarized the outcome of the implementation of the bilateral Defence Cooperation Plan for 2010 and identified key cooperation areas for 2011. Cooperation plans for 2011 include meetings between Ukrainian and Russian military leaders, joint operational and combat training including antiterrorist exercises. The parties also discussed further use of the takeoff and landing training area NYTKA by the Russian side.*

The testing takeoff and landing grounds NYTKA is situated in the Crimea near the city of Saki. It is designed for testing of shipborne air equipment and aircraft and training of shipborne airmen. In particular, it is used to train helicopter and aircraft crews in deck landing as well as test catapults, aircraft arresting gear and optical landing systems. Similar training facilities are currently being built in the Krasnodar region in Russia.

9. Development of Military Equipment and Defence Industry: Testing of An-74 TK-100 Aircraft

The Kharkiv state-run aircraft manufacturing enterprise started flight tests of the third aircraft An-74 TK-100 build under the contract with the Egyptian Air Force.

Comment: *The total sales of the Kharkiv state-run aircraft manufacturing enterprise (KSAME) in 2008 amounted to 104 million UAH including 91 million UAH of export. Units and assemblies for An-140-100 aircraft were exported for HESA Company (Iran). At the same time, not a single new aircraft left the building berth of the aircraft manufacturing enterprise in 2008.*

It will be recalled that in 2003 the Kharkiv enterprise won a tender to supply nine An-74T-200A and An-74TK-200A aircraft for the Egyptian security, defence and law enforcement structures. Upon due certification, the first An-74T-200 was delivered to the customer in September 2005. Due to financial aspects, the contract deadlines were postponed. The second aircraft was delivered in the end of 2009.

According to the KSAME spokesmen, Egypt intends to order up to twenty more aircraft of this type.

10. UAF and Society: Military Parades

01.11.10. The President of Ukraine signed Decree "On Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Ukraine's Independence"

Comment: *Under the Decree, military parades commemorating the 20th anniversary of Ukraine's independence are to be conducted on the 24 August 2011 in Kiev, Kerch, Odessa, Sevastopol as well as the cities where Operational Command HQs and Component HQs are located.*

The Defence Ministry along with state administration of the aforementioned cities were instructed to organize a festive salute of twenty artillery volleys.

In Kiev, a military parade on Independence Day was organized in 2009 and 2008. There were no military parades on the 24th of August from 2001 to 2007.

**SEA BREEZE exercise series
from 2007 to 2010**

No	Date	Area	Accomplished Mission	Armament, Military Equipment, Participants
1	2010 July 12-23	Ukraine , Odesa region, Mykolajiv Region, AR Krym, the Black Sea	Coordination between security, defence and law enforcement structures of participating nations to counter terrorism and piracy, unlawful proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, search-and-rescue operations and monitoring of shipping.	Ukraine – more than 2000 Service personnel, 13 aircraft, 25 ships and cutters More than 500 Service personnel from 12 nations: Azerbaijan, Belgium, Greece, Georgia, Denmark, Moldova, Germany, Poland, Romania, Turkey, Sweden and the USA – are involved in the exercise.
2	2008 July 12-28	Ukraine , Odesa region, Mykolajiv Region, AR Krym, the Black Sea	Multinational Joint Staff coordination, training to conduct combined aircraft, warships (frigates), marine and airborne units' actions during peacekeeping missions	Ukraine – more than 700 Service personnel, 6 aircraft, 3 helicopters, 11 ships and cutters, 16 APCs, 30 cars. Total: 18 ships and cutters, 9 aircraft, more than 800 Service personnel from 15 nations: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Latvia, Macedonia, Romania, Turkey, US
3	2007. July 7-22	Ukraine, Odesa port, Shyrokolonivskii Training Range, Black Sea	International staff training, officers training for joint peacekeeping operations	Ukraine – more than 400 Service personnel, 11 Naval ships, Borderguard vessel of the State Borderguard service. 583 representatives of 15 nations: Austria, Albania, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Greece, Georgia, Denmark, Canada, Latvia, Macedonia, Moldova, Germany, US, Turkey, Romania; nine ships.