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1 September

Luksic: We will learn from Latvia



Prime Minister **Igor Luksic** visited Latvia during the official visit to the Baltic region.

Latvian officials said that this country supports Montenegro in its European and Euro-Atlantic integration and that Latvia offers its practical and technical support.

"We talked about Montenegro's EU and NATO process of integration. Latvia will give its full support to Montenegro" Valdis Dombrovskis, Prime Minister of Latvia said on this occasion.

"I thank the Government of Latvia for the support it has been giving to the Montenegrin Government during the integration process. It is important to learn from the experience of small countries and countries similar to Montenegro, such as Latvia" Luksic said.

1 September

Two members of the Armed Forces of Montenegro in the Mentoring Team in Kabul



18th Contingent of the Armed Forces of Croatia was sent to the ISAF Peacekeeping Mission in Afghanistan on 1st September.

Two members of the Armed Forces of Montenegro, Lieutenant Todor Goranovic and Sergeant First Class Miodrag Jokanovic left with this Contingent, within the six-member team of the US-Adriatic Charter member states' Armed Forces, who will be part of the Mentoring Team in the School of Military Police of the Afghan National Army in Kabul.

By sending its representatives, Montenegro gives its full contribution to regional cooperation and global stability in the process of transition from coalition forces to Afghanistan's security forces.

2 September

Lithuania: We wish you success and offer you support



Montenegrin Prime Minister **Igor Luksic** during his official visit to Lithuania thanked Lithuanian counterpart **Andrius Kubilius** for the support provided to Montenegro on its Euro-Atlantic way.

Montenegro, as Kubilius said, has been doing a good job, and NATO and the EU are very important goals. "I remember how it was important for us, and we understand how important it is for the people in Montenegro. We wish you success and offer you support" Kubilius said.

2 September

Members of the Armed Forces of Montenegro contribute to the ISAF security



Montenegro sets its future foundations by contributing to global peace in the most responsible way and the main promoter of this are its soldiers, Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic** said at the welcome ceremony organised for the 3rd Contingent of the Armed Forces of Montenegro.

Thirty five members of the 3rd Contingent were in the ISAF peacekeeping mission in Afghanistan from 14 February, under the command of **Zoran Vukadinovic**.

Montenegrin people will be proud of all you have done, Vucinic said.

Chief of the General Staff, Vice Admiral **Dragan Samardzic** said that the soldiers have shown with their professional attitude and their performance that Montenegro can responsibly meet the most complex tasks and contribute to peace in the region and the world.



"I congratulate you on the successful implementation of tasks and what you have shown in the mission. In the best manner you have presented the Armed Forces and your country" Samardzic said.

Contingent Commander **Zoran Vukadinovic** said that the soldiers did their tasks in a responsible, conscientious, quality and successful manner and that the lessons learned will help them in their future work.

"We have gained experience, knowledge and friendships, and in cooperation with Afghan soldiers we were able to get acquainted with their way of organization, tasks, weapons and techniques" he said.

6 September

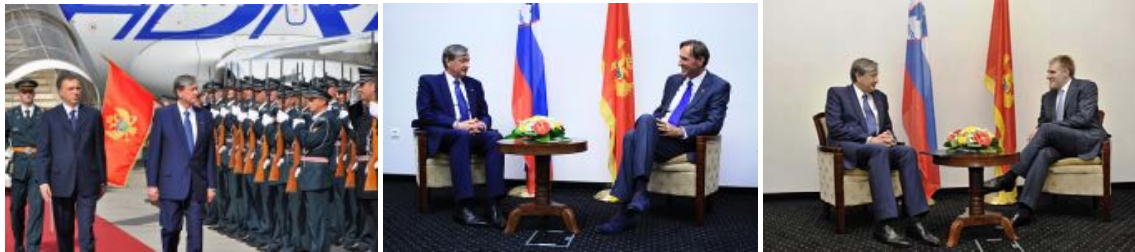
Türk: Success and dedication will be recognized and rewarded

Slovenian President **Danilo Türk** paid a visit to Montenegro, where he met with high Montenegrin officials, Montenegrin President **Filip Vujanovic**, Prime Minister Igor Luksic and President of the Montenegrin Parliament **Ranko Krivokapic**.

President Türk said that Slovenia will continue to strongly support Montenegro on its way to the EU and NATO, and he welcomed the success and the efforts of Montenegro in the European integration process. Türk said that he believes that the results achieved by the Government and society as a whole will be recognized and rewarded.

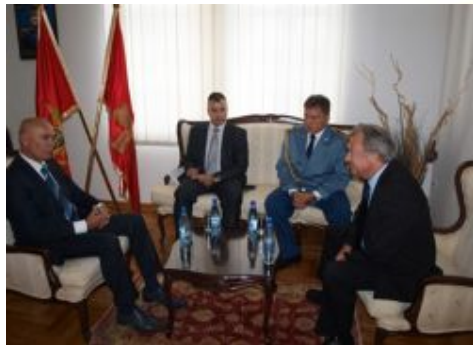
President Vujanovic said that Slovenia has helped a great deal in our efforts to present Montenegrin Euro-Atlantic ambitions in a qualitative way to other countries.

"Position of Slovenia as a NATO CPE next year is particularly important to us, and we believe that all that this country selflessly is doing to help our Armed Forces and our security system will significantly bring Montenegro closer to NATO" Vujanovic said.



9 September

Lipka: Montenegro's EU and NATO membership important for region stability



Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic** met with Ambassador of the Slovak Republic **Frantisek Lipka** and said that the excellent relations of the Slovak Republic and Montenegro in the area of defence is of great importance, since the Slovak Republic is a full member of NATO and the EU and Montenegro has a lot to learn from its experience.

Ambassador Lipka informed Minister Vucinic that the Embassy of Slovakia continues to organize activities with an aim to inform citizens about the importance of Montenegro's Euro-Atlantic integration. He conveyed Slovakia's encouragement to Montenegro on its European and Euro-Atlantic way, **pointing out that "Montenegro is a bright spot on the Balkans"**.

13 September

Presidents of municipalities at the NATO HQ

Presidents of Montenegro's municipalities went to Brussels, visiting NATO HQ. The delegation of Montenegro was consisting of presidents of municipalities and representatives of Municipal committees of several political parties.

A visit to NATO institutions in Brussels was organized by the U.S. Embassy in Montenegro. During the visit a number of panel discussions took place, with an aim of better informing with the Alliance and Montenegro's membership way.

14 September

OSCE: Stay focused on strategic orientations

Secretary of State for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration Ambassador **Nebojsa Kaludjerovic** met with Ambassador **Sarunas Adomavicius**, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro.

Ambassador Adomavicius repeated the support of OSCE to Montenegro for its European and Euro-Atlantic integration and expressed openness for further promotion of cooperation. Both

sides emphasized the need to focus on those areas that correspond with strategic orientations and the dynamics of Montenegro in its European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

23 September

Vucinic: Close mutual cooperation necessary



Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic** participated in Poland in the working meeting of Defence Ministers of EU member states, EU candidate countries and NATO member countries non-EU members.

Topic of the meeting was the cooperation of EU countries in defence and security. Minister Vucinic said that the Montenegro's NATO integration is closely related to our EU integration, because these are two parallel and compatible processes.

He stressed that Montenegro is deeply committed to regional cooperation and maintaining security in the area, but also to preserving global peace through participation in NATO, UN and EU missions and operations.

24 September

Address by Prime Minister Igor Luksic at the General Debate of the 66th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations



"(...) In the context of regional cooperation, Montenegro gave its contribution to the overall stability in South-East Europe by chairing the most important regional initiatives, which was a unique and rather challenging experience for our administration.

We are firmly moving forward in the Euro-Atlantic path – currently preparing the second Annual National Plan - ANP for NATO membership. Progress of the Western Balkan countries in the process of European and Euro Atlantic integration is a key factor for regional stability, and it sets ground for the long-term economic prosperity.

Through our participation in the NATO ISAF Mission, we directly contribute to the efforts of the international community to provide continuous peace in Afghanistan, while, at the same time, supporting global efforts in the fight against terrorism; in the EU ATALANTA Mission we have joined fight against piracy, the consequences of which were also suffered by Montenegrin sailors."

29 September

Second Annual National Programme of Montenegro adopted



The Government of Montenegro, at its meeting chaired by Prime Minister **Igor Luksic**, has adopted **the Second Annual National Programme of Montenegro (ANP) within the NATO Membership Action Plan (MAP)**, and the second cycle of MAP will start with its formal presentation in Brussels.

Minister **Milan Rocen** announced that the Programme will be presented in mid-October in Brussels, and that it will formally begin the second annual cycle of Montenegro within the NATO Membership Action Plan (MAP). The priorities and actions contained in the Second National Programme rely on, he explained, the recommendations contained in the NATO report on progress in implementing the First ANP.

The Second ANP will be implemented during the period in which the next NATO summit will be held, at spring next year in the United States, Minister Rocen said. During the implementation of the Programme, a special attention will be devoted to strengthening institutions for the fight against organized crime and corruption, the overall rule of law, promoting human and minority rights. We will continue with intense reforms of defence and security sector, and the priority will continue to be a contribution to allied operations, through the participation of Montenegrin contingents in the ISAF Mission.

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BEZBJEDNI U NATO.

ACTIVITIES OF THE COORDINATION TEAM FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNICATION STRATEGY AND ITS PARTNERS

7 September

ALFA Centar gathered its partners



A cocktail organized by the **NGO ALFA Centar** was held in Podgorica, and it was an event at which impressions were summarised on the Aliante 2011 World Finals and Regional Euro-Atlantic Camp REACT that took place in July at Vucje.

The event brought together representatives of numerous Government institutions, diplomatic and consular missions in Montenegro, the Montenegrin Armed Forces, local self-governments, tourist agencies, media, partner NGOs, educational institutions and other partners of ALFA Centar.

Executive Director of ALFA Centar **Aleksandar Dedovic** welcomed the guests, expressed his gratitude and thanked partners for their help in organising these two important events. He expressed the desire for more frequent gatherings and continuation of successful cooperation.

The event was attended by two members of the Coordination Team, **Irena Radoman**, Team Secretary, and **Ana Ponos**, Spokesperson.

17 September

Students winners in Brussels



Winners of the student competition for best essay and poster on the topic of Montenegro's accession to NATO went to a study visit to NATO on September 14-17.

Best 12 students (**Marija Martinovic, Damir Nikocevic, Ana Mijanovic, Andrej Milovic, Ljubica Nikolic, Zelimir Djuriscic, Vukasin Pejovic, Ana Grujcic, Darko Mijuskovic, Milena Damjanovic, Dario Cupic** and **Tatjana Scepanovic**), a representative of the media - journalist of RTCG **Isidora Sekulic Soc** and representatives of the Coordination Team, **Radovan Bogojevic** and **Ana Ponos**, visited NATO HQ in Brussels and the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) in Mons, Belgium.



The visit was organised by the Coordination Team for the implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration, with the support of NATO Public Diplomacy Division and the Embassy of Slovenia – NATO CPE.

On Tuesday, 13 September, before their journey, student winners were received by the Head of the Coordination Team, **Dragan Pejanovic** and his

associates. The meeting was attended by **Milena Radenkovic**, representative of the Embassy of Slovenia – NATO CPE.

During their visit to the institutions on 15 and 16 September, the students had the opportunity to learn about NATO operations and missions, about the latest and the upcoming NATO Summit in Lisbon and Chicago, the missions in Afghanistan and Libya, but they also had an opportunity to meet with officials, lecturers, and young interns in NATO who shared their experience in working in this organization.



Also, the students visited the Permanent Mission of Montenegro to NATO, where they were received by the Military Advisor to the Permanent Mission of Montenegro to NATO, Colonel **Vladislav Vlahovic** and where they learned about the work and tasks of the Mission. The winners also visited the Permanent Mission of Montenegro to the EU, and they met with the Ambassador of Montenegro to NATO, **Vesko Garcevic**, who expressed satisfaction with the fact that

young people in Montenegro are interested in such important political issues.

During their visit to SHAPE, the participants learned about the structure of the Supreme HQ and the EU – NATO relations in the area of peacekeeping mission and operations.

16 September

Pejanovic meets Vujovic



Head of the Coordination Team **Dragan Pejanovic** met with the President of the Board of the Centre for Monitoring (CEMI), **Zlatko Vujovic**.

Coordinator Pejanovic informed Vujovic about the past activities and results achieved in the implementation of the Communication strategy, as well as on the forthcoming activities within the new six-month Action Plan. He said that the Coordination Team already has an outstanding cooperation with the NGO sector.



Vujovic stressed the importance of quality public informing on all aspects of NATO, and expressed his

interest in the possibility of involvement in activities that are realized by the Coordination Team, through the work of the CEMI's Department for Euro-Atlantic integration.

It was agreed at the meeting that mutual cooperation of the Coordination Team and CEMI would be established and readiness was expressed to sign the Memorandum of Cooperation in the future.

18 September

Best students of Rhetoric School speak of integration

Video recordings of speeches of the Rhetoric School best of students was organized on 18 September in Podgorica, and students spoke on topics related to Euro-Atlantic integration.

The Rhetoric School lead by professor Radovan Radonjic was organized within the Faculty of Administrative and European Studies, and students have mastered the theoretical knowledge in the rhetoric and practical skills of presenting, debating and negotiating.

Video recordings of speeches will be broadcast through electronic media in Montenegro, with the support of the Coordination Team

20 September

Annual award of FDES goes to Dragan Pejanovic



The opening ceremony of the new academic year was organised at the **Faculty of Administrative and European Studies**, and during the previous year, it was said during the ceremony, the Faculty has established a very important partnership with the **Coordination Team** for implementation of the Communication strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro.

In order to further develop quality and clearly defined foreign policy of keeping mutual partnership at this year's ceremony, the annual awards of FDES was awarded.

The award was given to **Dragan Pejanovic**, Secretary of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Head of the Coordination Team for implementation of the Communication strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro.

The annual award is given to a personality who has, with his/her dedication, friendship and partnership with the Faculty contributed to achieving the FDES vision.

21 September

Successful panel discussion in Berane



The Coordination Team for implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro, the Police Directorate, Municipality of Berane, Association of retired officers of the Interiors and the NGO "Spona" from Berane, organized a panel discussion for citizens of Berane.

The event was attended by the representatives of the local self-government, political parties, NGOs and citizens, representatives of economic and cultural life in the town.

The host of the event was **Vuka Golubovic**, President of the Municipality of Berane, and the speakers were **Miodrag Bobo Radunovic**, Minister of Health, **Sead Frljuckic**, Advisor to the Director of Police, **Zoran Vukadinovic**, Commander of the 3rd Contingent of the Armed Forces of Montenegro in the ISAF Mission in Afghanistan, **Ivan Mandic**, President of the Association of retired officers of the Interiors, and **Mica Bozovic**, Head of the Regional unit of the Police Directorate in Berane.

Head of the Coordination Team, **Dragan Pejanovic**, also provided answers to many questions, at the request of the citizens.

The panel was also attended by local MPs from Berane, **Drago Cantric** and **Fahrudin Hadrovic**.

Minister Radunovic pointed out that the Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro, beside the European integration, is the strategic priority of the Government. "Membership in NATO is seen as a warranty of lasting peace and stability in Montenegro and the Western Balkan countries, and we support the region in its European and Euro-Atlantic integration. Also, the processes of European and Euro-Atlantic integration are considered to be complementary", Minister Radunovic said.



President of the Municipality, **Vuka Golubovic** said that the NATO membership of our country would guarantee the safety of capital, adding that in this case there would be an open door of the markets of NATO member state for explosives factory "Polieks" from Berane, which would provide, he said, new investments and jobs.

Major **Zoran Vukadinovic** conveyed the experiences of our troops from Afghanistan, saying that out of all the schools he graduated from - in Belgrade, Canada, the USA - this was the most important one.

Sead Frljuckic spoke on various aspects of organized crime and terrorist threats in the modern world, that NATO member states have been fighting with.

Ivan Mandic said at the event that new threats have emerged in the world, stating that only the Allied states can provide an adequate response to them. On behalf of the Association he gave full support to the Euro-Atlantic integration of Montenegro.

22 September

Training in Euro-Atlantic integration: Stability, security and development



Two-day seminar Montenegro on its way to NATO was opened in the Human Resources Management Authority with a lecture for state and local servants and employees and MPs of the Parliament of the Capital of Podgorica.

The seminar was the first in a three-month cycle of

Training of state and local servants and employees and local parliamentarians on the Euro-Atlantic integration, organized by the **Human Resources Management Authority** in cooperation with the **Coordination Team for implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration**.

The seminar was opened by **Svetlana Vukovic**, Director of the Human Resources Management Authority and President of the Parliament of the Capital of Podgorica, **Slobodan Stojanovic**, and the guest speakers at the seminar were: Ambassador of Croatia to Montenegro **Petar Turcinovic** and Head of the Sector for international missions and operations, Ministry of Defence of Slovenia and Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro **Aljosa Selan**, as well as Colonel **Mehmedin Tahirovic**, a permanent lecturer at this training.

Conversations on NATO are necessary, especially now, when there is no threatening situations, because decisions should be made at the time when they can be analyzed, said the Ambassador of Croatia **Petar Turcinovic**. He said that one of the most important elements of the Euro-Atlantic integration is "very human", that it can be compared with one of the main tasks of a good family, and that it requires fulfilling three conditions - stability, security and development.

Aljosa Selan said that the importance of the program is not only to discuss the issue Montenegro's NATO and EU membership, but also to discuss the broader issue of the current security situation in the world.

According to him, Slovenia's experiences are very important for Montenegro, because, as he said, these are similar, small, friendly countries, which may play an important role within the new NATO strategic concept.

Stojanovic believes that NATO membership is as important as EU membership, if not, he added, even more important, and pointed out that NATO is a great need of Montenegro and a necessary political and security umbrella, as a pillar of democratic development, prosperity and achievement of national interests of Montenegro, for the generations to come.

Tahirovic said it is particularly important that the organizers are working on the implementation of this training with the neighbours, who, in his words, provide an extensive assistance.

Vukovic said that the success of this training is best explained by the fact that the seminars were in the past period attended by 2.000 participants, and that the guest lecturers were representatives of the diplomatic and consular representatives of international organizations who have contributed to a better understanding of the topic.

23 September

Meeting with the President of the Military Retirees Association



Head of the Coordination Team, **Dragan Pejanovic** and his associates, met on with the President of the Military Retirees Association of Montenegro, **Dragan Tiodorovic**, a retired Colonel.

Coordinator Pejanovic emphasized the importance of the meeting and informing the retirees, as a significant segment of Montenegrin society. He stressed the

importance of establishing cooperation and discussions with military retirees.

Supporting the initiative, President of the Association Dragan Todorovic expressed the readiness of military retirees to contribute to the public debate on this important process for Montenegro.

Together they discussed the modalities of future cooperation through organization of meetings with military retirees with an aim of exchanging opinions on this topic.

28 September

NGO New Horizon: Youth in Integration



NGO New Horizon within the project "Youth in Integration," in cooperation with the Coordination Team and the daily Pobjeda launched a series of five articles in the Albanian language, published by the weekly Koha Javore.

The project "Youth in Integration" is an activity planned in the VIII Action Plan for implementation of the Communication Strategy on Euro-Atlantic integration.

The first article titled *Integrimet evropiane dhe euro-atlantike* was published on **15 September**, and the second article *NATO dhe BE, si funksionojnë* was published on **28 September**. Original articles can be

viewed on www.nato-montenegro.me

29 September

Training for local parliamentarians start this autumn



During **September** Training for state and local servants and employees and local parliamentarians was held through five seminars, 2 in Podgorica, and one each in Bijelo Polje, Pljevlja and Berane.

Guest lecturers were: Ambassador of Croatia to Montenegro **Petar Turcinovic** and Head of the Sector for international missions and operations, Ministry of Defence of Slovenia and Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro **Aljosa Selan**.

The training will be held in future with the involvement of guest speakers from the diplomatic missions in Montenegro, as well as representatives of NATO, EU, OSCE and UN, in the following cities: Bar, Berane, Bijelo Polje, Herceg Novi, Niksic, Pljevlja, Podgorica. Lectures will be held by Colonel **Mehmedin Tahirovic**.

30 September

Introducing NATO member countries

In cooperation with the Coordination Team and the Faculty of Political Sciences, every Monday student Marija Martinovic writes about one NATO member country for the website www.nato-

montenegro.me. The following countries were included in the section Member States in September: **Hungary** and **Italy**.

“NATO-Info” aired on Radio Crna Gora

"NATO-Info" is a half-hour program about NATO, aired on Channel 1 of Radio Crna Gora, and one of the information activities defined by the Action Plan which primarily discusses key NATO topics, with various and numerous guests, and with direct contact with the listeners. It is broadcasted twice a month, on Thursdays, at 10 am. In each programme, spokesperson of the MoD **Tamara Popovic** gives a regular report on the status of our soldiers in the 4th Contingent in the ISAF Mission in Afghanistan.



15 September – Guest of the programme was **Dragan Pejanovic**, Head of the Coordination Team, who spoke on implemented activities from the previous, as well as the activities in the new six-month Action Plan. The program also broadcast a statement of Minister of Defence **Boro Vucinic** about the first official visit to Italy.

29 September – Guest of the programme was Lt. Col. **Bozo Djurovic**, Commander of the delegation of the Armed Forces of Montenegro at the exercise Combined Endeavour 11 which was held in Germany. The programme also aired a report on exercise Decisive Step 02 held in Niksic, 26-30 September 2011.

“Raport” aired on Radio Antena M



"Raport" is a program on Euro-Atlantic integration, defence and army. It is broadcasted twice a month, on Wednesdays at 16 h.

7 September - Topics of this issue were: Gazelle helicopter fall; Visit of Deputy Prime Minister, Defence Minister of Latvia Artis Pabriks to Montenegro; Return of the 3rd contingent from ISAF Mission in Afghanistan; members of the Armed Forces in exercise "Combined Endeavour 11" in Germany.

30 September

"Montenegro and NATO" broadcasted on RTV Atlas



Programme "**Montenegro and NATO**" was recorded in September in the **Navy of Montenegro**, in order to inform the public about the capacities and capabilities of the Armed Forces of Montenegro and the importance of the system of collective security.

Thematic issues "Montenegro and NATO" will present by the end of 2011 the Armed Forces of Montenegro, and they will bring closer to the public the achievements and the reforms in the Armed Forces in meeting NATO standards.