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Background briefing on Stohr

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SUMMARY

Main concepts

- Ten incidents directed against minorities since 13 January, including four assaults and two explosions in pilot project houses (25 January letter from Sir Martin Gurnod to Regard response required by tomorrow)
- Lack of action on the part of the police and civilian authorities to investigate and prevent further incidents
- Non-completion of pilot project of 100 Bosniak returns
- Non-implementation of municipal election results

Recommendations

- Specify high profile intervention on the ground by OHR and other principals
- Consolidated report on obstruction on the part of Mayor Raguz and Stolac Chief of Police to be compiled by the regional offices in Mostar
- Based on details provided in this report, joint denunciations by UNHCR and OHR to President Zubak and the Federation Presidency for the removal of Mayor Raguz
- Also based on the non-compliance report by regional offices, IPTF to withdraw certification of the Chief of Police of Stolac
- Joint investigation into incidents under IPTF lead

BACKGROUND

Recent incidents

Since 13 January there have been 10 incidents relating to Stalac:

Four Aspects

Two Explosions in Pilot Project Area

One Attempted Abduction

Three Freedom of Movement Incidents

Authority Response:

UNCA and IPTF held a meeting on 31.1.98 with representatives of Cantonal Ministry of Interior in Mostar to discuss the incidents. A delegation from this meeting then proceeded to Stolac to meet with Chief of Police and the following measures were agreed upon:

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FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

19.1.98: At approximately 1330 a bus on an assessment visit from Mostar was stoned by five young men. The stones caused damage to one window and caused some additional damage. There were approximately 20 passengers and one woman was slightly injured by shattered glass. IPTF investigating.

25.1.98: At approximately 1430, a Bosnian male driving a vehicle with foreign plates (Netherlands) into Stolac was stopped by two local police, a Bosniak and a Croat, and was allegedly told that if he returned, he would be beaten. (PTF reports that they asked the local police why the man was not allowed to enter Stolac and they replied that the man did not have insurance and ownership papers. Subsequently, the IPTF patrol checked with the complainant and discovered that he had both valid insurance and ownership papers.

28.1.98: (Unconfirmed) At approximately 600, a bus was stoned near Stolac.

EXPLOSIONS

29.1.98: At approximately 2125, a house was blown up in the Pilot Project Area by an unidentified person. The house was unoccupied at the time but suffered extensive damage to the roof and interior. No injuries reported. SFOR and L/P attended spot and are investigating.

30.1.98: At approximately 1900 a second explosion of a house in the Pilot Project Area. The house was occupied by a mother and her daughter but no injuries reported.

General performance of police and civilian authorities

Both Mayor Raguz and the Chief of Police of Stolac have a long history of non-compliance. The implementation of the pilot project of returning 100 Bosniak families is still not completed, more than two years after the set deadline. More recently, deadlines set in Bonn (20 December) and extended in agreement with UNHCR (4 February) have also not been complied with. For the time being, 76 have more or less returned and the most hopeful estimates are that the pilot project will be finalised by the end of the month.

Mayor Raguz has indicated that he is unavailable to the OSCE for discussions on election implementation until 7 February. Two main problems remain to be negotiated: the filling of executive positions and issues related to the municipal statute.

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- Increased foot/vehicle patrols in the Pilot Project area.
- Investigations into these incidents will be certain Bosniak and BCroat investigators.
- Two investigators (BCroat and Bosniak) will be sent from Mostar to Stolac to lead investigation into the two explosions. UNCA reports that these investigators did appear in Stolac today.

Among the ten recent events, the non-issuance of identification documents to Serb returned Pasko Nikolic is perhaps the clearest example of active obstruction by Stolac authorities. With regard to the agreed joint patrolling after intervention by UNCA and IPTF on Saturday, reports from today confirm that Bosniak and Croat police continue to patrol separately.

ASSAULTS

13.1.98 (Reported to IPTF 26.1.98): At 1230, an elderly Bosniak male was cleaning the grave of his wife when approached by two unknown males who proceeded to threaten him. One of the men allegedly struck the Bosniak man in the face, chest and kicked his legs. Later, the same men pointed a pistol at the victim's temple and threatened him not to come back to Stolac or he would be killed. The man was also allegedly told that he should say the same to other Bosniaks because "Stolac is Croatia". LP is investigating.

14.1.98 (Reported to IPTF on 18.1.98): At approximately 1500, a BSerb male at a photography shop near the Pilot Project area was approached by three unknown persons who allegedly asked him whether he was a Serb. When the man replied that he was, he was allegedly assaulted and one of the men displayed a pistol. The man suffered minor injuries as a result of the attack. An IPTF monitor later contacted the victim for further details but he requested that IPTF not pursue the incident. According to OSCE, the same man had held a meeting with the OSCE Human Rights Officer in a coffee shop the day prior to the assault regarding difficulties the man was having acquiring an ID card for himself, with and two daughters. OSCE reports that this family is the only BSerb family to have returned to Stolac since the war.

17.1.98: At approximately 1100, two Bosniak women, now living in East Mostar, were allegedly assaulted by two unknown men while visiting the upstairs of one of the women's pre-war home (now a restaurant). The women had accessed the upstairs of the building by an outside stairway. The two men allegedly followed the women upstairs and asked them what they were doing there. When the women began to explain, the men allegedly hit and kicked them. One of the men then produced a pistol and told the women not to return. Both women suffered minor injuries from the assault. LP investigating.

17.1.98: At approximately 1240, a 60 year old Bosniak woman, resident of the Pilot Project, was on her way to a friend's house to make a telephone call and was assaulted by three unknown men. The men allegedly approached the woman from behind from behind, grabbed her, knocked her to the ground and began kicking her. LP investigating.

ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION

17.1.98 (Reported to IPTF 26.1.98): At approximately 2000, a Bosniak woman was walking toward her house when a grey coloured vehicle approached her. Two men exited the vehicle and a third remained inside. One of the men allegedly grabbed the woman by the arm and pulled her toward the vehicle. The woman broke away and ran to the house of a neighbour. The man got back into the vehicle and drove away. LP investigating.

