



Ministry of Defence of Montenegro in partnership with
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Joint Media Advisory

Ministry of Defence of Montenegro, OSCE and UNDP successfully completed the project “Disposal of Hazardous Toxic Waste”

What: On November 11th 2008 (Tuesday) the representatives of the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro, the Royal Netherlands Embassy, the OSCE Mission to Montenegro and the UNDP Montenegro will meet on the occasion of the successful finalization of their joint project “Disposal of Hazardous Toxic Waste”.

Agenda:

10.00 Official meeting at the Multimedial Hall of the Ministry of Defence (a photo spray with still cameras and video cameras only):

H. E. Mr. Boro Vučinić, Minister of Defence of Montenegro

H.E. Mr Ronald J. P. M. van Dartel, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

H.E. Ambassador Paraschiva Badescu, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro

Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UNDP Resident Representative/UN Resident Coordinator

10:30 A media conference (also at the Multimedial Hall) where the high officials will give statements.

Note: Media representatives will be provided with CDs containing photos and TV editable video footage on the segment of toxic waste disposal that took place in Montenegro.

11.45 H. E. Ambassador Ms Badescu, H. E. Minister Mr. Vučinić, H. E. Ambassador Mr. van Dartel and Mr. Avanesov will visit the Military Base in Danilovgrad where they will witness the cutting of heavy weapons. On this occasion, the British Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Kevin Lyne will hand over the keys of the military trucks, a donation of the UK Government for the needs of further realization of the MONDEM Programme.

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“Disposal of Hazardous Toxic Waste” is a component of Montenegro Demilitarization Project (MONDEM), a joint project of the Montenegrin Ministry of Defence, the OSCE and the UNDP.



Montenegro has a stockpile of over 9,900 tonnes of surplus conventional ammunition that requires destruction, disposal or demilitarization. In this stockpile there was approximately 128 tonnes of toxic hazardous waste (liquid propellant fuel and oxidiser for rockets) and 25.84 tonnes of Napalm that used to present a humanitarian and environmental threat. The toxic waste was stored at the military depot in Pristan, Boka Bay. It was decanted and neutralized by the Swedish firm "SAKAB" and then shipped from the Port of Bar to Gothenburgh, Sweden, where the final disposal is in process this week.

This project was financed by the Government of the Netherlands with \$615.600, and it achieved its aim to dispose of this toxic hazardous waste in a safe, efficient and effective way that complies with all relevant international and EU environmental and safety legislation, and hence to existing international 'best practice'.

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