

Cannons In Old Iron

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MONDEM PROGRAMME RELEASED THAT SO FAR OVER THREE MILLION OF EUROS WERE SPENT, MINISTER VUCINIC ANNOUNCES:

Podgorica- Strategic goal of Montenegro to destroy ammunition surplus is important because of continuation of the reforms of system of defence and aspiration of the state to be integrated into European and Euro-Atlantic society.

According to Minister Boro Vucinic during meeting with representatives of donors of MONDEM programme, reform of defence system was stated as one of the most important assumptions in that road.

Ministry of Defence, UNDP and Organisation for European Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) started realisation of that programme on April 2007, so far half of the overall money out of 6, 2 million of USD, the amount planned for that project, was realised so far. MONDEM Programme is important for Montenegro and I expect donors to continue to support intention to destroy ammunition surplus, stressed Mr. Vucinic.

He added that destroying of ammunition surplus started by cutting hard ammunition and tanks will be continued through destroying of cannons and other surpluses, including funds achieved through selling of the metal waste.

Head of OSCE Mission to Montenegro, Paraschiva Badescu stressed that MONDEM is important for Montenegro, while coming to Podgorica of representatives of donors is very important because of the implementation of the project.

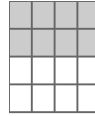
At the same time, it confirms interest and aspiration to support the programme. MONDEM is very difficult and important project, but Montenegro is definitely ready to carry it out in the right manner. However, without your support, it would be very difficult, we could say even impossible, said Ms. Badescu.

This is rather complex, overall and strategic project, not only because we, based upon our reports and insight into situation, can see the results, but because of the future efforts, stressed Mr. Avanesov. German Ambassador Peter Plate said that his country is ready to contribute and support the project, while his colleague from Great Britain Kevin Lyne said that his country took part in realisation of MONDEM since its beginning.

We are about to face destroying of hard ammunition and export of toxic material from Montenegro. Great Britain will contribute to that job by providing 2 hard trucks for transport of ammunition to the location of destroying, stated Mr. Lyne.

Let us remind that the goal of MONDEM is to reduce national ammunition resources from about 11.7 thousand of tonnes to 2.000 tonnes, including reducing of number of the locations for ammunition storing from ten to three, strengthening of the capacities for handling the resources and development of the infrastructure.

The project is under realisation process of Ministry of Defence in partnership with OSCE and UNDP, and it was planned to last till following year. Similar projects have been realised in Belorussia, B&H, Croatia, Georgia, Armenia, Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine.



Iz MONDEM programa do sada utrošeno više od tri miliona eura, ministar Vučinić najavljuje:



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Topovi u staro gvožđe

PODGORICA - Strateški cilj Crne Gore da uništi višak naoružanja važan je zbog nastavka reformi sistema odbrane i želje države da bude integrisana u evropsko i evroatlansko društvo.

Prema riječima ministara odbrane Bora Vučinića, juče je tokom susreta sa predstavnicima donatora MONDEM programa, reforma sistema odbrane na tom putu je jedna od osnovnih pretpostavki.

Ministarstvo odbrane, UNDP i Organizacija za evropsku bezbjednost i saradnju (OEBS) počeli su realizaciju tog

programa u aprilu 2007. godine, a do sada je realizovana polovina novca od ukupno 6,2 miliona američkih dolara, koliko je predviđeno za taj projekat. Program MONDEM značajan je za Crnu Goru, a očekujem da će donatori nastaviti da podržavaju namjeru da se uništi višak naoružanja - istakao je Vučinić.

On je dodao da je uništenje viška naoružanja započelo rezanjem teškog naoružanja, tenkova, a biće nastavljen uništavanjem topova i drugih viškova, kao i sredstva koja se prihoduju po tom

osnovu prodajom metalnog otpada.

Šefica Misije OEBS-a u Crnoj Gori Paraskiva Badesku istakla je da je MONDEM značajan za Crnu Goru, a dolazak predstavnika donatora u Podgoricu veoma važan zbog implementacije projekta.

To ujedno potvrđuje interes i želju za podršku programa. MONDEM je veoma složen i značajan projekat, ali Crna Gora je definitivno spremna da ga sprovede na pravi način. Ipak, bez vaše podrške, to bi bilo veoma teško, čak bi se moglo reći i nemoguće - kazala je Badesku.

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Kako je naveo stalni predstavnik UNDP-a u Crnoj Gori Aleksandar Avanesov, program MONDEM nije samo značajan zbog demilitarizacije, već i zbog promocije principa održivog razvoja, kao i doprinosa razvoju strateških ciljeva Crne Gore.

Ovo je kompleksan, sveobuhvatan i strateški projekat, ne samo iz razloga što mi na osnovu naših izvještaja i uvida u situaciju možemo da vidimo rezultate koji su ostvareni u procesu, već i zbog budućih napora - istakao je Avensov.

Njemački ambasador u Crnoj Gori Peter Plate kazao je da je njegova zemlja spremna da doprinese i podrži projekat, dok je njegov britanski kolega, Kevin Lajn rekao da je Velike Britanije učestvovala u realizaciji MONDEM-a od njegovog početka.

Pred nama je uništavanje teškog naoružanja i izvoz toksičnog materijala iz Crne Gore. Velika Britanija doprinijeće tom poslu obezbjeđenjem dva teška kamiona za prevoz municije do mjesta uništenja - naveo je Lajn.

Podsjetimo da je cilj MON-

DEM-a smanjenje nacionalnih zaliha naoružanja sa oko 11,7 hiljada tona na dvije hiljade tona, kao i smanjenje broja lokacija za skladištenje naoružanja sa deset na tri, jačanje kapaciteta za upravljanje zalihama, kao i razvijanje infrastrukture. Projekat realizuje Ministarstvo odbrane, u saradnji sa OEBS i UNDP, a predviđeno je da traje do naredne godine. Slični programi realizovani su i u Bjelorusiji, Bosni i Hercegovini, Hrvatskoj, Gruziji, Jermeniji, Moldaviji, Tadžikistanu i Ukrajini.

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