

## Ecologically friendly bombs

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Explosives factory Polieks from Berane cannot seem to make a boom. Chance to participate in destroying of suffice weapons financed by USAID, OSCE and USA including few European countries is being disturbed by citizens of Polica, the village where commercial industry for production of plastic explosives is located. Since the beginning of August, villagers have been threatening to block the road into the factory, claiming that destruction of explosives destroys their environment. Next week, an assembly will be organized to make final decision on the manner of their protest. Law suits against Director of Polieks Slavko Vujisić, Assistant Minister of Internal Affairs for Emergencies Zoran Begović have already been written. In them, villagers claim destruction of weapons jeopardized their ecology.

**ECOLOGIC COUNTRY FOR ALL:** After resistance from Borova brda, Župa nikšićka and village Prage, this is the third bigger protest of citizens in Montenegro because leftover explosives are being destroyed in vicinity of their homes. Residents of Police say they are prepared to physically block the entrance to the factory, because they suspect there's a secret plan to destroy all unwanted mines and explosives in Montenegro, right next to their homes – says coordinator of the protest and member of the Local Community Council Ljubiša Đurišić.


- Residents of Polica are determined not to allow shipping in, destroying and firing mines and other explosives from Brezovik near Nikšić into our Polica. If Montenegro is an ecologic country, let it be ecologic for everyone, and not just people in Podgorica and in the south – says Đurišić.

He and his neighbors weren't reassured that there's no danger from explosions during last week's long meeting with Assistant Minister of Internal Affairs for Emergencies Zoran Begović, Director of Polieks factory Slavko Vujisić, Minister of Economy Branko Vujović and President of the Municipality of Berane Vuka Golubović, although they claimed destruction of weapons is both technically and ecologically safe.

Assistant Minister for Emergencies Zoran Begović stated only environment-friendly substances may be destroyed in Polica and that none of Government's capital projects has backdoor activities, especially those that may jeopardize the environment.

- With little success and a lot of suspicion, we still tried to explain residents of Polica that these are substances that, on their current locations, pose threat to other cities, people and environment. We are still trying to explain we need to react quickly to destroy these old and unstable weapons, and that this project is being executed through sponsorship of few developed countries who already gave resources to help us resolve this problem. However, we cannot find a way to reach villagers' understanding. We have been trying to prove that substances destroyed do not have negative effects that may leave any damage to the environment, people or material goods – Begović claims.

Residents of Polica, however, choose not to believe so. They are asking for a study that will evaluate what effect all planned destruction of explosives would have on the environment.

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- We also asked Director of Polieks to show us these papers, but he didn't, although he promised to do so
  - Ljubiša Đurišić is decisive.

President of the Local Community Polica Radoje Sekulić is a bit more subtle: "I believe Mayor of Berane Vuka Golubović would never let anything jeopardize lives and health of residents of Polica. However, Polieks factory must be controlled. We are not against its work, but we need to see this study."

**FAULTY PROJECTS:** Projects for destructions of unwanted weapons and ammunition proved to be lacking quality once again, as analysis of the Nansen Dialogue Center (NDC) claims. This non-governmental organization claims it is more than obvious that Montenegro has a huge problem with surplus of weapons and ammunition and that as state's priority number one, this issue must be resolved urgently.

- It is obvious there are problems in this area, with growing intolerance and citizens' doubt that this business is safe or according to international practices. Doubting that Montenegro can conduct a safe, as environmentally-friendly as possible destruction of surplus weapons is backed up by the fact that ecological organizations now more frequently and louder warn that projects from the area of defense usually do not require the assessment of influence on the environment – says NDC.


- This allegation, as well as villagers' protest, are just not right – says Director of Polieks Slavko Vujisić, claiming that his factory meets all standards for production of explosives, which means they also refer to its destruction capabilities.

- But because residents protested, we also got the permit to do these activities of national importance, so that we could, together with factory for commercial production in Mojkovac, conduct destruction of explosives. And then we presented all this documentation, also in front of the Mayor of Berane and in presence of residents of Polica, but these people don't want to resolve this non-existing issue. We also conducted monitoring and all reports and results indicate environment in Polica isn't polluted, and this will remain so – Vujisić claims.

**RESIDENTS AREN'T CONNOISSEURS:** Vujisić did not wish to comment speculations that may be heard in Berane that someone powerful has his eye on the factory because it is currently managing the multimillion business of destroying weapons and also has the chance to produce explosives once building of the new highway starts. Vujisić is owner of 20% of shares of the company, while Government has 40% and the rest is divided among Polieks employees and citizens.

- We put this factory on its feet. If it would stop working, tens of millions of Euros worth of explosives would have to be imported during next few years – Vujisić stated.

Residents of Polica say they do not mind production, but just uncontrolled destruction of explosive materials, as Ljubiša Đurišić explained: "We never protested against production, but we doubt Polieks smuggles military waste at night, and then destroys it right next to our houses. If they show us these studies, we will be happy".



- All studies that residents requested and all measures of precaution and safety standards will be prepared for their insight – Minister Branko Vujović promised.

- We already gave them everything and we do have all necessary certificates, but villagers don't know how to read them because they don't know this field – Director Vujisić claims.

Residents of Polica don't trust him and announce the blockade of the factory.

**EXPLOSIVES ON TWENTY LOCATIONS:** It is estimated that there are around twenty locations in Montenegro with six to nine thousand tons of explosive. Ministry of Defense earlier stated these substances are located on 13 sites throughout Montenegro. Few years back, they mentioned the number of 12.000 tons of explosive that need to be destroyed. Then warehouse in Vir near Nikšić exploded and precise data on the amount of the excess weapons that remain to be destroyed were never given. One of the latest official information says around 6.000 tons of explosives will have to be destroyed during next few years, while approximately 2 thousand tons may remain in Montenegro.

First contract from the technical agreement between Montenegro and USA was worth 650.000 EUR. The second one to be signed next year will be worth over million Euros. Destruction of unwanted weapons in Polieks factory is being conducted through contract with the Montenegrin Ministry of Defense. The factory is instructed to destroy infantry ammunition and hand grenades, but not chemical weapons, as residents of Polica fear. Destruction of mines and explosives is being conducted under supervision of UNDP experts. Residents of Polica formed their own commission that exercised independent monitoring for a month and then eventually gave up. Local community Polica has around 700 households with approximately 2.000 residents. Polieks factory employs about 30 of them, but increasing of production will demand engaging around ten more people.

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MJEŠTANI POLICE KRAJ BERANA NEĆE EKSPLOZIJE  
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# Ekološki čiste bombe

**B**eranska Fabrika eksploziva *Polieks* nikako da napravi poslovni bum. Šansu da učestvuje u uništavanju viška eksplozivnih sredstava, koju finansiraju USAID, OEBS i SAD sa nekoliko evropskih zemalja, ometaju građani Police, sela u kome je stacionirana namjenska industrija za proizvodnju plastičnog eksploziva. Od početka avgusta oni prijete blokadom puta koji vodi do te fabrike, tvrdeći da im započeto uništavanje eksploziva ugrožava životnu sredinu. Naredne nedjelje organizovaće zbor na kome će donijeti definitivnu odluku o obliku protesta. Tužbe protiv direktora *Polieksa* Slavka Vujisića, ali i protiv pomoćnika ministra MUP-a za vanredne situacije Zorana Begovića već su napisane. U njima tvrde da im je uništavanje eksplozivnih sredstava ugrozilo ekologiju.

**EKOLOŠKA DRŽAVA ZA SVE:** Nakon otpora iz Borovih brda, iz Župe nikšičke i sela Prage ovo je treći veći otpor mještana u Crnoj Gori da im se u blizini kuća uništava zaostali eksploziv. Poličani kažu da su spremni i da fizički blokiraju fabriku, jer sumnjaju da postoji tajni plan da se u blizini njihovih kuća unište svi viškovi minsko-eksplozivnih sredstava koji se nalaze u Crnoj Gori, kaže koordinator protesta i član Savjeta Mjesne zajednice Ljubiša Đurišić.

Poličani spremni da i fizički blokiraju fabriku *Polieks*, jer sumnjaju da postoji tajni plan da se u blizini njihovih kuća unište svi viškovi minsko-eksplozivnih sredstava koji se nalaze u Crnoj Gori

„Poličani su odlučni da ne dozvole dopremanje, uništavanje i ispaljivanje minsko-eksplozivnih sredstava iz Brezovika kraj Nikšića u našu Policu. Ako je ekološka Crna Gora, neka bude ekološka za sve, a ne samo za ljude u Podgorici i na jugu”, kaže Đurišić.

Da postoji opasnost od eksplozija njega i njegove komšije nije razuvjeralo ni prošlonedjeljno višesatno sastančenje sa pomoćnikom ministra MUP-a Zoranom Begovićem i direktorom *Polieksa* Slavkom Vujisićem, te sastanci sa ministrom ekonomije Brankom Vujovićem i predsjednikom opštine Berane Vukom Golubovićem. Svi oni tvrdili su da je uništavanje eksploziva kontrolisano i sa tehničkog i sa ekološkog aspekta, te da bojazni nema mjesta.

Pomoćnik ministra za vanredne situacije Zoran Begović kaže da se na Polici mogu uništavati samo sredstava

bezbjedna za okolinu i da u poslu koji je jedan od kapitalnih projekata Vlade nema niti zakulisnih niti ekološki opasnih radnji.

„Sa malo uspjeha i puno nepovjerenja pokušali smo da mještanima Police objasnimo da su to sredstva koja na lokacijama na kojima se sada nalaze značajno ugrožavaju gradove i okolinu. Pokušavamo objasniti da je potrebno brzo reagovati da bi se to uništilo i da je to projekat koji se realizuje pod pokroviteljstvom pojedinih država koje su dale sredstva da se to uništi. Međutim, ne nailazimo na potpuno razumijevanje mještana. Pokušavamo da im dokažemo da ta sredstva koja se uništavaju nemaju nus proizvode koji mogu da ostave bilo kakvo oštećenje na životnu sredinu, na ljude i na materijalna dobra”, tvrdi Begović.

Poličani, ipak, tome bezrezervno ne vjeruju. Traže elaborat sa procjenom uticaja na životnu sredinu svih planiranih uništavanja eksploziva, kaže Ljubiša Đurišić. „Tražili smo da nam te papire dostavi i direktor, ali i pored obećanja to nije učinio. Ako bude sve ispravno mi ćemo objeručke prihvatiti rad fabrike. U protivnom, ne dozvoljavamo uništavanje ni jednog metka”, kategoričan je Đurišić.

Nešto umjereniji je predsjednik Mjesne zajednice Polica **Radoje Sekulić**: „Vjerujem da gradonačelnik Berana Vuka Golubović nikada ne bi dozvolio da se stanovnicima Police ugroze životi i zdravlje. Ipak, kontrola Fabrike *Polieks* je neophodna. Mi nijesmo protiv toga da fabrika radi, međutim, hoćemo da vidimo taj elaborat”.

**MANJKAVI PROJEKTI:** Projekti uništavanja viškova naoružanja i municije ponovo su pokazali svu manjkavost, tvrdi se i u analizi *Nansen dijalog centra*. Ta nevladina organizacija tvrdi da je više nego evidentno da Crna Gora ima ogroman problem sa viškovima naoružanja i municije, ta da bi se

to kao državni prioritet broj jedan moralo hitno rješavati.

„Očigledno je da u toj oblasti postoje problemi i sve prisutnije nepovjerenje građana da će se taj posao završiti bezbjedno, ali i u skladu sa međunarodnom praksom. Na ruku sumnjama u sposobnost države da se uništavanje naoružanja završi bezbjedno i što manje štetno po životnu sredinu ide i činjenica na koju sve češće i glasnije upozoravaju ekološke organizacije da za projekte

Član Savjeta Mjesne zajednice Ljubiša Đurišić:

„Proizvodnju ne branimo, ali sumnjamo da pod okriljem mraka pokraj naših kuća dovoze i spaljuju vojni otpad. Neka nam dostave elaborate i bićemo mirni”

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iz oblasti odbrane nije potrebno raditi procjenu uticaja na životnu sredinu”, kažu u NDC.

Ta tvrdnja, kao ni pobuna mještana Police, ne stoje, kaže direktor *Polieksa* Slavko Vu-

jusić. Njegova fabrika ispunjava sve standarde za proizvodnju eksploziva, što podrazumijeva, kaže, i standarde za njegovo uništavanje.

„Dodatno smo, baš zbog otpora mještana, pribavili i dozvolu za djelatnost koja je od velikog državnog interesa, da zajedno sa mojkovačkom fabrikom namjenske proizvodnje uništavamo eksploziv. Sva ta dokumentacija je prezentovana i pred gradonačelnikom Berana u prisustvu mještana, ali ti ljudi ne žele da riješimo problem koga i nema. Urađen je monitoring, svi nalazi govore da je na Polici životna sredina nezagađena, a takva će i ostati”, tvrdi Vujisić.

**MJEŠTANI SU LAICI:** Špekulacije, koje se mogu čuti u Beranama, kako je neko moćan bacio oko na firmu, koja u ovom času baš zbog višcemilionskog posla sa uništavanjem eksploziva, ali i proizvodnjom eksploziva kada započne gradnja auto puta, ima posebnu šansu, Vujisić nije želio da komentariše. On je inače vlasnik oko dvadeset odsto dionica firme. Oko četrdeset ima Vlada. Vlasnici ostatka su građani i zaposleni u *Polieksu*.

„Digli smo ovu fabriku na noge. Ako ona ne bi nastavila rad to bi značilo da bi se narednih godina moralo uvesti iz inostranstva na desetine miliona eura vrijednosti plastičnog eksploziva”, kaže Vujisić.

Poličani kažu da se ne protive proizvodnji već samo nekontrolisanom uništavanju eksplozivnih sredstava, odgovara na to Ljubiša Đurišić: „Proizvodnju ne branimo, ali sumnjamo da pod okriljem mraka pokraj naših kuća dovoze i spaljuju vojni otpad. Neka nam dostave el-



Ministar ekonomije **Branko Vujović**: „Mi smo sve predočili mještanima, samo što su oni laici da to protumače”

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„Sve saglasnosti koje mještani traže i sve mjere bezbjednosti i standardi sigurnosti biće primijenjeni”, obećao je Poličanima i ministar Branko Vujović.

„Mi smo im sve predočili i sve imamo, samo što su oni laici da to protumače”, tvrdi direktor Vujisić.

Poličani mu ne vjeruju, najavljuju blokadu fabrike.

**EKSPLOZIV NA DVADESET LOKACIJA:** U Crnoj Gori, procjenjuje se, na oko dvadeset lokacija nalazi se između šest i devet hiljada tona suvišnih minsko-eksplozivnih sredstava. Ministarstvo odbrane saopštavalo je da se ta sredstva nalaze na trinaest lokacija u Crnoj Gori. Prije nekoliko godina pominjana je cifra od dvanaest hiljada tona eksploziva koji je potrebno uništiti. Onda je uslijedila eksplozija skladišta na Viru pokraj Nikšića. Precizni podaci o količini tih sredstava koja su višak i treba da se unište nikada nisu saopšteni. Jedna od posljednjih nezvaničnih informacija govori da će se u narednih par godina uništiti oko šest hiljada tona a da bi u Crnoj Gori moglo da ostane oko dvije hiljade tona minsko-eksplozivnih sredstava.

Prvi ugovor iz tehničkog sporazuma Crne Gore sa SAD bio je “težak” 650.000 eura. Drugi koji bi trebalo da se potpiše naredne godine iznosiće iznad milion eura. Uništavanje viškova naoružanja u fabrici *Polieks* sprovodi se u okviru realizacije ugovora te fabrike i crnogorskog Ministarstva odbrane. Radi se o uništavanju pješadijske municije i ručnih bombi, ali ne i o hemijskom naoružanju, od koga najviše strahuju mještani Police. Delaboracija minsko - eksplozivnih sredstava vrši se uz nadzor stručnjaka iz UNDP-a. Mještani Police formirali su i svoju komisiju koja je oko mjesec dana vršila sopstveni nadzor, ali su od toga odustali. Mjesna zajednica Polica ima oko sedamsto kuća u kojima živi oko dvije hiljade stanovnika. U fabrici *Polieks* radi tridesetak zaposlenih, a sa povećanjem proizvodnje očekivalo se zapošljavanje još desetak ljudi.

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