



MARYLAND - BOSNIA

2003-2013



President: Nebojša Radmanović
Prime Min.: Vjekoslav Bevanda
MoD: Selmo Cikotić
Amb. to US: Jadranka Negodic
US Amb: Patrick Moon
TAG: MG James A. Adkins

NATO member: No

EU member: No

ISAF Pax: 0 (1/1/13)

2012 SPP Engagements: 19

Population: 3.9M (2012 est.)
Area: slightly smaller than West Virginia
Military Expend.: 1.4% GDP (2010 est.)



Photo by U.S. Air Force

Overview

The Maryland-Bosnia Partnership was established in 2003 and has become integral to Bosnia and Herzegovina's post-war military integration and in their ongoing NATO accession process. The current focus is on a joint-deployment to Afghanistan, AT exchanges with key BiH units, and supporting BiH's NATO Partnership for Peace goals.

Partnership History

- War ended in 1995 with Dayton Accord signing (still the constitutional document), army integrated in 2006
- BiH given conditional NATO Membership Action Plan (MAP) in 2010 (have not met condition on defense property)
- The Armed Forces are the most integrated, most effective national institution, but have been negatively affected by the political tumult.
- Bosnia and Herzegovina is unique in the European AOR in its internal political paralysis due to fundamental differences between its constituent "ethnicities" over what the country should look like. Though conflict is unlikely, in its current state, BiH is "virtually ungovernable" with no sign of agreement on reforms necessary to change that.

Partnership History

Way forward

- See through an embedded-deployment between MDNG Military Police and AFBiH Military Police (Staff Officers and PSD)
- Expand the Unit Level Exchanges occurring between AFBiH and MDNG during unit ATs (increasing US-BiH interoperability)
- Look to expand "whole-of-government" cooperation (i.e. Intl. Relations/Security Studies student exchanges)[3]

2013 Planned Events

- Multiple TCTs based on BiH PARP goals
- Expanded slate of ULFs, at least 1 occurring in BiH



Photo by Capt. Elizabeth Culberson



"With its emphasis on civil and military cooperation, the SPP has allowed the Maryland National Guard to play a key role in promoting democracy and encouraging market economies in our two partner states of Estonia and Bosnia-Herzegovina." - Maj. Gen. Bruce Tuxill, former Adjutant General, Maryland National Guard

