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History and Tradition

Peacekeeping Operations Center (PKOC) of the Serbian Armed Forces (SAF) was founded in 2003. As an integral part of former Yugoslavia, the Republic of Serbia has had a long tradition of participating in UN missions. Yugoslav Armed Forces were first engaged in 1956, when they were deployed as part of the UN forces in Sinai. More than 14,000 soldiers participated in this mission, in 22 rotations, from 1956 to 1967. Until 1993 over 18,000 members of Yugoslav Armed Forces participated in UN missions. From 2002 SAF have taken part, again, as significant troop contributor of the UN missions. Even more, from 2012 SAF also joined EU – led missions, continuing the tradition of contributing to international peace and security.

Purpose

Peacekeeping Operations Center is an organizational unit of the Serbian Armed Forces, which has a primary role in selection, pre-deployment training, preparations of individuals and teams for all types of peace operations, deployment, monitoring, coordination and control of engaged personnel, and logistic support and sustainment in multinational operations. In addition, PKOC, with its subordinate unit (Peacekeeping operations training center PKOTC), participates in selection, training and preparations of units for peacekeeping operations.

International cooperation

PKOC is a member of the International and European Associations of Peace Operations Training Centers (IAPTS and EAPTC) and associated member of the European Security and Defense College. PKOC has developed regional cooperation in the sense of instructors exchange with partner

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training centers and is open for cooperation with training institutions worldwide.

Certification

PKOC holds certificates for the UN Protection of Civilians Course, UN Staff Officers Course and UN Military Observers Course.



Tasks

- Selection, pre-deployment training and preparations of individuals and teams for deployment to MnOp
- Participation in selection, training and preparations of units for MnOp
- Deployment, monitoring, coordination and control of activities of engaged members of the Serbian Armed Forces in MnOp outside borders of the Republic of Serbia
- Conducting Courses, Seminars and Workshops in the field of MnOp
- Participation in the evaluation of units for MnOp
- Participation in the drafting of a normative legal framework for participation in MnOp
- Cooperation with international and national entities in order to exchange ideas and experiences from MnOp
- Coordinating logistic support and sustainment of individuals, teams and units engaged in MnOp



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Courses

Courses are offered to all UN member states, through Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the United Nations and through bilateral military cooperation arrangements.

1. UN Protection of Civilians Course (international)
2. UN Staff Officers Course (international)
3. UN Military Observers Course (international)



For the different mission-specific requirements, PKOC continually designs different Programs for Pre-deployment Training.



Resources

PKOC will use following infrastructure:

- Command and administrative ,
- Training and education facilities,
- Accommodation facilities,
- Areas for social and sports activities.



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