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Foreword

The CIMIC messenger role is to inform the CIMIC family and our civilian partners on relevant and current issues within the world of civil military interaction and CIMIC.

CCOE has in 2013 chosen to focus on national approaches on CIMIC and related concepts focusing on our Sponsoring Nations and US Civil Affairs. But CCOE also encouraged other nations, representatives etc. to provide similar inputs using the "CIMIC Messenger" as a platform to convey the information.

This fifth issue will focus on CIMIC from a Hungarian point of view informing on the development of CIMIC capability in Hungary.

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THE BEGINNING.....

After Hungary joined NATO in 1999, the establishment of the civil-military capability within the Hungarian Defence Forces (HDF) was required, in accordance with the expectations of the Alliance and the 21st century. As a result of several negotiations with NATO, the HDF Civil-Military Cooperation Centre (HDF CMCC) - as a tactical level CIMIC unit - was established on 1 July 2003 in Budapest with 20 officers, Non-commissioned officers (NCOs) and civilians, containing one CIMIC Team.

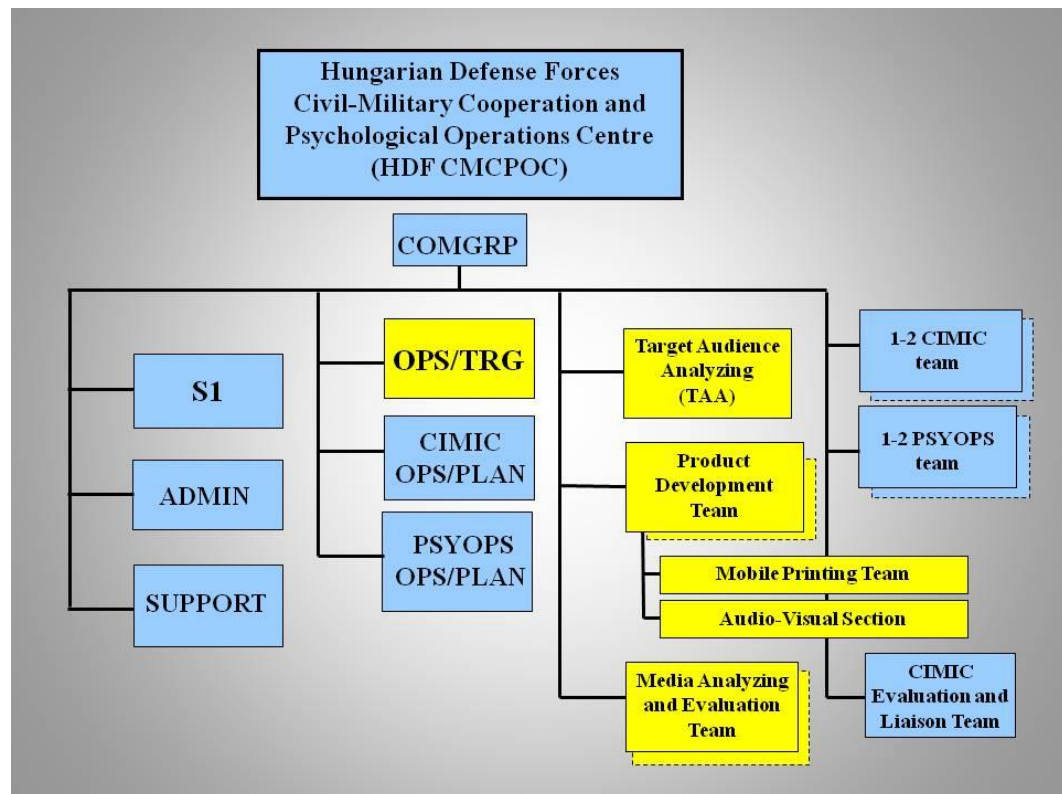
The Centre started working under dual subordination due to the fact that it was assigned to the HDF Joint Logistic and Support Command, but the professional control was exercised by the Chief of Defence Staff, Operations and Training Directorate (CoDS OTD). As it was laid down in the charter of the unit, its core duty was to conduct civil-military tasks, mainly in missions abroad, to provide support to HUN National Contingents deployed in mission areas and to ensure CIMIC support according to NATO requirements.

Right after the foundation of the Centre, the tasks of the first few months were doubled. Beside the logistic and administrative work, the personnel had to complete a CIMIC Course of 300 lectures held by the CIMIC staff of CoDS OTD. In December 2003, the HDF CIMIC Centre executed a two week-long training for the CIMIC Functional Specialists (22 persons).

After reaching Full Operational Capability (FOC) on 31 December 2003, the unit continued its training focusing on practical issues, participated at international exercises dedicated to NATO Response Force (NRF) and a 10 persons CIMIC Team started its NRF 3 standby duties from July 2004.

EXPANDED WITH PSYOPS.....

By 1 May 2004 the second CIMIC Team was established within the Centre and the manning was raised to 33 persons. As the defence reform continued, the HDF CIMIC Centre's tasks were expanded with another new capability of the Hungarian Defence Forces which was psychological operations (PSYOPS). The HDF CMCC was transformed into HDF Civil-Military Cooperation and Psychological Operations Centre (HDF CMCPOC) on 1 July 2004.



Structure of the HUN CIMIC and PSYOPS Centre



The CIMIC Assessment and Liaison Team was founded, the two CIMIC Teams remained, as the new capability's elements the PSYOPS Assessment, Training Team and two battalion support PSYOPS Teams were formed.

In addition to the different trainings conducted in Hungary and the previously mentioned CIMIC Course our CIMIC professionals participated at several CIMIC tactical and operational courses and exercises in order to gain more information, experience and to broaden their professional knowledge of CIMIC.

MISSION EXPERIENCE...

In accordance with Hungary's NATO commitment HDF CMCPoc began to take part in missions:



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When	Where	Function	Mission
2004 - 2005	Babylon, Iraq	G9 staff officer	Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)
2004 - 2006	Kabul, Afghanistan	3 rd Battle Group staff officers	International Security Assistance Force (ISAF)
2008	Prishtina, Kosovo	HQ staff officers	Kosovo Force (KFOR)
2008 - 2011	Pec, Kosovo	Multinational Brigade - West, CIMIC Team/staff officers	KFOR
2009	Pec/Prishtina, Kosovo	RLMT-W/JRD-C Liaison Monitoring Teams	KFOR
2010	Kabul Afghanistan	International Airport, staff officers	ISAF
2010	Mazar-e-Sharif, Afghanistan	Regional Command North, staff officers	ISAF
2004-...	Hungary, (stand by)	NRF 1 CIMIC Team	on demand
2006 - 2013	Baghlan, Afghanistan	HUN PRT, CIMIC/PSYOPS Team	ISAF

In the PRT in Pol-e Khomri Afghanistan, the major mission of the HDF, the CMCPoc manned a S9 Section the provide CIMIC/PSYOPS/INFOOPS support to the commander. Until Hungary withdrew its PRT from Baghlan province in Afghanistan the CIMIC experts gained a huge amount of experience conducting liaison tasks, supporting the civil environment and the allied force.

The S9 section cooperated with numerous International Organizations (IOs), Governmental Organizations (GOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) (i.e. United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Hungarian Baptist Aid, Ministry of Exterior, etc.) on a regular basis during the seven years of mission to ensure a safer environment for the HUN PRT in Afghanistan.



Women Affairs (HUN PRT)



Celebration with locals (HUN PRT)

The second largest mission of the HDF, the HUN KFOR Contingent was also supported by a CIMIC Team to gain more acceptance and recognition from the local population and the authorities.



Weekly meeting (OSCE, KFOR, UNMIK, EULEX)

Due to the phase of the mission KFOR decided to decrease the number of CIMIC assets and developed the Liaison Monitoring Team (LMT) concept to have an early warning system and to build a liaison

structure for the mission with all the civil actors of Kosovo.

Hungary run two LMTs - presently one - also manned by the HDF CMCPOC to execute the most important core function of CIMIC, liaison.



Pulse patrol – liaison – in Pec/Peja

ANOTHER LEVEL...

On 1 January 2007 the Civil-Military Relations Branch (HDF JFC J9) was established within the structure of the HDF Joint Force Command as the operational level organisation.



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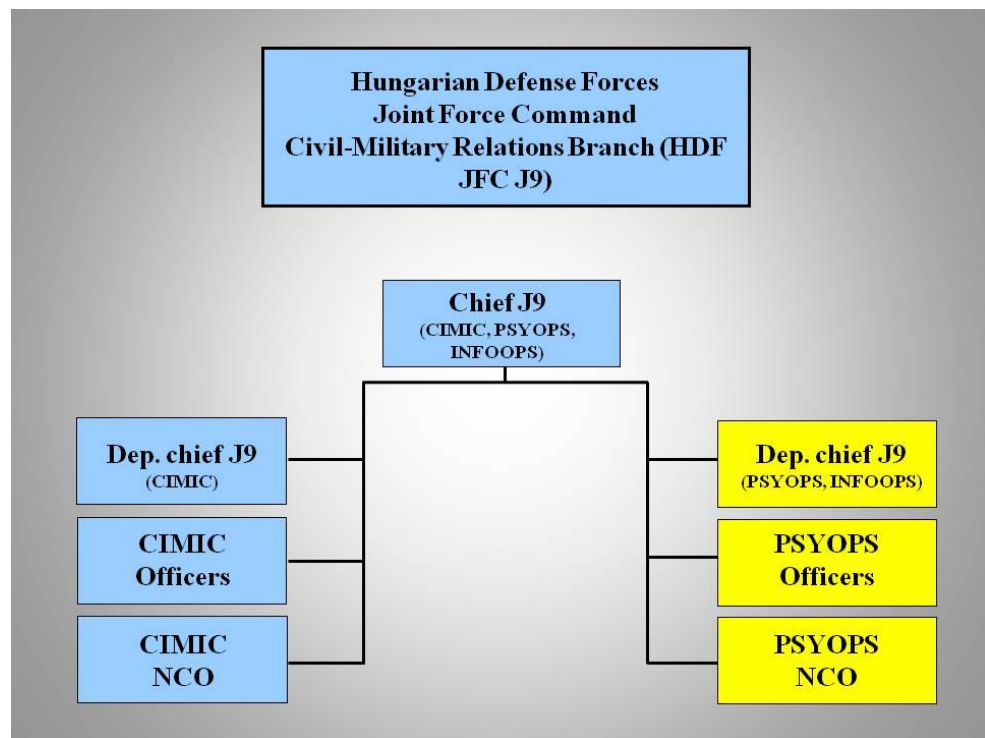
Due to the distinctive structure of the Hungarian Ministry of Defence (MoD) there is no dedicated directorate for this task on the highest level, therefore the HDF JFC J9 is also responsible for the strategic level tasks of CIMIC and PSYOPS.



The HDF CMCPPOC has been placed under the command of the HDF JFC J9. Presently J9 is responsible for the doctrine and policy development for each field, it controls the selection for the mission rotations, the execution of pre-deployment training and the CIMIC, PSYOPS tasks in missions.

After the ratification of AJP 3.4.9 HDF JFC J9 has developed the HUN CIMIC doctrine which is under national approval process and according to plans will be published later this year. The new Hungarian doctrine is based on mission experiences (ISAF, KFOR) and shows Hungary's commitment to the Comprehensive Approach concept by employing and acknowledging the involvement of civil organizations to the planning process of national missions such as civil emergency operations. Since 2012 dedicated INFOOPS assignments have been created within the frame of HDF JFC J9.

Taking serious steps to join the international CIMIC community, on 26 February 2004 Hungary signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of CIMIC Group South which has changed its name to Multinational CIMIC Group in 2009. Hungary provided one staff officer to MNCG HQ 2005-2012. Hungary is a Sponsoring Nation of CCOE and provides one staff officer to its Concepts, Interoperability and Capability (CIC) Branch since May 2010. HUN CIMIC personnel have cooperated with the Polish, German and French CIMIC Centres and NATO Rapid Deployable Corps (NRDC) Italy.



Structure of HUN JFC J9

All the experiences that were gained from all missions, but mostly from the PRT and KFOR ensured a strong base for the HDF CMCPPOC to organise several international CIMIC and ISAF PRT CIMIC Courses in the past. To comply with the CCOE new Training and Education (T&E) landscape, the Centre will also host a NATO CIMIC Field and Staff Worker Course in Budapest in the second half of 2013 and aspires to become a more active contributor as an „extended arm” for CCOE T&E effort in Central Europe.



Hungarian Defence Forces



CCOE's Advanced Cultural Approach.

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- Physical dimension
- Economic dimension
- Social dimension
- Political dimension
- Identity dimension



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