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Introduction

- ◆ National security for every country is a goal that must be achieved on a daily basis. It is also a precondition for a safe and secure life of citizens.
- ◆ Montenegro has been forming its national security system since the restoration of statehood in 2006.
- ◆ National Security is the security system of Montenegro, composed of bodies and services that in an efficient and effective manner, in accordance with positive regulations, perform the prevention, management, peaceful resolution and suppression of all forms of threats and risks to state and national interests.
- ◆ The system and structure of national security of Montenegro are defined by the framework of the legal order of the state, namely: the National Security Strategy and the Defense Strategy of Montenegro.

Crimes of violence in the family or in the family community



- ◆ In 2019, 281 criminal offenses of domestic and family violence were registered, as well as 41 criminal offenses, which are related to domestic violence. 305 criminal charges were filed with the competent prosecutor's offices, against 329 persons, of which 273 were male (of which 2 were minors) and 56 were females (of which 2 were minors). Among the perpetrators of criminal offenses, 40 persons were previously prosecuted in the commission of these criminal offenses.
- ◆ The victims of criminal offenses of domestic and family violence are 340 persons, of whom 223 are women (among the victims are 21 male and 49 female minors).
- ◆ Pursuant to the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence, 1819 (1791) misdemeanors were registered, for which 1548 (1543) misdemeanor charges were filed against 1676 (1680) perpetrators, of which 1310 were males (24 minors) and 1 366 females (4 minors).
- ◆ 265 returnees were registered in the commission of offenses. The victims of the committed offenses are 1843 (1822) persons, of which 1141 are females and 702 males (among the victims are 297 minors).



- ❖ During the reporting year, 5 fatal crimes were registered, related to domestic violence: 2 aggravated murders, committed in Cetinje, (in one case a brother killed a brother - a foreign citizen; in another son killed mother); 1 criminal offense of aggravated murder, committed in Rozaje (ex-wife set fire to the house, as a result of which her ex-husband and his partner were killed); the criminal offense of murder, committed in Niksic (son committed murder of his mother, after which he committed suicide) and 1 criminal offense of murder, committed in Bar (wife committed murder of his wife, both citizens of Kazakhstan).
- ❖ Police officers sent 27 (41) female victims to the shelter, with whom 19 (31) minors were also sent.



Repression of attacks on media representatives and their property



- ❖ In 2019, 5 criminal offenses to the detriment of journalists and media property were registered, of which 4 were resolved. Criminal charges covered 3 persons due to the existence of a well-founded suspicion that they had committed the criminal offense of endangering security.
- ❖ On 8.7.2019. SA, a journalist from ND "Vijesti" - a correspondent from Ulcinj reported to the employees of OB Ulcinj that he had read a comment on the portal "Vijesti" referring to his text regarding the event - a religious gathering, which took place in Svac, Ulcinj, and that he feels personal and family danger due to the threats made in that comment.
- ❖ On 7/19/2019 SA, journalist of ND "Vijesti" - a correspondent from Ulcinj reported to the officers of OB Ulcinj that he received by mail a letter from SD, who is serving a prison sentence in Spuz, in which he expresses his condolences to his brother, and given that that his brother was alive, the journalist understood the content of the text as a provocation and a threat to his personal safety
- ❖ Group for the Suppression of High-Tech Crime Crimes for Further Proceedings. In 2019, the attack on the farmer O.L., which took place on May 8, 2018, was shed light on. in Podgorica. By undertaking police and prosecutorial activities, operative data were obtained, which indicated that an organized criminal group was behind this attack, and a certain number of members were not available to the investigative bodies of Montenegro.

SECURITY SITUATION AND RESULTS BY FIELDS OF WORK

- ◆ The Police Directorate, in accordance with the responsibilities and priorities set in 2019, has undertaken activities to ensure a favorable security situation, prevention and detection of criminal offenses, especially unsolved murders and attempted murders, as well as attempted murders and attempted explosive devices with mortal property, other illegal conduct, which disturbed the citizens of the public.
- ◆ Activities have been undertaken to improve the functioning, improve the situation and results, legality and transparency in all areas of policing, implementation of strategic documents, commitments and recommendations, as well as other activities important for efficient functioning and overall security.
- ◆ Intensive activities are in the fight against organized crime, especially in fight against organized criminal groups operating in the territory of Montenegro, which was a priority in the work of the Police Directorate.
- ◆ One of the priorities was to ensure a favorable security situation at the state border and to improve the results in the fight against crossborder crime, especially drug trafficking and illegal migration, protection of foreign individuals and individuals whose security is protected, as well as facilities of special importance.





- ❖ Significant activities have been undertaken to implement the priorities set by the Work Program of the Government of Montenegro, the implementation of measures and the negotiation chapters 23 and 24, the improvement of cooperation with state prosecutors and other entities in the security system, regional police and international organizations and security agencies. Activities have been undertaken to improve the transparency of work, improve the organization and functioning, strengthen the capacity of police officers and the material and technical equipment of the police. Significant activities were realized within the framework of international cooperation and cooperation with citizens, non-governmental organizations, state and other bodies and institutions.
- ❖ The security situation in Montenegro in 2019, according to the largest number of parameters, was favorable. The number of fatally injured persons from traffic accidents, accidental deaths and beings prevented from illegally crossing the state border has been reduced. The number of suicides has also decreased. The number of deaths from criminal offenses, the number of traffic accidents and the number of offenses for which public order and myth were committed have increased
- ❖ Despite the increase in the number of registered most serious crimes against the body and the body, the results of their elucidation are more significant. Although the number of offenses prosecuted ex officio has increased, the results of the coverage of these offenses have improved compared to 2018. The number of attempted homicides and fatalities, as a possession of criminal offenses, has decreased compared to last year's period.



JUVENILE DELINQUENCY



- ◇ In 2019, 472 criminal offenses were registered, committed by 367 juveniles. Statistically speaking, juvenile delinquency is on the rise, by 15.8% compared to 2018.
- ◇ Of the total number of reported offenders, juveniles make up 10%.
- ◇ The most common perpetrators are older minors (16-18 years) 58.5%, then younger minors (14-16) 33.5%, and finally children 7.9% of the total.
- ◇ Juveniles are most often perpetrators of crimes against property (59), then crimes against life and body (43), crimes against public order and peace (6), crimes against public transport safety (7), then crimes against Freedom and human rights. (14), criminal offenses against human health, and in connection with drugs (4), criminal offenses against family and marriage (5), and other criminal offenses e.g. against full freedom, etc.
- ◇ Juveniles often appear as victims, in 2019. Crimes directly pointed against older juveniles (109), younger juveniles (62) and children (143).
- ◇ According to them, the following criminal offenses were most often committed - against marriage and family (60), life and body (50), sexual freedom (22), safety of public transport (84).

POLICE CONTRIBUTION TO CRIME PREVENTION



- ◆ 2038 requests were processed by: citizens (784), state bodies (331), local self-government (257), business entities (222), NGOs (61), public institutions (24) and other entities (159). 246 requests were submitted to: local self-government bodies (165), state bodies (36), economic entities (2), NGOs (1), public institutions (31) and other entities (11). 107 requests were resolved.
- ◆ In cooperation with the administrations of primary and secondary schools, lectures on "Prevention of peer violence and the use of narcotics" were held in 76 primary and secondary schools for 4400 students.
- ◆ The activity of the traffic safety class was performed, where students in the city primary schools, as well as certain suburban departments, were introduced to the basic traffic safety measures, as well as to the part of the equipment and technical means available to the traffic police.
- ◆ 12,500 class schedules were printed in the Montenegrin language, with educational messages.
- ◆ Tourists who come to Montenegro, by handing out promotional flyers, were pointed out the most common causes of traffic accidents (non-compliance with speed limits, improper overtaking, fatigue and driving under the influence of alcohol).

PREVENTION OF MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM FINANCING

- ◆ The Parliament of Montenegro adopted the Law on Draft Amendments on the Law on Prevention, Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism in 2019.
- ◆ The law states that the Financial-Intelligence Unit is independent in the exercise of authority in the performance of tasks, as well as in making decisions.
- ◆ During 2019, a total number of 400 cases were opened regarded to: reported suspicious transactions, at the initiative of other State Authorities, as well as on the requests received from Foreign-Financial Intelligence Services.
- ◆ The Department for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing is being transferred to the Police Department, and in that period there has been a significant increase on the number of open cases.





- ❖ The Sector for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (SSPNFT) has issued a total of 9 orders to banks for the temporary suspension of the transaction, and also on that occasion 7,657,010 euros were blocked.
- ❖ By April 2019 SSPNFT has achieved the exchange of financial intelligence at the international level through the EGMONT secured platform.
- ❖ On April 17, 2019 the Financial Intelligence Service has lost the status of a member of EGMONT and by that, the international exchange of data through the EGMONT platform was disabled.
- ❖ In December 2019, SSPNFT submitted a request for re-admission in the membership to the EGMONT Secretariat. The procedure is currently ongoing.
- ❖ Operational agreements for the exchange of financial intelligence data were signed with the FOS of Cyprus, Serbia, Slovenia, Northern Macedonia and Kosovo.



DRUG TRAFFICKING

- ❖ There had been discovered 297 criminal offenses related to opiate drugs or narcotics, 261 of them are qualified as unauthorized production, possession and distribution of narcotics into the market, and remaining 36 are qualified as the use of opiate drugs or narcotics.
- ❖ For criminal offenses committed to the State Prosecutor's offices, 253 criminal charges were filed against 308 persons.
- ❖ In the structure of registered persons, 273 citizens of Montenegro and 35 foreign citizens are registered. Among the reported persons, there are 57 persons, who were previously prosecuted for committing criminal offenses, or in percentage 18.5% of the total number of registered persons in committing of these criminal offenses.



- ◈ Also, there are 14 juvenile perpetrators of these criminal offenses registered.
- ◈ In 1397 seizures of illegal drugs by the police, over 2.4 tons were found and seized.
- ◈ Also, 8363 pieces of illegal synthetic and pharmaceutical products were seized.
- ◈ In joint international investigations, outside the territory of Montenegro, 39 kg of cocaine (Italy) and 1 ton of marijuana (Croatia, Germany) were seized.
- ◈ Due to committed criminal offenses - 1071 (813). According to the Law on the Prevention of Drug Abuse, 1,071 criminal charges were filed against 1,105 persons.



General data on crime trends from 2018.



- ◆ In the reporting year, crime increased by 62.20% compared to the previous year.
- ◆ Namely, in 2018, a total of 4,094 criminal charges were filed against adults, minors and unknown persons, while in 2017, a total of charges were filed against 2,524 persons.
- ◆ As for the crime against adults, which was decided in the actual territorial jurisdiction of this prosecutor's office, it can be noticed that in the reporting year he was also in trouble. Namely, in 2018, 2,360 persons or 29.38% more persons were registered compared to the previous year (1,824 persons).
- ◆ Juvenile delinquency participates in the total number of reports in the percentage of 3.3% (and in 2017 7.18%). In the reporting year, the number of registered persons increased by 3.05%. Namely, in 2018, 135 minors were registered, and in the previous year, 131 persons.

Report on the work of the Basic State Prosecutor's Office for 2020.

- ◆ The Basic State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica performs its function in the area of actual and territorial jurisdiction of the Basic Court in Podgorica and the Basic Court in Danilovgrad. For the prosecution of perpetrators of criminal offenses as well as other tasks determined by law in accordance with the Rulebook on Framework Criteria for Determining the Required Number of State Prosecutors, Civil Servants and State Employees in the State Prosecutor's Office are systematized positions for twenty state prosecutors. Pursuant to the Rulebook on Internal Organization and Systematization of the Basic State Prosecutor's Office and Podgorica, jobs were systematized for 20 executors.
- ◆ The Basic State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica regularly informed the public about its work and continuously improved cooperation with the media and other interested publics, both through regular activities and by establishing cooperation at meetings held as needed. In this way, the Basic State Prosecutor's Office in Podgorica increased the transparency of its work, which is the result of continuous public relations trainings attended by several state prosecutors from this prosecutor's office during the year. Also, state prosecutors from this prosecutor's office have significantly contributed to the development of the new Communication Strategy of the State Prosecutor's Office 2020-2022.

Summary

- ◆ Montenegro is geographically, historically, culturally and geopolitically part of Europe and the developed world. It is a point at the junction of roads and challenges from the west and the east. These challenges can be multiple, and security deserves special attention. Many times in history, Montenegro has faced such challenges, and today it bears the burden of fighting them and with itself.
- ◆ We must never again allow our country to be part of the security problem of the region and the world. We must not allow that burden to distract us from a secure and safe future. We should build such a future on the foundations of cooperation, protecting ourselves and our interests, and helping others.
- ◆ We must all work together so that the global prism through which we look at Montenegro always gives the image of a country in which future generations will live safely, securely and with a chance for progress and a better life.

Thank you for your attention!

