

REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Assembly of the Municipality of Mostar

Municipal Crisis Headquarters

No: 427/92

Date: 29 Apr 92

D E C I S I O N

Pursuant to the Order of the Republic Headquarters of Civil Defense and the Resolution of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina passed on 4 Apr 92 and 10 Apr 92 and the Decision on Proclaiming the Immediate Threat of War in the Territory of the Municipality of Mostar No: 1/92 of 9 Apr 92, and the Decision on the Withdrawal of the JNA Units from the Territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina passed by the Presidency of the Republic of BiH on 27 Apr 92, the Crisis Headquarters of the Municipality of Mostar, proceeding from the fact that the Municipality of Mostar is under partial occupation by units of the so-called Yugoslav People's Army and the paramilitary formations which are cooperating with it in armed action against the civilian facilities and are, at the same time, looting commercial establishments and family homes and taking prisoner the inhabitants of this Municipality, as well as the fact that the so-called JNA and other paramilitary formations cooperating in action with it do not recognize the legitimate and legal authorities of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina or of the Municipality of Mostar, passes the following

D E C I S I O N

I

The so-called Yugoslav People's Army and other paramilitary formations which are cooperating with it in action are proclaimed to be the enemy and occupation formations in the territory of the Municipality of Mostar.

II

The Croat Defense Council - Municipal Headquarters Mostar and members of the Ministry of Interior - Mostar Center shall be entrusted with the protection and defense of the city of Mostar against the formations described in Article 1.

III

The Croat Defense Council shall consist of the members of Moslem and Croat peoples and the members of other peoples and minorities who recognize the legal authorities of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and profess allegiance to them.

The Moslems may form their own armed formations which shall be placed under the unitary command of the HVO Municipal Headquarters Mostar.

IV

The ethnic structure of the command personnel of the Croat Defense Council shall match the ethnic structure of soldiers on active duty.

When forming new defense forces, the command personnel shall be represented on the parity principle. This provision shall apply to forces formed after 1 May 92.

V

The task of the Croat Defense Council - Municipal Headquarters Mostar shall be the liberation of the entire territory of the municipality. In order to carry out the foregoing task, the Croat Defense Council - Municipal Headquarters Mostar shall coordinate with other defense forces from neighboring municipalities.

The Croat Defense Council - Municipal Headquarters Mostar shall form and organize its armed forces which shall guarantee peace, freedom and security to the citizens.

The military police shall perform this function.

VI

In order to perform the judicial function in the domain of the Laws of War, the Croat Defense Council - Municipal Headquarters Mostar shall establish and form, and organize the work of the Military Prosecutor's Office and the Military Court for the territory of the Municipality of Mostar.

The ethnic structure in these institutions shall reflect the ethnic structure of soldiers on active duty.

VII

When the circumstances so warrant, the Croat Defense Council - Municipal Headquarters Mostar shall coordinate with the Municipal Crisis Headquarters, the Ministry of Interior and other legal authorities of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to defend the Municipality of Mostar.

The questions of common interest shall be resolved at joint sessions of the Crisis Headquarters of the Assembly of the Municipality of Mostar and the Croat Defense Council, Municipal Headquarters Mostar.

All documents for movement of people and goods shall be issued by the Croat Defense Council - Municipal Headquarters Mostar.

VIII

The Crisis Headquarters of the Municipality of Mostar shall establish as soon as possible the temporary Executive Council which will ensure the functioning of the government bodies of the Assembly of the Municipality of Mostar.

IX

All other questions and political decisions regarding the competency of the decisions passed by legal authorities of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall be regulated after cessation of hostilities i.e. liberation of the Municipality of Mostar and creation of conditions for normal functioning of legal authorities.

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