

United States Government Financed Reconstruction of Schools in Brcko

Representatives of the Office for Defense Co-operation (ODC) from the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo visited Brcko District of BiH today, for a tour of projects completed with ODC donations. The chief of ODC Major David Galles visited the Brcko Economic School and the First Primary School, and met with the head of the District Government Education Department, Mr. Esad Atic, and OHR Brcko Deputy Head of Office, Mr. Gerhard Sontheim.

In the year 2002, ODC funded a project comprising two parts: reconstruction of the First Primary School and reconstruction of the Economic School. The value of the project was 400,000 KM.

"I am glad that the United States Government could help out in rebuilding these schools. What has been done here in Brcko as far as integration is a shining example for all of Bosnia. When one sees projects like these, it really shows a sense of accomplishment, not only for the students of Brcko District, but also for Bosnia. It is great to see that we could put the needs of the children first," said Major Galles.

Major Galles announced that the Office for Defense Cooperation is currently looking into possibilities to support future projects in Brcko District.

During the past three years ODC funded five projects in the Brcko District, in schools and the hospital. The total value of these investments was 850,000 KM. These projects were selected and implemented in co-ordination with the OHR Brcko.