

# **Brcko Multi-Ethnic Police**

On Saturday, 3 January, at 12:00, UNIPTF will host a ceremony in front of the local Brcko police station to mark commencement of the work of the Brcko Multi-Ethnic police.

The new multi-ethnic police in Brcko began operation on 31 December 1997 in accordance with the Supervisory order on the formation of a multi-ethnic police force in the RS Municipality of Brcko. The 230 police officers who make up the force have all gone through the IPTF certification process.

At the ceremony, IPTF Commissioner Manfred Seitner will, on behalf of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, formally hand over 22 new patrol cars, 5 computers and other equipment to the local Brcko police department.

Drawing on a generous contribution of the Japanese Government, IPTF purchased these vehicles and equipment valued at approximately US\$250,000.

This will be followed by the reception hosted by Brcko Supervisor Robert W. Farrand at the OHR building. This reception is in honour of the newly appointed officials of the multi-ethnic administration, judiciary, and police force in the Republika Srpska Municipality of Brcko.

The newly appointed officials, dignitaries of Republika Srpska and the International Community, and members of the international and national press have been invited to attend both events.

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