

OHR's Statement at the International Agencies' Joint Press Conference

High Representative Meets Police

The High Representative Paddy Ashdown will today visit Doboj where he'll meet police officers and their families. The High Representative will hear their views on police reform, in light of the publication of the recommendations of Chairman of the Police Reform Commission's report last week.

The report recommends establishing a single structure for policing that, if implemented, is designed to provide the citizens of BiH with a more effective and responsive police force that is financially sustainable and free from political interference. Police restructuring is also a requirement for moving towards a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the EU. Currently, BiH police forces are fragmented and limited in movement leaving enough space and time for criminals to operate.

In Doboj, the High Representative will tour the police premises, and then join police officers in their regular patrolling duties. A media address is expected at 16:00 hrs near Doboj Synagogue.

Tomorrow, the High Representative will join police patrols in Usora and Tesanj.