

Having heard the sound of sirens we hurried towards Terzic. It is now five minutes to 6.00. We're located on a bridge crossing the river Mreznica, between Terzic and Primisalj. We encountered the commander of the 13th Infantry Brigade, Colonel Marko Reljic. As we speak, a column of civilians with vehicles and livestock are arriving from Terzic. What does this mean, commander?

"Well, this is an exercise which we're conducting in accordance with our assumptions and our information that the enemy aviation will be active in this region using rockets and artillery and before this happens we have to evacuate, that is evacuate the civilian population from the combat area and our units will complete the tasks that they have been given. That means it is of importance to us to train the population, the civilian population to evacuate as to suffer as little losses as possible.

"Are you satisfied with the exercise up to now? Are members of the 13th Infantry Brigade engaged in this exercise or are they manning their positions?

"Members of the 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade are manning their positions and according to the tasks that they have received, all soldiers are at their positions. And I am very pleased with the conduct of the civilian population. They understand the situation and are aware of the fact that we need to prepare and be trained if we truly find ourselves in a situation to have to evacuate so that there are no unnecessary victims. And so that what happened in Western Slavonia does not happen to us again.

"Absolutely. Thank you very much.

"You're welcome.

"Because Terzic is our first position which will be targeted so we wanted to test this and by means of this exercise we have to review whether we are well prepared, whether we are well-organised and what would be the best way to do this so as to avoid civilian victims should there be military activity. We need to evacuate the civilian population in due time. After having learned a lesson in Western Slavonia and throughout history and wars, the population needs to be evacuated and removed in time. The units and the army are to remain in their positions executing their tasks. It is extremely important that you understand and that you know that within your homes and families you need to prepare yourselves, organise yourselves, and upon receipt of the signal you need to withdraw to the designated region because the enemy wants to slaughter, to murder, to burn, to slaughter these children. That is why every citizen must be prepared for the evacuation. This evacuation won't be signalled in advance. There won't be enough time to prepare. You might have to [inaudible] they will have to save their skin. You must be prepared for this."