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GOTLAND NEWS WITH INTERNATIONAL VIEWS

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Neland defends occupation of Bogaland territories

The authorities of Neland claims that Gotska Sandön historically belongs to Neland.

In a statement in the Neland State Television, Neland authorities defends its occupation of Bogaland through the recent re-established presence on Gotska Sandön. They claim it is a natural response to protect its interests in the region and that Gotska Sandön historically has belonged to Neland and is frequently used by fishermen as a place to rest.



Gotska Sandön, 40 km north om Fårö.

Oil and fuel rationed by 25%

Seagrid Fieldway, Minister of Infrastructure in Bogaland made a press statement today:

"We are all aware of the tragic attack on the M/S Diana in Oxelö-

sund harbour where crew members lost their lives. God bless them and their families. Unfortunately, MS Diana sunk and is now blocking all traffic to and from the harbour. Our fuel reserves are scarce and I am forced to take adequate

measures

Therefore, oil and fuel will be rationed and we request public services and functions as well as international actors on Bogaland territory to decrease their use of oil and fuel by 25%."

BFOR negotiating with the pirates

Yesterday the hi-jackers of MS Baltic Bright said they killed one of the hostages.

Later in the evening however, local media reported that a body was thrown over board from the ship in to the water. On board the ship is four persons employed by the United Nations.

BFOR confirm that they have started to negotiate with the pirates.

 We have called in an external specialist, the best in the world, says Rebecca Litzell, Media and Informationcenter at BFOR.

In cause of the safety of the hostage they can not give any more information. FACTS: Ten to twelve pirates hi-jacked the merchant ship Baltic Bright on saturday. Their demand is 10 million USD in ransom, addressed to BFOR. Skarvarna claim that they will kill one hostage every day starting Sunday at 3 PM local time if the ransom is not paid. Yesterday the hi-jackers said that they had killed the first hostage since no ransom had been paid by BFOR.

Xland announce return of refugees

After 14 years of exile the Bogalanders in Xland will have to return home.

Yesterday Xland's president addressed the Xlandians in a TV broadcast. He informed that the time has come for Xland to assist the Bogaland refugees in Romme

pocket to return to their home country after 14 years in exile. There has been peace in Bogaland since November last year, and with the presence of BFOR, the president believes that the return of the Bogalandian will cause no problems. The assisted return would commence on the 1st of May.



There is 25.000 Bogalanders in exile in Xland.

BFOR units carry forbidden munition

BFOR Multiple Launch Rocket Systems (MLRS) carry rockets with submunitions, so called cluster munition.

The use of this ammunition is however prohibited by the international convention on cluster munitions which has been ratified by BFOR's host nations. This was at first denied by the commander for BFOR LCC, Major General Anders Brännström yesterday.

Later the general's staff clarified the situation by saying:

– BFOR units have cluster munition, but the guidelines are clear – they should not be used, says public affairs officer Joakim Elovsson.

Cluster bombs

Nearly 100 countries are signing a treaty to ban cluster bombs, while the leading producers of the bombs, including the U.S., Russia,



Breaks into small metal fragments upon detonation
Many fail to go off immediately; civilians at risk when bomblets accidentally detonated



Major General Klas Westman, Supreme Commander in Midan Armed Forces

General Westman, Midan Armed Forces: Bring Carlzon to me!

The Midan 1st Tank Brigade surprised the BFOR 19th brigade in the Zone of Seperation in West Kasuria on the 21st of April by suddenly attacking them.

Yesterday the brigade also was involved in heavy fighting and have not relaxed their aggressive posturing.

- I do not believe that the soldiers working under the tank commander, Fred Carlzon, are aware that he is acting against a direct order by taking aggressive action against the peace keeping forces of BFOR, said General Westman in a pressrelease today.
- The command structure of the brigade are to considered deserters. I order the soldiers of the brigade to relieve them of their command, place him under arrest and bring him to me.

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Kasurian women seek protection with the Midan military due to threats from Kasurian extremists.

Apperently several hundred kasurians women left their abusive men in Ljugarn and seek protection with MSDF.