



The role of Stability Policing within Human Security

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The event organized by NATO SP CoE sought to obtain actionable insights to better define and maximize the contribution that Stability Policing can provide to Human Security.

Human Security itself can be approached with a focus on four cross-cutting Topics: Protection of Civilians, Children in Armed Conflict, Conflict Related Sexual Violence, and Trafficking in Human Beings.

Human Security also includes Cultural Property Protection, a topic that was the subject of a dedicated conference held in 2021.

All NATO operations, missions and North Atlantic Council-approved activities in conflicts or crisis might benefit from the application of Stability Policing (SP) principles, in order to respond to police and justice-related demands of the Host Nation's populace. This is also true under a Human Security perspective.

In particular:

- ▶ NATO at all levels - from political to tactical - requires a harmonized approach to Human Security (HS) and all related Cross-Cutting Topics (CCTs);
- ▶ an executive SP mandate (i.e. to allow an international force to perform law enforcement tasks in the crisis area) requires a specific legal framework (e.g. power of arrest, etc.) which is not considered in current HS-related policies;
- ▶ HS falls primarily under the responsibility of the Host Nation. SP as an expeditionary NATO capability permits the deployment of professional police units/forces in the crisis area. SP doctrine includes two main forms of intervention: reinforcement of the indigenous police forces (capacity building mission); temporary replacement of the local police (executive policing mission).

On these regards:

- * reinforcement consists in supporting a capacity-building process in favour of the Host Nation law enforcement framework, up to a full reform of the internal security architecture. An SP reinforcement mission is tailored upon a thorough assessment of the so called "policing gap" (the identified gap between the detected capability of a police service and an acceptable level of expected performance, through the full spectrum of policing skills), and aims to fill this gap through a capacity building process. An SP reinforcement mission can combine training, monitoring, mentoring and advising activities;
- * temporary replacement is a bridging measure, that aims to temporarily replace an ineffective or non-existing/unwilling police service, through the deployment of an international contingent that can perform professional police tasks. A replacement mission requires a specific legal framework, that allows the international SP contingent to perform the full spectrum of police tasks and duties. A temporary replacement mission is intended to be in effect until HN police capabilities are restored or other International Organizations take over the internal security responsibility for the crisis area;



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- ▶ The complexity of HS necessitates a wide range of military and non-military actors operating in a comprehensive approach with whom SP can successfully interact, thanks to its civilian-oriented and population-centric perspective;
- ▶ SP and all other actors intervening in a crisis should be able to start operating immediately, particularly under the perspective of HS (the so-called 'Day Zero' integration). Integration and cooperation process/mechanism need to be in place - agreed, planned and tested - beforehand;
- ▶ to support the understanding of the local/human environment, SP Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) might play a crucial role in assessing, identifying, and geo-locating threats and opportunities;
prevention of crime – or the capability to quickly intervene in order to stop the commission of a crime – is always preferable. Under this perspective, SP activities – that include presence patrols, actively engaging and establishing trust with local populations and stakeholders – are expected to enforce a credible deterrence; effective criminal investigations (including financial investigations), the subsequent apprehension of criminals and seizing illicit funds are the premises for a credible SP response;
in a crisis, the Host Nations might need additional support on managing and controlling borders. SP units (SPUs) can perform these tasks;
SPUs can perform or contribute to collection and analysis of law-enforcement and HS-crime-related information, feeding the intelligence cycle through Law Enforcement Intelligence (LEINT). This might be crucial to support an up-to-date situational awareness;
a common approach on SP would enhance the resilience of NATO and nations as single entities against military and non-military threats and challenges;
threats to Human Security and the related set of crimes, might be indicators of other severe violations, such as genocide or ethnic cleansing attempts;
- ▶ a broader access to SP-focused training courses, in accordance with NATO standards, would enhance military and non-military actors' awareness, facilitating interactions, and fostering an overall more effective, cooperative performance.

Keynote speaker Ms. Irene Fellin, NATO Secretary General Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security: “pivoting on Human Security is also essential to contribute to winning the Battle of Narratives and upholding the legitimacy of local institutions. Stability Policing and Law Enforcement have an important role to play in this enterprise ”



NATO SP COE DIRECTOR'S REFLECTION

Human Security is central to NATO's common values. But above all, violations against Human Security are crimes, and as crimes they demand justice. As well as an effective prevention campaign. Under this perspective, I am confident that what we learned today will shape the future of Stability Policing and underline its central role for Human Security and the Alliance itself.



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