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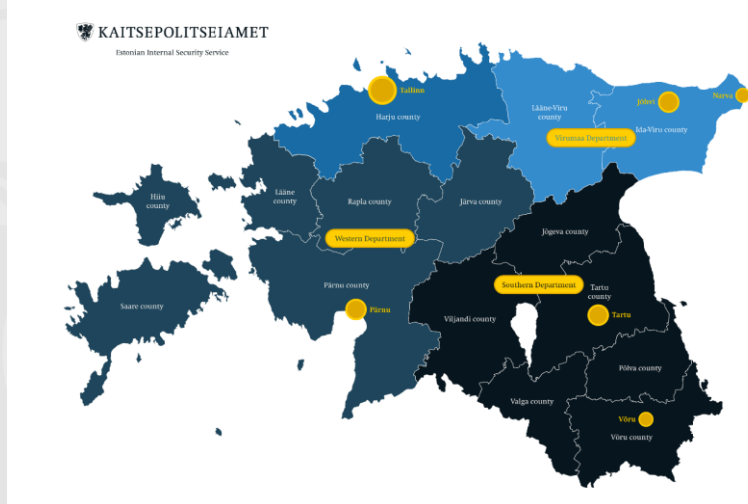
Estonian Internal Security Service - KAPO



Responsibilities in CBRN field

Basic Facts

- An internal intelligence service with law enforcement capacities.
- Official name in English: Estonian Internal Security Service.
- Abbreviation KAPO – in Estonian Kaitsepolitsei.
- A broader function of the Estonian Internal Security Service as a government agency within the area of government of the Ministry of Internal Affairs is maintenance of national security through collection of information and implementation of preventive measures as well as investigation of offences to the extent established by the Government of the Republic Regulation.



Prevention of terrorism

- The probability of a terrorist incident in Estonia is currently low but warning indicators are coming geographically closer.
- Focusing on prevention methods:
 - CBRN/WMD issues
 - Detection and prevention of terrorism financing
 - Protection critical infrastructure
- Unlawful and illicit traffic of radioactive substances, explosives and firearms.
- Strategic view towards organized crime groups – local criminals could be „abused“ by terrorists.

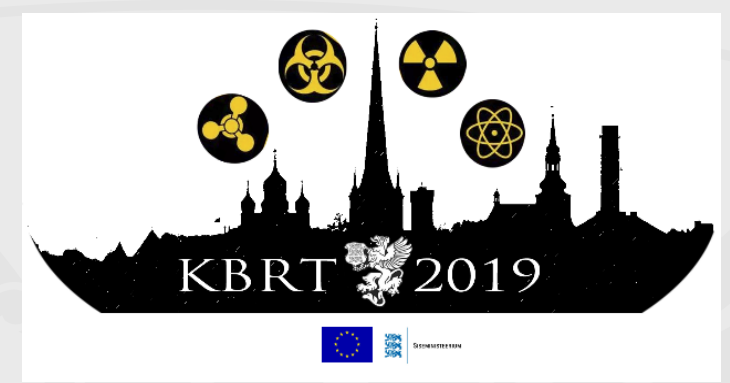
Internal Security Service tasks in CBRN

- CBRN terrorism entails the assumption or knowledge, based on intelligence or actual evidence, of actual or threatened dispersal of chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear material (either on their own or in combination with each other or with explosives), with deliberate criminal, malicious or murderous intent, targeted at a given population or economic or symbolic points.
- The daily work of the Internal Security Service is aimed at preventing the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction by terrorists, and to be prepared to respond to potential threats like chemical, bio- and radiological (CBRN) attacks.

Main objectives in the CBRN field

- The aim is to coordinate and to lead the work of the involved institutions at the crime scene and provide forensic readiness to collect and pack the evidence - to carry out further research and obtain valid evidence.
- The Estonian Internal Security Service has the independent capability to plan and conduct covert CBRN operations. For example, covert entry, ascertain existing situation and discover possible hazards, taking samples, performing primary analyses and gather all the necessary intelligence.
- Cooperation with other agencies is linked to a specific crime event.

KBRT 2019



- On 19.09.2019 Estonian Internal Security Service KAPO organized a crisis management LIVE exercise called KBRT2019 (CBRN2019) in Tallinn Old City Harbor and on the Tallink ship Baltic Queen. The exercise was conducted on tactical level and the scenario focused on a terrorist attack plot including CBRN (chemical, biological, radioactive and nuclear) materials.
- Preparatory activities started while the cruiser was on the route to Tallinn: ship crew received information about possible food safety incident and passengers informed them about suspiciously acting people. Tactical units boarded the ship and took it under their control. After the ship had docked, the exercise started. The participating agencies had to work on 6 different CBRN scenes both on the ship and on berth. Victims were transported to decontamination area and transported to the hospital.
- There were altogether more than 600 participants from 10 different national authorities, 4 private entities and from one foreign partner Lithuanian tactical unit ARAS.

Objectives



KBRT2020

- As a follow-up to KBRT2019 tactical level exercise, KAPO organized a table-top exercise KBRT2020 using the same scenario in February 2020.



Conclusions

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- According to KAPO's assessment, the exercises were successful. We managed to rise the overall awareness level of CBRN threats and crisis management. The exercises demonstrated the deficiencies in the national crisis management procedures and made the participating agencies realize their shortcomings.
- KAPO will continue to coordinate nationally the information exchange in the field of countering CBRN threats. Our goal is to make sure that all relevant national authorities have well thought out and detailed SOPs (Standard operating procedures) for CBRN incidents. It is of crucial importance that all concerned authorities have thoroughly trained first responder cells that are also properly equipped.
- The Government of the Republic of Estonia establishes by a regulation a list of emergencies and designates relevant authorities in charge of the preparation of the emergency response plans. The plans are applicable for all risks and emergency situations including terrorist attacks.
- **CBRN risk assessment was completed in 2021**
- **Emergency Response Plan (according to the Emergency Act) was completed in 2022.**

National multi agency CBRN steering group

The tasks of the steering group are:

- Define the roles and responsibilities of the authorities responding to a CBRN event and develop codes of conduct;
- Setting primary CBRN-based goals, planning resources and preparedness;
- Compilation of instructional material for first responders;
- Coordination of participation in CBRN trainings / exercises at national and international level, sharing of received information;
- Development of CBRN training modules and e-learning methodology in cooperation with the Academy of Security Sciences;
- Other CBRN coordination and development activities as decided by the Steering Group.

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Thank you for your attention!

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