

REVIEW

from

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of the materials submitted in the competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the field of higher education 9. "Security and Defense", professional field 9.1. "National security" (migration, border control, anti-terrorism)

In the contest for Associate Professor, announced in State Newspaper, issue 57 from 26.06.2020 and on the website of Plovdiv University, for the needs of the Department of Political Science and National Security at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski", as the only candidate is Assoc.prof.[Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev PhD as Assistant Professor at the Department of PSNS dt.

1. General presentation of the received materials.

By order of the Rector of Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv No. P33–4133 of August 25, 2020, I was appointed a member of the scientific jury for the preparation of a review in the competition for the academic position of associate professor at Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv, of higher education field 9. "Security and Defense", professional field 9.1. "National Security" (migration, border control, anti-terrorism) for the needs of the Department of Political Science and National Security of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" with the participation of one candidate. The only candidate for participation in the announced competition has submitted Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev for the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of PSNS dt. The set of materials presented by the candidate in accordance with the adopted and current Regulations for the development of the academic staff of Plovdiv

University "Paisii Hilendarski". The candidate has attached the following more important documents: 1. application form to the Rector for admission to the competition; 2. CV in European format; 3. diploma for higher education on educational-qualification degree "master"; 4. diploma for ONS "doctor"; 5. list of the scientific works; 6. reference for fulfillment of the minimum national and additional faculty requirements; 7. annotation of the materials under art. 65 (1) of university regulations for the development of the academic staff with which the candidate participates in the competition, incl. self-assessment of contributions; 8. declaration for originality and authenticity of the attached documents and for originality of the scientific contributions; 9. document (certificate) for work experience; 10. documents for educational work: a) reference for classroom and extracurricular employment; b) list of scientific works; 11. documents for research work: a) reference for participation in international and national scientific forums; membership in an authoritative creative and / or professional organization in the respective scientific field; 12. Documents in accordance with the additional Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences requirements; 13. Certificate for scientific title from the national Higher Attestation Commission;

The candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev has submitted a total of 17 scientific papers, of which 2 monographs; studies 2, scientific reports 5, articles 7, books / textbooks 1. 17 scientific papers are accepted for review. The distribution of scientific papers by relevant sections, in the country and abroad, is as follows: monographs 2; scientific developments 14, scientific and practical oriented 1.

2. Brief biography data of the applicant.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev has been in the security system since 1983 and has successively held various positions as Deputy Commander of a Border Guard, Platoon Commander and Senior Assistant to the Chief of Operations with basic responsibilities for analysis and forecasting of the situation, planning, organization and control of the border guard activity, operational and tactical training of the officers in the border detachment. The acquired good professional experience allows Assoc.

Prof. Stanchev to continue his career in the academic field. She was successively elected assistant, senior and chief assistant at the Academy of the Ministry of Interior. He obtained the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in 2002. In the education of students of "Bachelor" and "Master" he has led and leads exercises and lecture courses in his professional field. He has developed a number of curricula and lecture courses. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev has respectable professional and academic experience and experience in the field of competition and as can be seen from the attached documents has already passed a habilitation competition in 2006 according to the requirements of the Higher Attestation Commission. Assoc. Prof. Stanchev also has experience in academic management, which is confirmed by his positions as Head of Department and Deputy Dean at the Ministry of Interior. Since 2017 he has been a part-time lecturer in the disciplines "Counterterrorism" and "Protection and control of the state border" at the University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev". Lecturer at the Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv since the beginning of 2020. All this shows that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev is an established lecturer with serious status and recognition in the scientific and pedagogical community.

3. General characteristic of the applicants' work

I have no objections to the required documents and their content for participation in the competition according to the normative base: Law for development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, Rules for application of the law for development of the academic staff and the Rules for development of the academic staff of Paisii Hilendarski University. The study load for holding the academic position is present. In general, he is the author of a number of scientific papers related to the profile of academic position field. The peer-reviewed scientific papers have the following characteristics:

Monography:

1. Counter-terrorist Raids, Sofia, 2007: Military Publishing House. 310 p. ISBN

978-954-509-371-5.

The monography examines the theoretical aspects and offers options for organizing and conducting counter-terrorist operations. These options are part of a specific national or coalition counter-terrorism strategy based on political, socio-economic, geographical and military capabilities. The main object of study in the monography are the operations in response to terrorist attacks carried out in foreign territory or temporarily controlled by terrorist groups.

The monography analyzes in detail 15 operations with the characteristics of counter-terrorist raids, studied regulatory documents of special operations forces and other formations involved in the fight against terrorism. The elements of the environment in which the operations are carried out are analyzed and variants for action of the raid forces are synthesized, taking their main characteristic - the high degree of political and military risk.

The paper classifies and analyzes the main types of operations: for the release of hostages; to neutralize key terrorists; destruction of terrorist formations and infrastructure; sniper operations within a raid; raid operations by forces responsible for internal security; operation as part of a peacekeeping mission. The concept of counter-terrorist raid operation is defined and its main characteristics are derived. The structure and preparation of the formations that carry out the operations are analyzed, their characteristic features and recommendations for their preparation are presented.

An important contribution point is the analysis of the influencing factors on the conduct of counter-terrorist raids. The influence of these factors is analyzed with the argument that a detailed study of the opponent, properly formulated strategy, appropriate strategic and tactical principles, rules, procedures, techniques, actions, methods adapted to different geographical environments are the basis on which theory and the practice of raid operations.

Apart from the theoretical perspective, the monography also contributes to the practice. Options have been proposed for the implementation of the main phases in the counter-terrorist raids, including procedures for planning, organizing, preparing

the raid forces and conducting a strike. Formulated for conditions for success of the main variants of a strike against terrorist formations, as well as recommended organizational and tactical structures of the raid forces.

Similar to monography:

2. Special Police Tactics, Sofia, 2005: Military Publishing House. 379 s. ISBN 954-509-304-8

The monographic work presents a theoretical model of the system of special police tactics, as a teaching and scientific disciplines. The object of study is the activity of law enforcement institutions in high-risk situations arising in the course of combating crime and maintaining public order. The subject of the study is the organizational and tactical aspects of high-risk police operations, including the detention of armed perpetrators of crimes, the response to terrorist attacks, threats of detonation and post-explosion, the restoration of public order in riots.

The content of the concepts: "high-risk situation", "high-risk operation", "construction of forces and means" has been studied and revealed, the conditions of the situation in which high-risk operations are carried out are analyzed and variants for conducting different types of operations are formulated. A system of special tactics is proposed from the point of view of a systematic approach, as a mental construction, including many elements that are interconnected.

The theory and practice of preparation and conduct of actions for detention of perpetrators of crimes who are armed have been studied. The main productions are based on empirical and field research conducted in the period 1998-2001, which examined more than 4,000 detention operations conducted by units of the criminal, security, border police and the fight against organized crime. On this basis, options have been identified for the implementation of all stages and phases of operations to detain armed perpetrators of crimes, which are over 98% of all high-risk operations in our country. These options are the basis for other types of high-risk operations.

Based on the Bulgarian and international experience, a model of a counter-terrorism system has been proposed, which includes two main types of operations -

anti-terrorist and counter-terrorist. Procedures for initial response to a terrorist attack, preparation and conduct of operations to release hostages and abductees are proposed.

Studies published in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes:

3. Empirical research on "High-risk Police Operations". AMVR Yearbook25, 2009, pp.219-273. 54 p. ISSN - 1312-6415

The organization and tactics used in high-risk police operations are studied. The main reason for conducting the survey is the lack of a system of indicators in police statistics to record the parameters of these operations. The research acquires data that, after processing, give an idea of the characteristics of high-risk operations and the actual management of operations managers. The main purpose of the study is to identify and analyze the conditions for collecting and analyzing information about the situation, planning, organizing, preparing forces, conducting and completing high-risk operations, and based on the findings to give recommendations for the implementation of appropriate options for action.

The subject of the empirical study are the quantitative and qualitative parameters of 2710 operations for: detention of especially dangerous perpetrators of crimes, for release of hostages and kidnapped, for disposal of barricaded persons, carried out in 2007. The object of the study is the activity of employees in high-risk police operations by the main and regional directorates of the Ministry of Interior. 245 employees were interviewed: head of sector, head of the group of units "Crimes against the person", "Robbery", "Search", "Crime on the road", "Drugs", "Fight against organized crime", the structural units for patrol- post activity and security of mass events, the specialized tactical units for quick actions" in SDP, ODP and the regional police departments in 20 cities of the country.

4. The effectiveness of training for action in high-risk situations. AMVR Yearbook24, 2008, pp. 215-273. 68 pp. ISSN - 1312-6415

The effectiveness of the training is studied as a relative assessment category, which characterizes the quality of the training process in "Operational-combat and

tactical training", "Special tactics" (for specialized tactical units for rapid action), "High-risk police operations" of cadets and trainees. at the Academy of the Ministry of Interior.

In the study, the effectiveness of training in action in high-risk operations (HRO) is considered as a result of comparing the pre-defined goals with those achieved. This takes into account the costs incurred to achieve the goals - material and time. The research of the problem includes analyzes of the goals of the tactical training and the factors that influence the achievement of the goals. A systematic approach is used in which the training system is considered as a complex of elements: teachers, students, goals, learning content, and didactic subsystem (principles, methods, forms and means of learning). In addition to theoretical analysis, the results of surveys of students of all categories and the results of an empirical study of high-risk police operations from 2001 were used.

Articles and reports published in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review or published in edited collective volumes.

5. Conference report. Border security- a key element in the fight against jihadist terrorism. Proceedings of the annual scientific conference of the Faculty of National Security and Defense 18 - 19 May 2017. Sofia, 2017, pp. 59-64. 5 pages ISBN 978-954-9348-92-7. Available at: <https://rncd.bg/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/FNSO-2017-PartOne.pdf>

The article examines the current aspects of the border security system and especially the border guard, as a key element in the fight against jihadism. The problem is considered in the context of the risk of infiltration into the migrant flow of members of jihadist and terrorist organizations.

6. Conference report. Mass jihadist attacks. Proceedings of the annual scientific conference of the Faculty of National Security and Defense 19 - 20 May 2016. Sofia, 2017: Military Academy "Georgi Stoykov Rakovski" pp. 24-30. 5 pp. ISBN 978-954-9348-84-2. Available at: http://rnda.armf.bg/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Sbornik-FNSO-2016_vol1-transliterated.pdf

The article examines the tactics used and the reaction of security forces and military formations to the attacks in Paris and Brussels. On this basis, proposals have been made to change the tactics and organizational structure of the counter-terrorist forces.

7. Conference report. Application of research results in training in special police tactics. Year book of the Faculty of Command and Staff, Sofia, 2016: Military Academy "Georgi Stoykov Rakovski", pp. 127-135. 8 pp. ISSN 1312-2991 Available at: <http://rnda.armf.bg/wp/wpcontent/uploads/2015/03/Godishnik-fksht-1-2016.pdf>

An analysis of the educational process in the educational institutions of the Ministry of Interior and the interaction with the educational institutions with the other elements in the security system and other public institutions is presented. The nature of the contradictions in the educational process are outlined. Directions for overcoming the defined problems are proposed.

8. Conference report. Problems of abduction rescue operations. Scientific Conference of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria "Building Security Based on Knowledge- Challenges and Opportunities, Union of Scientists in Bulgaria", Section "Defense and Security", Sofia, 2010. pp. 67-77. ISBN 978-954-9348-21-7 (published on CD-ROM)

The report is part of a study on the fight against abductions. It addresses key legal, tactical and technical issues related to abductions.

Hypotheses are raised about the goals, structure, behavior of organized abduction groups. A parallel is drawn between some kidnappings for ransom in Bulgaria and kidnappings as a method of terrorist activity. It is proposed to build a system for counteracting kidnappings, which is based on precise and long-term work of scientists from different scientific specialties.

9. Conference report. Creation of integrated military-police formations - an element of civil-military management in crises. Proceedings of the conference. Sofia, 2007. pp. 488-506, ISBN 978-954-348-029-6

The report examines Integrated Police Units (IPUs) as one of the possible crisis

management tools. It is proposed to form Integrated Military Police Units to fill the gap between military and police operations and to solve in general the problems of interaction in areas of crisis and conflict.

10. Article. Activity of the governing bodies and the forces of the Ministry of Interior in a crisis situation caused by a terrorist act with taking hostages. Police Bulletin no. 21/2006 pp. 5-29: Academy of the Ministry of Interior. ISSN 1312 - 6679.

The activity in crisis situations caused by a terrorist incident with hostage taking and kidnapping is analyzed. The analysis is based on a tactical exercise of the Ministry of Interior "Unbreakable determination - 2003". Problems have been identified in the command and control technology used. Recommendations are given regarding the management of hostage-taking and abduction operations.

11. Article. Operations of Soviet border formations in Afghanistan (1979-1989). Mr. Military Journal no. 1-2 / 2011, pp. 43-51. 8 pp. ISSN 2534-8388

The article examines the little-known involvement of Soviet border formations in the Afghan conflict from 1979 to 1989. The main reasons for the successes and problems in conducting operations involving border formations and combating sabotage and guerrilla formations are revealed.

12. Article. Tactical characteristics of security and border police operations. Police Bulletin, issue25/2009, pp. 14-28. Sofia, 2009: Academy of the Ministry of Interior. 15 pp. ISSN 1312 - 6679 .

The article analyzes the conditions for collecting and analyzing information about the situation, planning, organizing, conducting and concluding operations of security and border police. The analysis was performed on the basis of the data obtained from the survey of security police officers and border police officers who led operations in 2007. The total number of surveyed operations is 856, of which 611 are security police and 245 are border police. Based on the comparison between the main parameters of the operations and the conclusions made, recommendations are formulated for the application of appropriate options for action.

13. Separatist terrorism in the European Union. Mr. Military Journal, no.

3/2009. Sofia, 2009: Ministry of Defense, pp. 103-111. 9 pp. ISSN 2534-8388

The article examines the threats posed by separatist terrorism in the EU, which can be described as one of the most serious in terms of security. Defined for the distinctive features with the organizations formed on an ideological basis (left and right).

14. Characteristics of the operations of the specialized tactical unit. Military Journal, № 3/2008. Sofia, 2008: Ministry of Defense, pp. 104-111. 8 pp. ISSN 2534-8388,

The article presents an analysis and definition of the main characteristics of the STBBD operations. The analysis is based on data on these operations, collected through a survey of their managers in 2005 and 2007.

351 operations conducted in 2005 and 312 operations conducted in 2007 were analyzed. The analysis of the survey data confirms the hypothesis for the main characteristic of the operations of the specialized tactical units - the high degree of risk. This high degree is due to the accumulation of many threats, which result in both tactical and accidental risk.

15. Article. Combat operations of the 16th frontier company during the First World War. (submitted for publication in the magazine "History2020"). 10 pp. ISSN 1314–8524 (Online); ISSN 0861–3710 (Print)

The article is a retrospective of the battle route of the 16th frontier company, which started the war on the Dobrudja front, in 1916-17 fought in Romania, and in 1918 on the Macedonian front and for two years, in campaigns and battles. travels over 2000 km. The article is a unique study, the first of its kind of border formation with such a long combat path, gained unique combat experience.

The article highlights the importance of the ability to adapt to the conditions of the situation in military operations and argues with the attached historical examples.

16. Article. Need for new specialties in vocational education and training related to cybersecurity(submitted for publication in the magazine "Vocational Training" 2020). 6 pages ISSN 1314–8567 (Online); ISSN 1314–555X (Print)

The article examines the increased digitalization that makes society vulnerable to cyberattacks. To reduce this vulnerability, an option for training specialists in this area is proposed.

Teaching aids, according to Additional faculty requirements for the academic position "Associate Professor", adopted by a decision of the FS of FISN with protocol № 134 from 22.04.2019.

17. Stanchev, I. High-risk Police Operations. Sofia, 2013: Military Publishing House. 174 pp. ISBN 978-954-509-505-4

а разглежданите операции - изолиране на района на инцидента.

The handbook addresses one of the complex issues that police and other law enforcement agencies have to deal with in the course of protecting national security, maintaining public order and combating crime - high-risk situations caused by barricading, hostage-taking or kidnapping. Based on previous research and development in the field of special tactics, options are offered for the response of the forces involved in such incidents. Options are offered for uniting the efforts of formations diverse in their capabilities to achieve the main goal of the special police tactics - saving lives.

The characteristics and basics of high-risk situations related to barricading, hostage-taking and abduction are considered.

A topographic and tactical description of the places where high-risk situations most often occur - settlements, buildings and vehicles.

Variants for implementation by stages of the considered operations are considered - isolation of the incident area.

SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS:

In his self-assessment, the candidate presents contributions that, in my opinion, are too detailed. They could be aggregated and summarized in their importance as follows:

Main scientific contributions:

1) The theory of counter-terrorism has been supplemented and further developed by revealing the essence, content, classification and laying the conceptual foundations of counter-terrorist raids and special police operations.

2) The theory of command and control has been supplemented and further developed by researching and revealing the content of the concepts tactical thinking, danger zone, area of responsibility, intersection and defining the phases planning, organizing and controlling high-risk operations of MoI formations and structures.

3) The influencing factors are revealed and a theoretical model of the environment in the raid counter-terrorist operations is proposed and basic strategies for combating terrorism are formulated.

4) A theoretical model of the system of special tactics has been built, which includes an organizational structure for action in high-risk operations, construction of forces and means, procedures, techniques, tactical actions, methods, operations.

5) The main factors of the pedagogical system are revealed, which influence the effectiveness of the training for action in high-risk operations.

Scientific-practical applicable contributions:

1) Course of action for strategic planning of the fight against terrorism has been formulated, as a basis for the development of the theory and practice of counter-terrorist raids.

2) Proposed command and control technologies for using the high-risk operations of the formations and structures of the Ministry of Interior.

3) Based on an analysis of the structure and tactical capabilities of counter-terrorist formations, the characteristics and requirements of the special operations forces that carry out counter-terrorist raids are formulated.

4) Models for preparation and conduct of counter-terrorist raid operations have been developed and proposed.

Practical applicable contributions:

1) The foundations of the methodology for training for action in high-risk operations, including specific principles, have been laid.

2) The main parameters of the studied operations are established: place and time where they are carried out; the number of participants involved; the duration of tactical actions; the tactical and other methods used.

3) The specific features of the operations of criminal, security, border police, fight against organized crime, from a tactical point of view, are defined.

4) The dependence of the effectiveness of high-risk police operations on the quantity and quality of data on the situation, the tactical methods used has been established.

4. Critical Remarks and Recommendations

There are no significant critical remarks in the proposed materials. I would recommend to the candidate in his future scientific and research activity to pay attention to the inter-institutional cooperation and interaction between the formations and structures in the security system in the fight against terrorism.

5. Evaluation of Personal Contribution of the Applicant

The texts of the scientific publications are the applicant's personal contribution.

6. Personal Impression

I know the candidate well and in my education, development in the academic field and in my research I have relied on some of the theoretical statements in his works.

In my capacity as Deputy Chairman of the Security and Defense Section of the Union of Scientists in Bulgaria, I know Assoc. Prof. Stanchev as one of the active and authoritative members of the section.

CONCLUSION: The documents and materials submitted by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev meet all the requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act in the Republic of Bulgaria (RASRB), the Regulations for implementation of the RASRB and the relevant Regulations of Plovdiv university "Paisii Hilendarski". The candidate in the competition has submitted a sufficient number of scientific papers published after the materials used in the defense of "Doctor" education and scientific level. In his works there are original scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions, which have received recognition, as a representative part of them have been published in journals and scientific collections. His theoretical developments have practical applicability, as some of them are directly oriented to research, teaching and learning activities. The scientific and teaching qualification of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev is indisputable and cannot be questioned. The candidate in the competition fulfills the relevant national requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor". I have no doubt of plagiarism in scientific publications. After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific works presented in the competition, the analysis of their significance and the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my positive assessment and recommend the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for election of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ivan Dimitrov Stanchev for the academic position of "Associate Professor" at the University of Plovdiv "P. Hilendarski" by professional field 9.1. "National Security" (migration, border control, anti-terrorism) for the needs of the Department of Political Science and National Security

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