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EU Gendarmerie Force (EGF)

Following on from Mrs May's Mansion House speech we have examined some areas of the EU's Defence proposals which she is planning upon keeping the UK locked into - at least as far as can be assessed. We already discussed a little about her worrying plan to keep Britain in the European Arrest Warrant (EAW) in our previous article - which ties us to Eurojust and the ECJ - ([see *Corpus Juris and English Common Law*](#)) now we focus on the EGF and its role in law and order in the EU.

The Origin of the EGF

The following information was sourced from "The new European Gendarmerie Force - Enrique Esquivel - Lalande (Lieutenant Commander) (<http://www.statewatch.org/news/2009/jan/eu-european-gendarmerie-force.pdf>)

"During an informal meeting between the various Ministers of Defence of the European Union held in Rome on 3 and 4 October 2003, the French Minister of Defence Michelle Alliot-Marie proposed the creation of a new force to be known as the European Gendarmerie Force (EGF) to her counterparts from the four other European countries that have paramilitary police forces: Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

The force would involve members of the French Gendarmerie, the Italian Carabinieri, the Portuguese Guardia Nacional Republicana, the Dutch Royal Marechaussee and the Spanish Civil Guard."

"The force can be made available to other international organisations such as the United Nations, NATO and OSCE."

"The force will become fully operational in 2005. It will have a multinational General Headquarters in the Italian city of Vicenza, with a staff of 30, of which five will be Spanish.

It will have no permanent forces assigned, although it shall be capable of reacting within 30 days, with approximately 800 troops."

Objectives

"The European Gendarmerie Force was designed to carry out police missions during all phases of crisis management operations, whatever the type, either integrated into a military force or operating on the orders of a civilian authority."

"Its duties could include, but would not be limited to: Security and public order; criminal investigation tasks, public surveillance, border control, general intelligence and asset protection etc., with the EGF taking advantage of the special characteristics of Europe's paramilitary police forces - which are far superior to all other existing police forces"

EU Militarisation

"The European Union has been in the process of strengthening its military capacity for crisis management, examples of which include the new General Objective for 2010, which replaces the 2003 Objective, the creation of Combat Groups, civilian-military cells and the establishment of the European Defence Agency."

The EU would be expected to be able to provide up to 12,000 personnel of various disciplines in crisis management by combining military and civilian capabilities in order to face the challenges that the international community in general, and Europe specifically, are facing at the start of the 21st Century."

"The European Union is a pioneer in this field. Today, no international body has effectively bridged the gap between civilian and military organisations within the specific field of crisis management."

"Javier Solana, Secretary General/High Representative of the European Union and future Minister of Foreign Affairs of the EU, recently stated that the future European soldier would be very similar to a Spanish Civil Guard, highlighting the excellent characteristics of this corps, which combines a mixture of military and police characteristics. This provides an idea of the role to be played by the European Gendarmerie Force within the international context in general, and in Europe specifically, in the very near future."

EGF More Recently

The more up-to-date version of the European Gendarmerie Force comprises 6 EU Member States' personnel from France, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Romania and Spain and the force can be used by any member state to quell civil unrest.

As things stand the EGF must be invited into a Member State which does not have an equivalent "Gendarmerie" style Police Force and under these circumstances the EGF, which is under ultimate EU control (with those forces loyal only to Brussels) and once inside a Member State they would only leave by order of Brussels (Berlin)

During the Catalonia Independence Vote - the Guardia Civil - was unleashed by the Spanish government to prevent the people of Catalonia from voting to become independent of Spain with brutal consequences - and those actions were much applauded in Brussels, by Juncker.

It is of concern that our current Prime Minister should wish to have anything even remotely to do with such an EU militarised police system (which includes EAW) - which is totally anathema to the basic UK principles of Law and Order - and perhaps the general public would say that surely our government would never use such brutality on their own citizens.

If so, then consider this: ***"In June 2012, Dominic Raab MP presented a Parliamentary Question, to ask if the Home Secretary (Mrs May) could envisage any circumstances in which the UK might call on "special intervention units" from the EU to set foot "on British soil"***.

Through her Minister Mr Brokenshire, May replied that, if needed "of course" they would ask for assistance from "our EU allies".

The fact that any of our elected representatives would even contemplate bringing foreign troops onto British soil and allow the likes of the EGF or any other group to brutalise (as with the Catalans) any member of the British population shows how far the disconnect that now exists between our establishment and its population has become - as a result of Britain being taken into the EU by stealth.

A similar threat by Charles I led to the English Civil War and his ultimate decline.

The EU is not our ally or our friend - at best it is our competitor, at worst it is the enemy of each Member State which it plans to break-up and absorb into a single bloc with one government - it is entirely separate and legally superior to its Member States in International Law - if anyone has any doubt about the EU's intentions should read the Lisbon Treaty (2007) - i.e. the Treaty of the European Union (TEU) and the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)

If Mrs May is determined to keep such ties with the EU - we should all take note (particularly those who voted to remain in the EU) that we can easily be drawn into a Militarised Totalitarian EU Police State - if we are not vigilant.

It is now imperative that we rebuild our own UK defences and expand their size and capability as a matter of priority.

For more information about the Article 50 negotiations please read the executive summary of [Lee Rotherham's 'Road to Brexit' - the speeches delivered by Cabinet ministers - as well as Theresa May's earlier key Brexit-themed speeches - to pull together all the key pledges ministers have made in one place, ordered by theme - download with the button below. For further updates please visit \[brexitcentral.org\]\(http://brexitcentral.org\)](#)