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Communications security – not just a military issue Sectra secures EU communications in the Aceh Province

The Swedish National Rescue Services has ordered Tiger telephones from Sectra to protect speech and data communications against eavesdropping. The telephones will be used on an EU mission in Indonesia's conflict-ridden Aceh Province.

Violence and conflict has tortured the Aceh Province for nearly 30 years. However, in conjunction with the tsunami in December 2004, the Indonesian government and the GAM separatist guerilla movement agreed to negotiate a peace settlement between the parties. A peace agreement was signed in Helsinki on August 15 of this year and went into effect on September 15. The EU has been engaged as a neutral observer to monitor both parties' compliance with the peace agreement.

National Rescue Services handles telecommunications in Indonesia

The Swedish National Rescue Services has participated in the EU international peacekeeping missions since Sweden became an EU member in 1995. On the EU's mission in the Aceh Province, Sweden has been assigned the task of securing communications between the operation's headquarters, local offices, mobile units and the EU headquarters in Brussels.

"The EU highest decision-making organ, the EU Council, stipulates that a mission of this type must utilize approved speech encryption that is in compliance with EU standards for communications," says Arne Jonsson, coordinator at the Swedish Emergency Management Agency section for information security and analysis. "Sectra has a secure telephone that is used by several Swedish authorities. This contributed to Sectra being selected as the supplier for this mission," he adds.

Sectra's secure Tiger telephones are used by several defense forces and civilian authorities in Europe, as well as by NATO.

"Sectra provides equipment for secure mobile communications that complies with the security levels required by defense forces and civilian authorities in the EU," says Jan Donnér, head of the Swedish Defence Forces' section for military intelligence and security.

New demands on communications equipment strengthen market for Sectra's products

Increased collaboration between defense forces and civilian authorities in the EU places demands on communications equipment. For international help missions and crisis management, this type of secure communications, which traditionally has been a military concern, is also becoming crucial to civilian authorities, such as rescue services.

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“The National Rescue Services order for Tiger telephones is a typical example of how increased cooperation between civilian and military authorities in the EU is contributing to strengthening the market for our security products,” says Tommy Waszkiewicz, CEO of Sectra Communications AB.

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About Sectra's secure communication systems

Sectra develops and sells secure mobile communications systems and high-speed encryption for telecom and data lines. Customers are primarily defense forces and government authorities in Europe and NATO with strict demands on communications security. Sectra has strong core expertise in encryption and is one of the world's leading companies in the design and development of secure communications systems. Sectra's systems are used by customers in Sweden, Norway, Germany, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Finland and by NATO's central organization.

Sectra's operations

Sectra, founded 1978, has its roots at the Linköping Institute of Technology in Sweden. Since the mid-1980s, Sectra has successfully conducted development and sales of cutting edge products in expansive niche segments. Today, Sectra operations include medical systems and secure communication systems.

Sectra has offices in eight countries and operates through partners all over the world. Sales for the fiscal year 2004/2005 totaled SEK 456 million. Since March 1999, Sectra's shares have been quoted on the O-list of the Stockholm Stock Exchange. For more information about Sectra, please visit www.sectra.com.

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