

Organization Attributes Sheet – Tatar Group (Also Denoted on Phase I List as “Unnamed Balkan Drug Trafficking Organization”)

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A. When the organization was formed + brief history
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
B. Types of illegal activities engaged in,
a. In general
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drug Trafficking, Cigarette Smuggling
b. <i>Specific detail: types of illicit trafficking activities engaged in</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drug Trafficking: group is/was responsible for the transportation of very pure cocaine from the Caribbean to the Balkans and Western Europe¹Cigarette Smuggling: French and American authorities alleged Tatar was a major organizer of cigarette smuggling to/from the region, in addition to the cocaine trafficking.²
C. Scope and Size
a. Estimated size of network and membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none">No information found, but compared to other external groups operating in the region, this group appears to be relatively small in size and/or capacity.
b. Countries / regions group is known to have operated in. (i.e. the group’s operating area)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">As pertains to Central America and the Caribbean: Dominican Republic, Venezuela³Globally: Balkans/former Yugoslavia⁴
D. Leader Characteristics
a. Who is/are the leader(s)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Marko Tatar - Media quoted DNCD President Ramades Ramirez in the Dominican Republic as saying that Tatar was one of the most prominent leaders of drug cartels in Venezuela and the organizer of the cocaine smuggling operation in which he was arrested.⁵
b. Leadership timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
c. Leadership style (autocratic, diffuse, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
E. Organizational Structure
a. Topology (cellular, hierarchical, etc.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
b. Membership – is there formal or informal membership in the organization or network? What role do informal or nonmembers play in trafficking and other criminal activities?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
c. Command and Control (decentralized or centralized)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Information not found.
F. Resources
a. Financial
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The only information that might give insight into the financial resources of the small group is the fact that Marjan Blazevic and Danijel Radonjic were to get \$300,000 each for successful delivery of the cocaine.⁶
b. Human

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>c. Logistical</p> <p>i. Forgery, safe-houses, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dominican police found that Tatar and Radonjic had in their possession Croatian, Bosnian, Canadian, and US papers; Blazevic had a German passport as well; all were said to have been forged.⁷
<p>ii. Key routes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>d. Transportation</p> <p>i. Land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>ii. Sea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>iii. Air</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>iv. Intermodal container</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>G. Trafficking Methods and Modalities</p> <p>a. Corruption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>b. Concealment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The cocaine was found to have been hidden in specially converted fuel tanks on the boat⁸
<p>c. Deception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>d. Circumvention (avoiding border entry points)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>H. Prior / Existing Relationships</p> <p>a. Other criminal organizations (cooperative and conflictual)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>b. Corrupt politicians, law enforcement , political parties and other state entities, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>c. <i>Specific detail: Any alliances / past dealings with terrorist groups.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>I. Ideological / Ethnic / Familial Orientation (if any)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>J. Technical Sophistication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>K. Penchant for Innovation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>L. Activities in United States</p> <p>a. Includes both criminal and non-criminal activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>b. <i>Specific detail: trafficking activities ; logistical activities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
<p>c. Linkages with US groups</p> <p>i. Market/transaction links</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
ii. Stable supplier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
iii. Franchise arrangement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
iv. HQ and Branch office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information not found.
M. Evaluations	
a. Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unable to determine any strengths from available open source information.
b. Weaknesses and vulnerabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the prominent members of the group appear to have been apprehended. Leader and Croatian-American Marko Tatar was linked to a 24 July 2007 seizure operation by the Dominican Navy and the International Drugs Control Agency (DNCD) in the sea off the island of French Martinique in the Caribbean. Croatian national Marjan Blazevic and Montenegrin or Bosnian national Danijel Radonjic were on board during the seizure and arrested for smuggling 275 kg of cocaine.⁹ There is reportedly one further member of the group, a Croatian national, still at large.¹⁰ Tatar was actually apprehended at Puerto Plata International Airport, Dominican Republic, where he was booked on a flight to Europe.¹¹ The boat had sailed from Venezuela, headed for Montenegro.¹²
c. Additional insights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With three members apprehended, including head Tatar, this group appears to have been neutralized. No further information has been found after 2007.
Other Notes	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The sailing boat, <i>Queeny</i>, was flying a US flag and had information aboard which led to the arrest of Tatar who had been staying in a hotel in Puerto Plata. <i>Queeny</i> had originally departed from Puerto Plata to collect its Venezuelan cargo with the intention of then sailing to Montenegro. However, a fault developed which obliged the crew to anchor in Martinique where the discovery was made.¹³ French, Canadian, and U.S. authorities had allegedly had a warrant out for Tatar's arrest at the time of his apprehension. The French and U.S. warrants allegedly cited his participation in "international crime," while the Canadian warrant was reportedly issued for "looting and violence and other serious crimes."¹⁴

¹ "Serbia: Caribbean Arrests Show Balkan 'Ganglands' Cooperating in Drug Smuggling," Belgrade *Politika*, July 27, 2007, OSC: EUP20070728047002.; and "In the Caribbean, cocaine seized in Montenegro," *Politika* online, July 26, 2007.

² "In the Caribbean, cocaine seized in Montenegro," *Politika*.

³ "Serbia: Caribbean Arrests Show Balkan 'Ganglands' Cooperating in Drug Smuggling," OSC: EUP20070728047002.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid.; and Zrinjski, Maria. "Croat and Montenegrin arrested two in the Caribbean with 275 kg of cocaine," *Nacional* online, July 26, 2007. <http://www.nacional.hr/clanak/36479/hrvat-i-dva-crnogorca-uhiceni-na-karibima-s-275-kg-kokaina>.

⁶ Zrinjski.

⁷ "Serbia: Caribbean Arrests Show Balkan 'Ganglands' Cooperating in Drug Smuggling," OSC: EUP20070728047002.; and Zrinjski.

⁸ Zrinjski.

⁹ “Serbia: Caribbean Arrests Show Balkan 'Ganglands' Cooperating in Drug Smuggling,” OSC: EUP20070728047002. Nationality of Radonjic is disputed – he is reported in EUP20070728047002 as Montenegrin and as Bosnian in FBS20070725657439 [below] and as a Bosnian-born but naturalized Canadian in Ginnie Bedggood, “Staked Out Tatar,” [below].

¹⁰ Bedggood, Ginnie. “Staked Out Tatar,” *News*. <http://www.ginniebedggood.com/ginnie-bedggood-news.php?archive=1186950506&subaction=list-archive&go=archives>; and Silverio, Vincent. “Buscan Inmigrante Croata Por Trafico De Drogas,” *Puerto Plata Digital*, July 25, 2007. <http://www.puertoplatadigital.com/noticias/nacionales/julio2007/buscaninmigrante.htm>.

¹¹ “Foreign Military Studies Office / Joint Reserve Intelligence Center Mexico Newsbriefs 24 Jul 07,” *FMSO – JRIC*, July 24, 2007, OSC: FBS20070725657439.

¹² *Ibid.*; and Bedggood.

¹³ Bedggood.

¹⁴ Zrinjski.