## **ARMY HELPS WITH AN EPIDEMIC**

Since the declaration of the epidemic, the Slovenian Armed Forces has been providing various military capabilities to support joint efforts to limit the spread of covid-19. The number of SAF members involved in supporting efforts to limit the spread of the epidemic varies, with an average of more than 50 members participating in these tasks per day. Thus, more than 900 members were involved in March. With available aircraft and helicopters, the SAF maintained an "air lift" for the delivery of protective and medical equipment and the evacuation of infected (4) members of the military from peacekeeping operations and missions. The Slovenian Armed Forces also supports other ministries and bodies in preventing the spread of the coronavirus epidemic and responds every day to requests for the transport of people and equipment and the performance of medical examinations.



Until now, members of the SAF Veterinary Unit have carried out disinfection in public health institutions, where they disinfected areas by spraying and fumigation. From the SAF Veterinary Unit, 12 members are involved in regular disinfection tasks. The Military Medical Unit, which also includes the Role 2LM MTF Medical Unit, set up the Role 2 mobile hospital at the Edvard Peperko Barracks in Ljubljana which enables additional accommodation of up to 140 patients with covid-19 in the event of overcrowding in Slovenian hospitals. Thirty members of the SAF took care of the construction of the Role 2 military hospital. The Role 2 hospital in the Ljubljana barracks is therefore ready, and upon activation, care would be provided by the medical staff of the contractual reserve and the permanent staff of the SAF.



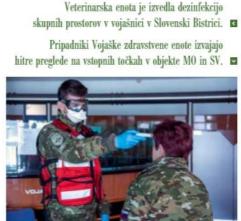
## INVITATION OF THE SLOVENIAN ARMED FORCES TO THE CITIZENS OF SLOVENIA TO JOIN THE CONTRACTUAL RESERVES

## In accordance with the call of the Prime Minister, the Slovenian Armed Forces (SAF) have decided to ask citizens for help.

SAF invite all citizens of the Republic of Slovenia who would like to help in these difficult times to join their ranks. Namely, members of the Slovenian Armed Forces are very much involved in the efforts of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia to successfully resist the coronavirus epidemic that we are dealing with.

SAF invite citizens to volunteer, temporarily, to perform military service in the reserve of the Slovenian Army. By participating, they will help relieve the entire security system, which carries a lot of the weight of fighting the epidemic. In order to support the permanent composition of the Slovenian Armed Forces, SAF must urgently strengthen its contractual reserve composition.







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## TRAINIG OF THE CONTRACUTAL RESERVE



After the training, the reservists will perform military service in peace for 1 to 7 months. They will be engaged in operational tasks such as the security control service, assistance to the Police in guarding the state border, insurance of training grounds and shooting ranges, and training support. In the 1st Brigade, 49 members of the contractual reserve service perform military service in peacetime.

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