

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION: ENSURING HIGH-QUALITY PERSONNEL FOR THE JOINT SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND OF THE BULGARIAN ARMY

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Abstract: *The objective of this publication is to confirm the need and importance for higher, than conventional military units in the Bulgarian Army, criteria for the candidates as well as the application of a comprehensive selection process for the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) of the Bulgarian Army (BA). The nature and functions of the Special Operations Forces (SOF) are examined to make a logical distinction from those of the conventional forces. The urgent need to introduce special assessment and selection for the combat units of the 68th Special Forces Brigade, in order to improve the quality and the effectiveness, is justified by three arguments discussed in the publication.*

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