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Significant sports, culture or political events where larger number of persons is concentrated represent certain risk within the state security. Such events are potential threat of terrorist attack in particular, but depending on the type and location of the event the risk may be connected with occurrence of an emergency event – an accident with the leak of a

dangerous substance. One significant sports event – the World Ice Hockey Championship, is awaiting the Slovak Republic next year. On account of that and in pursuance of prevention as the tool of securing effective life, health and property protection in particular, a co-operative exercise titled *O. Nepela Ice Arena 2018* was held on June 12 – 14. The co-operative exercise was divided into two days. On June 12 command-staff exercise took place and on June 14 the practical part of the exercise was running. The details of the course of the exercise can be found in the column *Population Protection* on pages 16 – 18.

Experience and knowledge gained from the workshops of *Population Protection against the Effects of Emergencies Caused by Active Slope Movements and Slope Deformations* that were organised by the Crisis Management Section of the Ministry of the Interior SR, and the Geology and Natural Resources Section of the Ministry of Environment SR in six regions of the Slovak Republic last year and in the first half of this year, contributed to expert preparation of civil servants, employees of self-governments, municipalities, and towns in the field of crisis management. The workshops had conceptual, methodical and instruction character. Active participation of the Fire and Rescue Brigade, departments of environment protection at district offices and departments of crisis management at upper administrative districts made a contribution to the workshop's higher expert level, too. Expert presentations confirmed that prevention of danger to life, health, financial losses can be executed by means of preventive measures, co-ordination and cooperation of respective departments. Read more on pages 20 – 24.



At the operation centres of the Police of the Czech Republic and regional operation and information centres of the Fire and Rescue Brigades (FRB), there are frequent reports of suspicious substance finds. Suspicious cases or boxes containing ampoules saying sarin, mustard gas, lewisite, tabun etc. are concerned. On the basis of these incidents media publish articles titled with horror headlines. With hindsight only, they inform of harmlessness of such finds. Due to closing down of civil defence facilities in the Czech Republic in 1994, it was decided to dispose of sample containers of warfare chemical agents BCHL I and BCHL II. In 1995 the sample containers were physically disposed

of. Despite more than 3.000 pcs of the sample containers were disposed of, there are still finds of such containers or other material of civil defence over the course of years. In case a lay person or badly informed one finds such material, a leak of dangerous substances and damage to health of these people may occur... The article that informs of parallel finds is published on pages 54 – 58.

