

**11th international meeting of mine action programme directors and UN advisors starts in Sibenik**

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SIBENIK, April 16 (Hina) - Croatian Deputy Prime Minister Djurdja Adlesic in Sibenik on Wednesday opened the 11th international meeting of **mine action** programme directors and United Nations advisors that is being held in Slovenia and Croatia on 13-18 April.

The meeting, that is being held for the first time outside Geneva, is organised by the the United Nations **Mine Action** Service (**UNMAS**) with the help of the International Trust Fund For **Demining** and Mine Victims Assistance (ITF) and the Croatian **Mine Action** Centre (HRC) and it gathered some 230 participants from 62 countries,

"A total of 85 percent of EUR 340 million spent on mine removal in Croatia so far, came from the state budget," Adlesic said at the opening of the event.

She stressed that another 997 square kilometres were mine-infested, namely that every fifth Croatian resident lives in a mine-suspected area.

UNMAS acting director John Flanagan praised Croatia's efforts in mine removal and underlined that regardless of the funds it allocated for the purpose, Croatia can serve as an example to others in mine removal projects.

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