

Richard Monk

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Richard Monk was appointed as the first Director and Senior Police Adviser to the Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in February 2002.

During 2001 he was commissioned by the OSCE and by the Office of the High Representative in Bosnia to produce reports on the tasks of a police follow-on mission to the UN Mission in Bosnia Herzegovina. He was previously seconded to the OSCE by the British government to carry out a study of policing in Yugoslavia, the Report of which forms the basis of international policing assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Serbia, and Montenegro. During 2000, he was appointed by the UN Secretary General to be a member of the UN Panel on Peace Operations, which reviewed the criticisms and failures of past peace-keeping operations (The Brahimi Report).

He has advised the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office on international policing matters and acted as a security consultant to a major UK commercial security organization. He is actively engaged in child protection and personal safety work with principal UK charities and experts to prevent the sexual abuse of children. Between March 1998 and March 1999 he was appointed by the UN Secretary General to be Commissioner of the United Nations International Police Task Force (IPTF) in Bosnia responsible for implementing the provisions of Annex 11 of the Dayton Peace Agreement and for rebuilding and reforming the police forces of the Republic Srpska and Federation of Bosnia Herzegovina. He was a member of the Principal's Group under the High Representative and with commander SFOR responsible for overseeing day to day operational implementation of the international mandate and co-operation between Entities. He was directly responsible for the mode and effectiveness of law enforcement and human rights development throughout Bosnia.

Mr Monk was formerly a senior police officer with 35 years service. Between 1994 and 1998 he was an Assistant Inspector of Constabulary in the Home Office, appointed by the Home Secretary to inspect and report on the effectiveness and efficiency of police forces in England and Wales. He was also responsible for giving direction on international requests for police assistance overseas, and carrying out operational assessments of overseas police forces. He was appointed in his own right as Police Adviser to the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Area in Cyprus and provided advice and guidance to the UK Ministry of Defence and to the United Nations on the arrest of persons indicted for war crimes by the International Criminal Tribunal in The Hague.

Before joining HM Inspectorate, Mr Monk held the position of Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) for the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary (1991-1994). Prior to that, he was a Metropolitan Police Commander and the Head of Scotland Yard Branches dealing with Crime, Community Affairs and Crime Prevention and responsible for formulating policy for crime investigation and detection issues throughout London. Mr Monk created the first unit leading investigations into national paedophile networks. He was also responsible for the development of formal police/public consultative groups and community initiatives in London.

His Honours include the Queens Jubilee Medal, the Police Long Service and Good Conduct medal, the Queens Police Medal, the United Nationals medal. He was appointed to be an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Her Majesty the Queen in 2000.