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- In a press release dated 14 April, the CiO expressed his concerns about the latest developments in the home-affairs crisis in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
  - Together with Poland's FM Witold Waszczykowski, the CiO visited on 19 April ODIHR's headquarters in Warsaw and celebrated the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Office.
  - CiO met with the Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group and CiO PR Kasprzyk on 20 April in Berlin following up to their talks in the region. They discussed the state of play in the conflict and the way ahead.
  - On 17 April, SR Erler participated in the OSCE PA seminar „Opportunities for the OSCE PA and its members to contribute extensively to OSCE measures for breaking the conflict cycle – focusing in particular on protracted conflicts“ in Leinsweiler (Germany).
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- SR Erler attended a commemorative event marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the Moscow Helsinki Group on 19 April in the Russian capital. Additional political talks focused on the upcoming CiO conference “Connectivity for Commerce and Investment”.
  - On 20 April, SR Erler addressed a High-level meeting marking the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of "The Hague Recommendations Regarding the Education Rights of National Minorities“ in the Dutch capital.
  - SR Bächler visited Armenia on 18-19 April to discuss the tense situation in the region with leaders of the executive and legislative branch, OSCE Office in Yerevan/HoM Avakov as well as civil society representatives. He continued to Georgia in order to co-facilitate the IPRM in Ergneti on 20 April.
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- The CiO condemned the attack on 10 April in Jerusalem, Israel “on innocent civilians in the strongest possible terms” and, in this context, called for “concrete steps to make a peaceful dialogue possible again”.
  - Germany, also in its capacity as OSCE Chairmanship, expressed its deep outrage at the bombing on 19 April in Kabul, Afghanistan and stressed that “Germany will continue to do all it can to support Afghanistan.”
  - The German Federal Government offered its condolences to Japan struck by a series of severe earthquakes and expressed its sympathy with the victims and their families hoping for a speedy recovery of those injured.
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