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Increased Security on Italy's Autovie Venete Motorway

Autovie Venete, the managing Company of Italy's motorway routes A4 Venice-Trieste, A23 Palmanova-Udine South and A28 Portogruaro-Portofino-Conegliano, is using a real time traffic video surveillance system based on Infinova cameras that were installed by Infinova integrator GSG International.

The real time traffic video surveillance system uses over 300 Infinova V1749A High-Speed PTZ cameras, each with a 35x zoom, connected through a fiber optic network system to monitor key points of the motorway such as bridges, exits and critical junctions.

The Autovie Venete motorway network monitoring and control system is a classic ITS solution that centralizes and integrates all the viewing,

communication and control functions currently available to the staff at the Palmanova Traffic Control Centre in a single user interface. For example, the A4 Venice-Trieste Motorway has extensive traffic monitoring requirements, needing surveillance and security monitoring at its interchanges and bridges to improve traffic fluidity, decrease the number of crimes taking place on the motorway, and identify subjects believed to be responsible for events occurring on or just off the motorway property.

The V1749A provides the Motorway with a digital video output utilizing H.264/M-JPEG compression schemes to deliver high-quality video at up to 30 fps. Digital Signal Processing (DPS) technology provides enhanced clarity, color and detail. With the day/night camera, usable images can be delivered even in extremely low light conditions. Variable speed capabilities range from a smooth, fast pan motion of 240° per second to a low speed of 0.5° per second.



The system is capable of 360° rotation and has an "auto flip" feature that allows the camera to rotate 180° and reposition itself for uninterrupted viewing of any subject that passes directly beneath the PTZ dome. [www.infinova.com]

Europol

French Gendarmerie dismantles organised crime group

A large-scale organised crime network, made up of Georgian and Armenian nationals, was dismantled in the South of France. The network of criminals is suspected of committing over 1000 offences in the Toulouse region, which were mainly residential and commercial burglaries and thefts. The stolen property was shipped abroad in containers and trucks, while stolen jewellery was - on a regular basis and by the kilogram - sent for sale in Antwerp, Belgium.

So far 23 suspects have been arrested, kilograms of gold and jewellery have been recovered and the latest container of stolen goods was intercepted before leaving the port. These results are provisional and likely to increase as the operation continues. The organised crime group was hierarchically structured on several levels and under the coordination of at least one 'thief-in-law' ('thief-in-law' is English for 'vor-v-zakone': a criminal with high-ranking status who acts as a controller and regulator of Russian-speaking organised crime).

The work of the French Gendarmerie (Central Office for Combating Itinerant Delinquency and Gendarmerie of Midi-Pyrénées) was supported from the early stages of the investigation by Europol, who facilitated the exchange of intelligence with other EU Member States and delivered analytical reports. During the operation Europol also had two officers present in France who supported the operation via their mobile office. The assistance offered by Europol for this operation is ongoing and the results of the interviews, seizures and house searches will be processed to generate further intelligence and investigative leads. [www.europol.europa.eu]



IQinVision

Historic Istanbul Hotel Relies on IQinVision to Protect Guests

The 5-star Opera Hotel in Istanbul has deployed a wide range of IQinVision HD megapixel cameras in anticipation of its grand re-opening in January 2012. Bilge Electronics is the integrator for this project. The Opera Hotel is one of the historic hotels in Istanbul. After changing hands in 2004, the new owner planned for renovations to take the building back to its original form and grace. Upon re-opening, the hotel will offer 76 amenity-filled rooms, four suites, three meeting rooms, a swimming pool, fitness center, sauna, and a rooftop bar with a magnificent view of where Asia and Europe meet along the banks of the Bos-

porus Strait. The 64-camera installation is deployed so that 42 IQeye Alliance-mini dome cameras cover each floor's corridors, lobbies, and waiting rooms; 12 IQeye Alliance-mx cameras watch over the parking lot; and 10 IQeye Sentinels are located in strategic locations around the building perimeter and cover the entrance and street in front of the hotel. The cameras fit in unobtrusively with the hotel's classic design. They record on motion at 15 frames per second. The Opera Hotel's security goals are clear-cut: capture all important events at an image quality sufficient to recognize persons and objects. An important cost benefit for the hotel in using IQinVision HD megapixel cameras is that they were able to reduce the overall number of cameras needed for the project, particularly in the main lobby and for building perimeter security. [www.iqeye.com]