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## **1. Azerbaijan's representative has headed Universal Postal Union regional project on e-payments**

Baku, Fineko/abc.az. An Azerbaijani expert in the field of postal communications has been appointed the head of the regional project of the Universal Postal Union.

The Ministry of Communications & Information Technologies of Azerbaijan reports that Novruz Mammadov, the director of the Ministry's postal services office, was appointed regional director of the international long-term complex project on development of electronic payment systems in Europe and CIS countries.

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## **2. Postal workers' video blog makes negotiations more transparent**

Members need to know about negotiations that could affect the future of postal service.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers is involved in tough round of negotiations that could affect the future of postal service in Canada. During these current negotiations, the union is doing a weekly video blog to help keep members up-to-date on what's going on in negotiations, and include them in the process for greater transparency.

"In every round of negotiations, it's important to have clear and accurate information to focus the debate and make well-informed decisions," CUPW's website says. "This is even more important in crucial negotiations such as these."

The Video Blog features short presentations by CUPW President Denis Lemelin on the union's activities around negotiations. In these videos, he provides an update on one or two issues. As negotiations move forward, this video blog will deal with a more varied range of issues and will take on greater importance as a firsthand source of information.

It's a personal and direct way that intended to more deeply involve the union's members, especially the growing number of them who prefer news and information via online video.

In the current edition, Lemelin reports on the employer's positions.

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### **3. Code Red issued for postal parcels in Bulgaria (ROUNDUP)**

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Sofia. Code Red means the highest degree of control and security of shipments that pass through Bulgarian Post. The Code Red alert enters into force as of today and my order for additional higher measures is already under way. That is what the Minister of Transport and Communications Alexander Tsvetkov told reporters.

"This means that shipments that pass and get through Bulgarian Post are checked by both physical and technical means. This is due to the complicated situation in Europe. I think this is a temporary decision and I hope there to be no accidents in our country," Minister Tsvetkov announced.

There have always been problematic mails that are identified under the respective order. There had been examples of such items as weapons and even grenades in the sorting center. "The technical tools are the best protection against such risks," Tsvetkov said. It is strictly forbidden is to send weapons, explosives, grenades by mail. "The international European classification of the level of security and control has different levels depending on the risk. We decided that the risk in the current situation is too big, so we went to the highest level of control and security code that is "red" and so far we complied with Code Orange," Minister Tsvetkov said.

The parcel addressed to the Israeli ambassador in Bulgaria contained a necktie. The parcel was a gift for the ambassador and had a text attached to it. What made the post staff suspicious was the note on the parcel which said the ambassador should open it personally. The Interior Ministry was immediately notified.

The area around the post was cordoned off and the parcel was opened. After the events in Greece, but even before that, the police are ready to react, the police chief said. © 2010

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