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ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

**2LT (POSTHUMOUSLY) FLORIN BADICEANU,
HERO KILLED ON DUTY IN AFGHANISTAN**



Special points of interests:

**•2LT (posthumously)
Florin Badiceanu,
hero killed on duty in
Afghanistan**

**•Annual report on
2009 of the Depart-
ment of Parliament
Liaison and Public
Information**

SGT Florin Badiceanu was killed on duty and PFC Zamfir Marian was wounded in Afghanistan on Tuesday, February 23.

The soldiers of the 33rd Maneuver Battalion accomplished a patrol mission on A1 Kandahar-Kabul high way. Around 5 a.m. (Romanian time) at about 3 km north-east far from Lagman base, the HMMWV with the two soldiers on board passed over an improvised explosive device. After the explosion, the five members of the team were evacuated by air and brought to the Lagman base hospital, according to the proceedings.

SGT Florin Badiceanu died in spite of all the efforts made by the medical staff. The Sergeant graduated in 2005 and was in his second mission in Afghanistan. He was 31 years old, married with one child.

PFC Zamfir Marian is now receiving medical attendance and special investigations while being in the hospital.

The Minister of National Defence, Gabriel Oprea, and the chief of General Staff, Admiral Gheorghe Marin express their deep regret for the casualty and sympathize with the mourning family; the two leaders are informed permanently on the state of health of PFC Zamfir.

SGT Florin Badiceanu was raised in rank as 2LT (posthumously) by the National Defence Minister, Mr. Gabriel Oprea, at the proposal of the chief of General Staff, Admiral Gheorghe Marin.



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ANNUAL REPORT ON 2009 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENT LIAISON AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

The annual report on the activity of the Department for Parliament Liaison and Public Information in 2009 was held on February 24. The activity was attended by the Minister of National Defence, Gabriel Oprea, the State Secretary, Mihail Vasile Ozunu and representatives of central structures of the ministry.

The report accounted for last year's achievements of this department that is the interface with other military or civilian institutions. It was considered that it accomplished the tasks assumed and in compliance with its manning and logistic support.



In 2010, the Department for Parliament Liaison and Public Information aims at improving its activity as much as possible, that is reducing bureaucracy and speeding up the information flow and task accomplishment. Enforcing measures meant to improve the living standard of military personnel and an efficient management of the MoND patrimony are some of the priorities.

Minister Gabriel Oprea said: "I consider this structure plays an important role in the activity of the military institution as a whole. I speak here of the legal assistance and representing the interests of MoND, the liaison with the Parliament, the public authorities, the NGOs and last but not least, with the tax-paying citizen, who has to be informed on the way the military uses public funds for its constitutional responsibilities".

Minister Gabriel Oprea appreciated that, despite financial difficulties the department specialists successfully solved complex activities, covering a large range of responsibilities, from harmonization of normative acts with the EU legislation, up to the legal assistance granted to achieve the technical agreements for cooperation with foreign armed forces, from the adequate identification and solve of the personnel's social problems, up to the management of the legal regime of the MoND real estate patrimony and coordination of the medical and sanitary-veterinary assistance within the armed forces.

Reviewing 2010 goals of the Department, the Minister of National Defence mentioned the importance of improving the living standard of the military personnel that should be a priority as they manage sensitive areas that could generate improved living standards and motivation for active duty personnel and reserves as important factors for the cohesion within the military system, as a whole.

Efficient coordination of the measures meant to improve personnel's welfare is considered as a very important part in solving the problems military personnel is confronted with, the injured in the theaters of operations, the heroes' families or war veterans: "Draft laws on improving soldiers' working and living conditions should be promoted quickly along with those concerning the social problems of the enlisted soldiers and NCOs, or discriminating treatment of different categories of personnel".

Minister Gabriel Oprea assured the personnel of the Department for Parliament Liaison and Public Information of his entire support in all the department's projects so that the missions of the Romanian Armed Forces should be successfully accomplished.