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## Defence Ministry Leadership Wish „Scorpionii Negri“ Good Luck

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The Minister of National Defence reviewing the troops ready to deploy

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, participated in the ceremony for the deployment of the 20th „Dolj“ – „Scorpionii Negri“ Infantry Battalion to Afghanistan, on 2 February.

„You are soldiers with lots of experience in theaters of operations as you conducted many missions in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Iraq over the years, when you showed professionalism and determination. That is why I am convinced that now you will rise up to expectations once more“, Minister Mircea Duşa said.

The defence minister has also asked the soldiers to do their best for an excellent cooperation with the Afghan National Security Forces so that “they can take over the command and ensure a stable security environment, favorable to economic and institutional development of Afghanistan“.

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## Supreme Allied Commander Europe Visited Romania

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, received General Philip M. Breedlove, the Supreme Allied Commander Europe at the defence ministry, on Thursday 30 January. General Philip M. Breedlove was in Romania for a two-days visit at the invitation of the chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă.

General Breedlove was keen on congratulating Romania on its 10 years anniversary since joining NATO and thanked for the constant support given, over

the years, to allied operations such as ISAF in Afghanistan, KFOR mission in Kosovo, Air Police service in the Baltic Countries, Active Endeavor or operation Ocean Shield.

The US official said that 2014 is an important year for Romania as it celebrates 10 since NATO integration and 20 years since signing the PfP agreement. Mircea Duşa told General Breedlove that Romania endorses the allied commitment in Afghanistan post-2014 and the Alliance's intention to improve training and exercises for a better interaction with NATO partners.

During the meeting with Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă, the topics covered were missile defence and NATO air defence system, the stage of the operations conducted with the allies, especially the development of the operations in Afghanistan and the future mission, Resolute Support.

They also reviewed the activities within the implementation plan of NATO – Connected Forces Initiative, the transformation of NATO command structures and the implementation of Regional Focus concept.



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**Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, Congratulated the fencer Ana Maria Brânză for the Team's Success at Doha and also for her Personal Success at Budapest**

Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, congratulated, on 19th January, Ana Maria Brânză and all the members of the Romanian women's team foil in fencing for winning the World Cup – Grand Prix at Doha, Qatar. Under the leadership of Ana Maria Brânză, the team had spectacularly qualified in the finals, after two victories against Estonia and one against the USA in the semifinals. The game with China in the finals was equally hard and tense, the last offensive coming from the Romanian team through Ana Maria Brânză, who scored decisively and established the final score at 19-18.



The fencer Ana Maria Brânză

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, congratulated also Ana Maria Brânză on 3th February for winning the gold medal in the Westend women's epee Grand Prix that took place in Budapest. The fencer of the Military Sports Club Steaua won 15-7 over Irina Embrich (Estonia). On her way to the finals, the military fencer won over both Italian Marta Ferrari and the Russian Lyubov Shutova in the semi-finals. During the first stages of the competition, Ana Maria won over her competitors from Germany, Hungary and Sweden. Winning the World Cup in Budapest is the first individual victory of Ana Maria Brânză in 2014.