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# ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

## Bilateral meeting of the Romanian and Israeli Defence Ministers

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Photo coverage of the official talks with the Defence Minister of the State of Israel

The bilateral meeting of the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Dușa, and his counterpart, Mr. Moshe Ya’alon, the Defence Minister of the State of Israel took place on Tuesday, 24 June, in the context of the Romanian-Israeli Reunion at intergovernmental level, organized in Jerusalem over 23 and 24 June.

The two defence ministers started their bilateral talks with an analysis of the security situation in Ukraine. Mircea Dușa noted that the presidential elections of 25 May in Ukraine, that resulted in the election of Petro Poroshenko as chief of state, is beneficial to the consolidation of central administration and strengthening of legitimacy of the state.

Related to the Ukraine crisis, the Romanian defence minister informed his counterpart of the reassurance measures on NATO’s eastern flank. The developments of the security situation of Syria and Iraq were another topic approached during the discussions.

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Minister Mircea Duşa said the situation in Syria seems volatile and unpredictable, with a probability of worsening. „The conflict in Syria can affect the countries in the region, especially Lebanon and Iraq”, the Romanian defence minister pointed out. During their discussions, the two ministers also discussed the stage of the bilateral relations, when Minister Mircea Duşa appreciated that the visit was a good opportunity to further cooperation „in an international context that compels countries sharing common interests to consolidate their dialogue by adding a pragmatic touch to it”.

Another topic of discussion was cooperation in the field of intelligence. Signing a new agreement between the two institutions on the mutual protection of classified information „will complete the legal framework of the Romanian-Israeli bilateral cooperation”, the Romanian defence minister pointed out. The agreement will offer a better way of approaching challenges to regional and Euro-Atlantic security.

The agenda of the bilateral meeting also included identifying cooperation opportunities at service level and military education in the Navy. In turn, Minister Moshe Ya’alon pointed out that this year’s anniversary of 10 years since the establishment of the Mediterranean Dialogue with NATO is an opportunity for Israel to reiterate its commitment to counter terror and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

### **“CETATEA 2014” – a test for the C&I equipment newly procured by the Romanian Armed Forces**

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The technical, specialty exercise „CETATEA 2014”, assessed the components of the communications and information system of the Romanian Armed Forces, took place in units of all services and supported commands across the country, over 17 to 26 June.

Its goal was to train military specialty structures in planning, designing, implementing, managing, operating, maintaining, providing C&I services and ensuring the information security of the systems.

An evaluation was also made of the implementation solutions of new information networks, services and command and control applications with a view to sustaining military operations in support of the population affected by calamities, by developing C&I capabilities.

The exercise was also a good opportunity for testing the C&I equipment newly procured by the Romanian Armed Forces, especially those used in multinational exercises and operations and for training staff officers in using NATO standards and procedures.

Exercise „CETATEA 2014” that was attended by similar structures of the Defence, Public Order and National Security System was based on a scenario that imply managing possible civil emergencies in the aftermath of a calamity, that call for the involvement of the military in support of the actions taken by the Ministry of the Interior.

The exercise is conducted on an annual basis, as part of the Plan with the main activities of the General Staff.

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**Exercise "Mălina 14"**

Over 1,000 troops and some 220 vehicles and equipment of the 282nd Mechanized Infantry Brigade participated with four IAR-99 Șoim aircraft and four IAR-330 Puma Socat helicopters of the 95th Air Base, in exercise „Mălina 14” taking place at Smârdan firing range, Galați County, over 16 to 21 June.

The troops were deployed for the exercise come from Focșani, Brăila, Galați and Bacău garrisons. Exercise „Mălina 14” was attended by a platoon from the Republic of Moldova as well.

The scenario revolved around the idea of the defence combat of a force consisting of Mechanized Infantry, Tanks and Artillery units with Air Force support.



Minister of National Defence, Mircea Dușa,  
witnessed the development of the exercise

### **Meeting between the Chief of General Staff and JFC Naples Chief of Staff**

The Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă, met with Lieutenant General Leonardo di Marco, JFC Naples Chief of Staff, at the defence ministry on Monday, 16 June. The two military leaders discussed the role and position of the Allied Command and the fact that the collaboration with Romania continues under a new approach, within the context of “Regional Focus”. JFC Naples plays an important role in enforcing the reassurance and stability measures established at Alliance level and implementing the decisions to be taken at the future NATO Summit in Wales”, the chief of General Staff underlined. The JFC Naples Chief of Staff noted: "Romania is a powerful NATO member, involved in the activities meant to increase and adapt the defence capability, in terms of ensuring an increased response level of NATO, as requested by the dynamics of the present security context".

The delegation headed by Lieutenant General Leonardo di Marco will visit several military units in order to identify possible spots for the common training of allied troops.

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### **Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă met with the Commander of the Canadian Joint Operations Command**

On Friday, June 13, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă, the Chief of General Staff, met with the Commander of the Canadian Joint Operations Command, Lieutenant General Stuart Beare who is an official visit in Romania.

Subjects regarding the cooperation between the two armed forces and the continuation of the common training through exercises on the Romanian territory were approached during the official talks.

In this line, the Chief of General Staff emphasized the fact that the Canadian detachment deployed at 71 Air Base from Câmpia Turzii is an example of solidarity at the level of the Alliance. „We appreciated Canada’s involvement in the rapid implementation of the measures established at NATO level for the Eastern member states of the Alliance.

The training of the Canadian pilots in the Romanian air space will allow them to perform Air Policing Missions in this area, when necessary”, emphasized Lieutenant General Dănilă. Also, the two officials analyzed the recent evolutions of the security context in the area and the possible military implications.

### **Deputy Joint Chiefs of Staffs’ Reunion of SEDM Countries**

Valeriu Nicuț, State Secretary for Defence Policy and Planning and Chairman of the Political Military Steering Committee (PMSC) of the Multinational Peace Force South Eastern Europe (MPFSEE) and of the South Eastern Europe Defence Ministerial Coordination Committee (SEDM-CC), coordinated the Deputy Joint Chiefs of Staffs’ Reunion from SEDM Countries on Wednesday, June 11, at Belgrade, Republic of Serbia.

According to the provisions of the Additional Protocol to the MPFSEE Agreement, Romania took over the chairmanship from Italy in 2013; the chairmanship mandate is valid until July, 2015.

The reunion agenda included topics such as the analysis of the projects developed within the initiative, with focus on the practical methods of employing the SEEBRIG, establishing the details for the rotational calendar of the main MPFSEE positions and Georgia’s accession stages to SEDM initiative.

### **The military bilateral relations between Romania and the Greek Republic have progressed lately and the interest shown by both countries demonstrates the existence of certain common objectives**

The statement was made by defence minister, Mircea Dușa, during the bilateral meeting that was held on Wednesday, June 11, at the MoND Headquarters. In his opinion, „new cooperation fields that can support NATO must be explored”, restating the fact that the Summit which is to take place on September in The Wales would offer a new vision on the strategic profile of the Alliance.

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The same idea was shared by the Greek defence minister, Dimitris Avramopoulos, who emphasized the high level of the military relations between the two armed forces and appreciated the professionalism of the Romanian militaries. „We decided to expand our collaboration in the military field and discussed about the signing of certain memoranda in the near future „, Dimitris Avramopoulos also said.

The Romanian defence minister congratulated his Greek counterpart for the efforts made by the Helen Republic when holding the Chairmanship of the EU Council, for the implementation of the European Council's decisions of December 2013 and for taking necessary measures to consolidate EU's profit at international level.

The measures taken by NATO after the Ukrainian crisis to ensure the security of the air and maritime space were among the topics of the official talks' agenda.



Defence Minister, Mircea Duşa and his Greek counterpart Dimitris Avramopoulos, during his official visit to the MoND Headquarters

### **The Romanian Defense Minister met with Ray Mabus, the US Secretary of the Navy**

The complexity of the exercises conducted in common by the Romanian and US Naval Forces will increase the training and interoperability level. This is the conclusion reached by Defence Minister Mircea Duşa and the US Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus during the official talks they had on Wednesday, June 11.

During the meeting, defence minister emphasized the importance of the Strategic Partnership between the two countries in the military field by reiterating the need to continue conducting the common exercises between the two naval forces.

In his turn, the US Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus appreciated the increased level of bilateral cooperation between the two states and expressed his conviction that new opportunities for project development would be identified in the future, Romania demonstrating that is a trustworthy partner the USA can rely on.

The US Secretary of the Navy also met with the Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă and with the Chief of Naval Forces Staff, Rear admiral Alexandru Mîrşu.