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of the Academic Year**

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Sibiu – opening ceremony of the university year

On Thursday, October 1, Defence Minister Mircea Duşa participated in ceremonies marking the opening of the academic year in the higher educational institutions. Minister Duşa participated in the opening ceremonies organized at “Mircea cel Bătrân” Naval Academy from Constanţa, at “Henri Coandă” Air Force Academy, from Braşov, and at “Nicolae Bălcescu” Land Forces’ Academy conducted in the afternoon, in Piaţa Mare (Grand Square) from Sibiu.

Also, the classes of „Carol I” National Defence University, Military Technical Academy and of Medical-Military Institute started on Thursday.

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The Minister of Defence Received the Visit of the Ambassador of Poland to Bucharest

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, received the Ambassador of Poland to Bucharest, H.E. Marcin Wilczek, at the defence ministry, today, September 24.

The agenda of the meeting included topics such as the challenges to the global security environment and the implementation of NATO Readiness Action Plan.

“Establishing a Multinational Division Headquarters for southeast in Romania and activating NFIUs both in Romania and Poland, along with those from Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, sent a strong allied reassuring and solidarity message in the present international context”, the defence minister pointed out. He thanked the Polish ambassador for the participation of the Polish soldiers in the two NATO structures in Bucharest.

“The Romanian-Polish Strategic Partnership ensures the appropriate framework for the excellent relations of our armed forces, while offering the basis for conducting such joint projects”, minister Duşa said. The defence minister also appreciated that the document can play an important role in increasing the ability of the two countries to project an integrated vision at regional, allied and European level.

“Taking into account the common position of Romania and Poland related to security risks and the ways to counter them, we intend to make an essential contribution to projecting NATO adaptation goals that are to be approved at the 2016 Warsaw Summit”, concluded minister Mircea Duşa.

Defence Ministers of Romania and Republic of Moldova Signed a Technical Agreement on Military Standardization

“The Agreement on technical cooperation in the field of military standardization between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of National Defence of Romania” was signed by the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and his counterpart from the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Anatolie Şalaru at Neptun, Constanţa County, today, September 22.



The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and his counterpart from the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Anatolie Şalaru

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The document is the functional institutional tool necessary to create, maintain and strengthen the bilateral cooperation framework in the field of military standardization, in agreement with the provisions in force in the two countries.

The cooperation will target mainly speciality assistance for the creation of the regulating framework at national level, for consultations and implementation of specific international standards as well as the experience exchange between the bodies and structures with responsibilities in the field. The signing ceremony took place during the common meeting of the Governments of Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

The meeting of Minister Mircea Duşa with the President of the Republic of Slovenia

Defence Minister Mircea Duşa met with his Slovenian counterpart Andreja Katič on September 14, at the Headquarters of the Republic of Slovenia's Defence Minister.

“We wish to identify those cooperation fields that can contribute to the stabilization and security of the Euro-Atlantic space and its vicinity”, the Romanian defence minister stated.

During the bilateral talks, the two officials approached topics referring to the current security situation from the extended Black Sea region, focussing on Ukraine and the Balkans.

Minister Duşa emphasized our country's availability in contributing to the international community's assistance efforts for Ukraine, highlighting Romania's contribution to the European Union and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's missions from the region.

Defence minister accentuated the importance Romania gave to turn the strong potential of its relations with Slovenia profitable by intensifying the high level political and military dialogue as well as the contacts in different fields.



Defence minister Mircea Duşa together with his Slovenian counterpart,
Andreja Katič

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“I would like to express my appreciation for the excellent co-operation between our armed forces’ specialists within NATO HUMINT Centre of Excellence from Oradea. As Romania has been conducting common activities with Slovenia and other states as part of the International Association of Military Mountain Schools (IAMMS), we consider that your country’s initiative to establish the Mountain Troop Centre of Excellence is more than welcome”, Mircea Duşa stated. Also, on September 14, the two officials participated in the handover ceremony of IAR-93 aircraft donated by the National Museum of the Romanian Aviation to the Slovenian Armed Forces’ National Museum. During the ceremony, Minister Katič awarded medals to the people who contributed to this project.

“Taking into consideration the current regional security context corroborated with the emerging challenges generated not only by the latest developments of the situation from Ukraine but also from the Southern flank of the Alliance, I consider it proper to intensify our cooperation at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels”, defence minister Mircea Duşa stated during the meeting with the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Borut Pahor.

Minister Duşa pointed out that the visit in Slovenia represented an opportunity of strengthening the political and military cooperation relations between the two states and armed forces.

“We have common ideals and values; that is why providing for the security of the Euro-Atlantic space is a foremost objective for our countries”, minister Mircea Duşa declared.

The two officials also discussed about the strategic adjustment of the North-Atlantic Alliance, the topics to be approached during the future NATO Summit, the implementation status of the decisions taken in the defence field at the European Councils as well as the implementation of the reassurance measures in NATO’s Eastern flank.

Defence Minister Mircea Duşa also met with the Slovenian Defence Minister, Andreja Katič, on Monday.

Meeting of Minister Duşa with the Ambassador of Kuwait in Romania

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, received the Ambassador of Kuwait in Romania, H.E. Mubarak M. Alsehaijan, at the defence ministry HQ, on Thursday, September 10.

During the talks, the two officials expressed their concern on the mass migration of the civil population from conflict areas such as Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, considering it to be a matter that should be treated with diplomacy and humanely.

Minister Mircea Duşa also pointed out the interest of the Romanian side to sign the draft Agreement between the Government of Romania and the Government of the State of Kuwait on defence cooperation,

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that should, in his opinion, give an impulse to bilateral cooperation that would allow the development of common projects.

As to the present security context, the importance was stressed out of taking further practical cooperation and intensifying dialogue and an exchange of opinions on the challenges to international security.

At the end, the Romanian minister saluted the efforts of the Kuwait authorities to consolidate relations with NATO, and expressed his belief that a joint approach to the threats on global security would be beneficial.

Minister Mircea Duşa at the Ceremony Marking the Mountain Troops Returning Home

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, will participate in the ceremony marking the returning home of the 33rd “Posada” Mountain Battalion from Afghanistan, organized in the Central Square of Curtea de Argeş, at 16.00 hrs., on Thursday, September 10.

After the ceremony, pianist Adrian Leonard Mociulschi and Pan flute player Nicolae Voiculeţ will give a concert in honour of the Mountain Troops, at “George Topârceanu” Art and Cultural Centre of Curtea de Argeş, as part of „George Enescu” International Music Festival.

The concert held for the Romanian soldiers is organized by the Romanian Cultural Institute in association with the Ministry of National Defence.

During their mission in Afghanistan, over February to September 2015, the main tasks of the Romanian soldiers were ensuring the protection of Kandahar military base and counselling the Afghan security forces, thus contributing to the security climate needed for the political and social stability of the area. So far, the 33rd “Posada” Mountain Battalion participated in four missions abroad, in the theatres of operations of Iraq (UNAMI - September 2005 – March 2006) and Afghanistan (ISAF III - June 2007 – January 2008, ISAF IV - July 2012 – February 2013, RESOLUTE SUPPORT – February-September 2015).



Minister Mircea Duşa is reviewing the soldiers of 33rd “Posada” Mountain Troop Battalion