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# ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

**Mircea Duşa at the Meeting of the  
Romanian-Polish Strategic Structured Dialogue**

## Special points of interests:

- Mircea Duşa at the Meeting of the Romanian-Polish Strategic Structured Dialogue
- General Nicolae Ciucă at the 178<sup>th</sup> Military Committee in Chiefs of Defence Session, at NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium
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Secretary of State for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations, Mircea Duşa (Ministry of National Defence) and the State Secretary for Planning and International Relations Bilateral and Strategic Affairs in the Euro-Atlantic Space, George Ciamba, (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) at the Romanian-Polish Strategic Structured Dialogue

Secretary of State for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations, Mircea Duşa, participated in the seventh round of the Romanian-Polish strategic structured dialogue on security matters. The meeting took place in Warsaw and was attended by the delegation headed by Mircea Duşa as well as by that headed by State Secretary for Planning and International Relations Bilateral and Strategic Affairs in the Euro-Atlantic Space, George Ciamba, of the Foreign Affairs Ministry.

The discussions included topics such as the state of the regional security, continuing the implementation of the measures decided upon at

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the NATO Summits in Wales and Warsaw, namely consolidating the defence and deterrence postures on the Eastern flank, but also current topics in the perspective of the allied summit this summer.

The officials discussed in depth current topics on the EU agenda, namely the permanent structured cooperation, in order to identify new ways of cooperation with a view to implementing the goals on the European defence agenda.

The dialogue covered the bilateral but also regional Romanian-Polish cooperation, especially from the perspective of the two countries' cooperation in organizing the B9 Reunion in defence ministers format, to take place in Bucharest, in March.

As to the two percent of the GDP allotted for defence, they discussed the Romanian Armed Forces acquisition planning and the efforts made by Romania in modernizing military equipment.

The dialogue was an excellent opportunity to consolidate the Romanian-Polish relations in terms of the Strategic Partnership between the two countries. The officials agreed to continue consultations at bilateral level in order to harmonize the opinions the two countries stated within NATO and the EU.

### **General Nicolae Ciucă at the 178th Military Committee in Chiefs of Defence Session, at NATO Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium**

The General Staff's delegation headed by General Nicolae Ciucă, participated in the the 178th Military Committee in Chiefs of Defence Session over 16-17 January, 2018.

The meeting agenda included military topics such as security challenges along the Southern flank of NATO and the allied contributions to its stabilization, the path to be taken related to Resolute Support mission in Afghanistan, NATO's role in giving assistance in reforming the security sector in Iraq and training the Iraqi security forces in 2018. They will also discuss the propositions to adapt NATO's command structure, military recommendations and their harmonization with those made by the North-Atlantic Council.

### **Polish Troops' Authority Transfer in Craiova**

From 11 hrs., on Friday, January 12th, a ceremony was organized for the authority transfer of the Polish military contingents of the 1st and 2nd rotation at the headquarters of the 26th Infantry Battalion „Neagoe Basarab”. The Polish military contingent that will be deployed in Romania for about six months, contributes to ensuring a consolidated presence to the South-East of the Alliance, in agreement with the measures taken at NATO Summit in Warsaw in 2016.

The Polish contingent is affiliated to the 26th Infantry Battalion „Neagoe Basarab” within the South-East Multinational Brigade, while a rotation of a contingent in Romania lasts about six months.

The event took place in the presence of officials from the defence ministry, representatives of the Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces and local administration.

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## Signing the Contract for the Acquisition of Piranha V Armoured Vehicles

The signing ceremony for the acquisition contract of 227 Infantry armoured Fighting Vehicles (IFV) Piranha V and its initial logistic support took place on Friday, January 12th, at the defence ministry HQ, in the attendance of defence minister Mihai Fifor and vice-prime minister Marcel Ciolacu.

Thus, the Cooperation Agreement signed between the Ministry of Economy and C.N. Romarm S.A. with General Dynamics manufacturer came into force.

Defence Minister, Mihai Fifor, said that” an important step was taken for the Romanian Land Forces as well as for the implementation of the Government program with a view of equipping the Romanian Armed Forces” and ”that we succeeded in involving the national defence industry by creating new jobs and through a successful performance of such industry”.

Starting with 2018, the infantry armoured fighting vehicle will gradually be manufactured and enter into the service of the Romanian Armed Forces. The MoND will be able to offer maintenance throughout the entire life-cycle of the equipment; also, the crews handling these vehicles will benefit from simulation training for optimum results.

The Infantry armored Fighting Vehicle PIRANHA V is the most advanced platform for troops’ transportation, equipped with the latest ballistic protection and fire-power systems existing in NATO.



The defence minister addresses the audience

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## **“Vulturii Carpaților” train for a new mission in Afghanistan**

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On Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, at “Getica” Joint National Training Center , the soldiers of 30<sup>th</sup> Force Protection Battalion “Vulturii Carpaților” conducted a tactical sequence of the Mission Rehearsal Exercise (MRE).

The goal of the exercise, entitled Vulturii Carpaților 18.01, conducted through 12 to 20 January, was to evaluate the mission readiness level of the soldiers for their participation in February to Resolute Support Mission in Afghanistan.

30<sup>th</sup> Force Protection Battalion “Vulturii Carpaților” will conduct over February-August 2018 specific force protection missions in the ground defense area close to Kandahar Military Air Base, with a view of offering support to TAAC South (Train, Advise and Assist Command South), as well as training, counseling and assistance missions in support of Afghan National Forces.

The unit is mainly made up of the servicemen of 30<sup>th</sup> “Dragoslavele” Mountain Troop Battalion who had been deployed in missions in the theaters of operations from Kosovo (2005 and 2007) and Afghanistan (2008).