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# ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

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The Romanian and Canadian Defence Ministers, Mihai Fifor and Harjit Singh Sajjan, during the welcoming ceremony at the 90<sup>th</sup> Airlift Base

On Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Romanian Defence Minister Mihai Fifor met with his Canadian counterpart, Harjit Singh Sajjan, who was on official visit to Romania.

The two officials visited the 57<sup>th</sup> Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base, where they met with the Canadian Detachment deployed in the base to conduct enhanced Air Policing missions together with the Romanian Air Force personnel.

The subjects listed on the meeting agenda were the status of the bilateral cooperation in the field of defence, current topics of the North-Atlantic Alliance and UNO, the security situation in the Black Sea region and the implementation of the Allied reassurance measures and Allied presence in this area.

The Romanian defence minister thanked his counterpart for Canada's constant and solid commitment by emphasizing the importance of the current



participation in the enhanced Air Policing missions conducted on our territory and the professionalism they proved by the Royal Air Force pilots. At the same time, Mihai Fifor expressed his appreciation for the Canadian staff officers' activity who man certain positions within the Allied structures established on Romanian territory: Headquarters Multinational Division South-Eastern and Headquarters Multinational Brigade South-Eastern from Craiova.

The Romanian and Canadian defence ministers emphasized the collaboration between the two states within the UNO missions and agreed upon the initiation of talks at expert-group level in the near future in order to enhance relations in this field.

During the meeting, the two officials tackled the increase of bilateral cooperation in the fields of the military education and medicine. Minister Fifor mainly focused on the cooperation with the Canadian counterpart with regard to the post-traumatic treatment for the soldiers who returned from the theaters of operations as well as on the improvement of the research, risk management, diagnose and specific treatment system of the post-traumatic stress affections. The Canadian defence minister was very open in this respect, taking into consideration the large experience gained by his country in this field.

### Minister Fifor, at the Annual Meeting of the Romanian Defence Attachés

On Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Defence Minister Mihai Fifor participated at the opening of the Annual Meeting of the Romanian Defence Attachés entitled "The Defence Attaché Institution in the Year of Romania's Centennial".

The Minister of National Defence thanked the military attachés for their important activity conducted in the countries they are accredited to, having a special contribution to the promotion of Romania's foreign policy and security, alongside their colleagues from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Minister Mihai Fifor also



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pointed out the measures taken by the military diplomats in implementing the ministry's projects organized in the context of the Great Union Centennial, mainly in the field of honoring the memory of the Romanian heroes fell outside the national borders but also the cultural events organized in collaboration with other authorities of the Romanian state.

During the reunion, minister Fifor reviewed the current security situation which he considered "a complicated one, with important challenges posed to the South-Eastern Flank of the North-Atlantic Alliance and in the Black Sea Region", and enumerated the MoND objectives which are to be accomplished the following year.

### **SCORPIONS FURY 18 Multinational Exercise**

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Almost 1,800 Romanian and foreign soldiers, with 250 means of equipment, participate in SCORPIONS FURY 18 Multinational Exercise (SCFY18) which has been conducted through November 5-16, at the Joint National Training Center from Cincu, Braşov County.

The goal of SCFY18 is to evaluate the readiness level of the South-East Multinational Brigade Headquarters in accomplishing its assigned mission through computer-assisted exercises, field training exercises and live firing exercises in order to have its final operational capability declared.

Romanian and foreign soldiers from the Allied Land Command (LANDCOM) from Izmir, Turkey), Romanian Land Forces Staff, South-East Multinational Division, Joint Multinational Training Center, the units subordinated to the South-East Multinational Brigade (20<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion, 26<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, 325<sup>th</sup> Artillery Battalion, 205<sup>th</sup> AD Battalion, 116<sup>th</sup> Logistic Support Battalion, Polish Military Contingent), as well as from the structures affiliated during the exercise (38<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Battalion from Bulgaria, 6<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment from Italy and 2<sup>nd</sup> Pandur Battalion from Portugal) participate in SCFY 18.

### **Defence Minister's Meeting with his Counterpart from the Republic of Albania, at the MoND Headquarters**

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On Wednesday, October 3<sup>st</sup>, Defence Minister Mihai Fifor met with his Albanian counterpart, Olta XHAÇKA, as part of the visit the Albanian defence minister pays to Romania.

The meeting agenda included topics referring to the security situation from the Western Balkans and the Romanian-Albanian cooperation in the field of defence, both at bilateral level and within NATO, with focus on the efforts made by the two states in order to counteract the threats against North-Atlantic security and on strengthening the defence and deterrence posture. In this respect, the two ministers expressed their interest in the field of defence by increasing the political-military dialogue at high level and the collaboration at the level of the Services.



The complexity of the threats and the importance of the constant stabilization efforts were emphasized with respect to the security situation in the Western Balkans' region. In this context, Minister Mihai Fifor pointed out the importance of the development process undergone by the EU member states from the region. Also, the defence minister appreciated Albania's contribution and involvement in the process of the South-Eastern Europe Defence Ministerial (SEDM).

“Following Romania's taking over the Presidency of the EU Council starting with January 2019, I pointed out that the stability of the Western Balkans region is one of the priorities in the field of defence. Therefore, I suggested the Albanian partner to intensify the cooperation between the two states, taking into consideration our common interests in ensuring a proper security and stability climate in a region facing complex and volatile threats and conflicts which can get worse at any time. There is a cooperation potential between Romania and Albania, and we agreed upon initiating the talks at the level of expert-groups in the near future so that all projects discussed during this official visit in Bucharest get materialized in the benefit of our armed forces “, Mihai Fifor added.