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# ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

## The Participation of State Secretary Nicolae Nasta in the South-Eastern Defence Ministerial

### Special points of interests:

- The Participation of State Secretary Nicolae Nasta in the South-Eastern Defence Ministerial
- Defence Minister's meeting with the Chief of National Security Bureau of the Republic of Poland
- The inauguration of the First World War Romanian Heroes' Monument raised in Worms, Germany
- The visit of the Chief of the General Staff of the Georgian Armed Forces in Romania

The State Secretary for the Liaison with the Parliament and Personnel Welfare, Nicolae Nasta, participated in the South-Eastern Europe Defence Ministerial-(SEDM), hosted this year by the Serb Republic.

The reunion was attended by the defence ministers from the SEDM member states or their deputies and representatives of several international and regional organizations, such as: NATO HQ, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC).

Throughout the reunion, the officials tackled the evolutions registered by the projects developed under the aegis of SEDM, and approved a series of documents necessary for the proper functioning of the initiative.

In his allocutions, State Secretary Nasta emphasized the importance of this format for the promotion of the good neighbor and cooperation relations in the region, and pointed out the need to adapt SEDM to the new types of challenges posed by the regional and international security environment.

### Defence Minister's meeting with the Chief of National Security Bureau of the Republic of Poland

On Thursday, October 11th, at the MoND headquarters, defence minister Mihai Fifor met with the chief of National Security Bureau of the Republic of Poland, State Secretary Paweł Soloch.

The talks focused on ways of collaboration between Romania and Poland with a view of implementing the decisions made at the recent Brussels NATO Summit, and enhancing cooperation both on the Alliance Eastern flank and among the European Union. The two officials analyzed the security developments in the region, in the context of the complex hybrid challenges that have emerged both in the Black Sea region and in the Baltic Sea area.

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The minister of national defence thanked the Polish State Secretary for the contributions made by Poland to the Allied assurance consolidation measures on the Eastern flank by participating with troops to the Multinational South-East Brigade from Craiova and reiterated his support in ensuring a robust Allied defence and deterrence posture. At the same time, the defence minister restated Romania's commitment on the implementation of the reinforced Allied presence which materialized in the participation of the Romanian soldiers in the US Battle Group, Poland.

The two officials emphasized the B9 Initiative significant dynamics - as part of the regional cooperation - which proved its importance in the way the participating states make the most of their advanced initiatives within this consultation format.

“The defence cooperation between Romania and Poland has registered an ascending trend this year. We co-organized the B9 Defence Ministers' Meeting, in Bucharest, we cooperate very well and we always support each other's initiatives within EU and NATO. On this occasion, we sent the message that our countries are the main stability pillars on the Alliance Eastern flank, at the same time ensuring the balance and the coherence of the entire region. Also, Romania and Poland remain firmly committed to the strengthening of the trans-Atlantic relation, an essential aspect for the assurance of the European security and stability”, defence minister Mihai Fifor stated.

### **The inauguration of the First World War Romanian Heroes' Monument raised in Worms, Germany**

On Tuesday, October 9th, State Secretary Nasta attended the inauguration ceremony of WWI Romanian Heroes' Monument, raised in Auf Der Hochimer Höhe Cemetery, Worms city, Renania-Palatinat Land, Germany. The German part was represented by the Mayor of Worms city, Michael Kissel.

The event consisted in a military and religious ceremony and the solemn reading of the names of the 168 Romanian soldiers who lost their lives in the war prison camp which was operated in this locality, during World War I.



WWI Romanian Heroes' Monument from Worms

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The building of the monument was funded by the Ministry of National Defence, through the National Office for the Cult of Heroes and raised with the support of Worms City-Hall. The finalization of this project set the stage for the organization of several commemorative events to honor the Romanian servicemen fallen on German territory. As a sign of gratitude, the participants laid wreaths of flowers to the monument, at the end of the ceremony.

The event was part of the manifestations organized by the Romanian state to mark the First World War Centenary. At the end of the armed conflict, the Romanian people succeeded in achieving their national unity project – The Great Union from December 1st, 1918.

### The visit of the Chief of the General Staff of the Georgian Armed Forces in Romania

On Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, Defence Minister Mihai Fifor met with Major General Vladimer Chachibaia, the Chief of General Staff of the Georgian Armed Forces, who makes a visit to Romania over October 8th-10th, following the invitation of the Romanian Chief of Defence Staff, General Nicolae Ciucă.

During the meeting, Minister Fifor and Major General Vladimer Chachibaia tackled topics of common interest such as bilateral cooperation and the security situation from the Black Sea region.

“Last week, at the NATO Ministerial, we analyzed the progresses made by Georgia with

regard to the implementation of the NATO-Georgia Substantial Package. One of the conclusions of the meeting was the need to enhance dialogue between NATO and Georgia. Ensuring regional security is another key-element of this cooperation, the security situation from the Black Sea region being characterized by complex and diversified developments. I appreciate Georgia’s commitment to the Alliance’s efforts in ensuring security in the region, both states holding important roles as riverine states”, minister Fifor stated.



Defence Minister Mihai Fifor, the Romanian Chief of Defence Staff, General Nicolae Ciucă and the Chief of General Staff of the Georgian Armed Forces, Major General Vladimer Chachibaia



The meeting agenda between General Nicolae Ciucă and Major General Vladimer Chachibaia comprised topics referring to the identification of new ways of cooperation between the two armed forces as well as the diversification of the joint training methods. The Romanian-Georgian military cooperation activities cover several fields such as military cooperation activities: personnel development, the medical-military field and the protection of the military classified information.

“There is an excellent bilateral cooperation between Romania which must be consolidated, in virtue of our common interests. We contribute to the training of the Georgian Special Operations Forces through training sessions and joint exercises in order to increase interoperability within NATO. Romania stays committed to the development of the Alliance capabilities with a view of accomplishing the entire spectrum of missions, which involves a good coordination with the partner states. We also pursue to enhance cooperation efforts and correlate them with NATO’s current and future goals, by making the most of the opportunities offered by the international cooperation mechanisms”, General Nicolae Ciucă declared.