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# ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

## Azerbaijani Official Pays Visit to the Ministry of National Defence

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Official meeting of the Azerbaijani official with State Secretary Sebastian Huluban

The State Secretary for Defence Policy and Planning, Sebastian Huluban, met with Lieutenant General Vahid Aliyev, Assistant to Azerbaijani President in defence related matters, on Friday, 7 June.

The two parties reviewed the latest developments of the defence co-operation between Romania and Azerbaijan. They discussed particular aspects of the two countries' security and defence policy, focusing on the Black and Caspian seas and the importance of developing projects that could be implemented by the two armed forces.

They also talked of Azerbaijan's relation to NATO and the support Romania is giving in this respect.

During his visit to the defence ministry, the Azerbaijani official was also received by the chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă.

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## NAPMO Board of Directors Met in Bucharest

The NAEW&C Program Management Organization Board of Directors met at the Palace of the National Military Club over 4 to 6 June. During the event, the Romanian officials advocated the importance of keeping Romania involved in this multinational project, according to the commitments assumed in 2009.

The Board of Directors is the only authority that manages NAEW&C Program technically, ensures its logistic and financial support and monitors contracts, from acquisition to delivery and maintenance of equipment.

Prior to this reunion, at the beginning of the week, the Chairman of the NATO AEW&C Program Management, Mr. Gilbert Mace, was received by Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă, chief of General Staff.

The two officials discussed Romania's support of the efforts of the Alliance and especially of NAEW&C. The reunion at the National Military Club brought together representatives of all nations participating in the NATO Program, namely: Romania, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, Great Britain, Norway, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Spain, the USA Turkey and Hungary.

NATO Air Early Warning and Control (NAEW&C) is an airborne, multinational capability, of air surveillance, early warning and command and control, used in support of the Alliance goals.

## Meeting of State Secretary Vasile Costea with a Delegation of the South-African Ministry of Defence



State Secretary Vasile Costea and MD Sam Makhudu Gulube,  
Defence Secretary for War Veterans

The State Secretary for Parliament Liaison, Public Information and Personnel Welfare, Vasile Costea, met on June 5 with a delegation of the Ministry of Defence of South Africa headed by Doctor Sam Makhudu Gulube, Defence Secretary for War Veterans who visited our country over 4 and 7 June.

The officials discussed topics of bilateral cooperation in fields of common interest, such as defence-related scientific research and experience exchanges in the field of military education.



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The members of the South African delegation were highly interested in the way the defence ministry manages aspects related to increasing personnel's welfare in general and of the war veterans in particular.

The delegation's visit agenda included visits to the National Defence University „Carol I“ and the Military Hospital „Dr. Carol Davila“.

### **Minister Mircea Duşa Participated in the Defence Ministers' Meeting in Brussels**



The defence ministers of NATO member countries, participating in the Brussels meeting

During the reunion, the Romanian defence minister conveyed the position of our country towards the development stage of the defence capabilities to reach the NATO level of ambition. At the end of multilateral consultations to establish capabilities packages for each of the allies, Minister Mircea Duşa agreed to all the capabilities targets allotted by the Alliance, pointing out that the test of this political commitment lies in its implementation stage.

Talking of investments for the development of capabilities, NATO Secretary General conveyed his message of appreciation for the nations that decided to increase their defence budgets by 2 percent of the GDP and recommended the other allies to take steps along the same line.

Talking of the implementation of the NATO missile defence capability, the Romanian minister reiterated the commitment of Romanian authorities to reach the goals established with the American partner related to rendering operational elements of missile defence on the Romanian territory.

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As to the real threats posed by cyber attacks on NATO infrastructure, the defence minister stressed how important it is that the Alliance has clear strategic options in this field. „It is a field where threats are highly dynamic and NATO should have an active response in defence of its information networks and in support of its members, should the need arise“, minister Duşa pointed out. Cooperation and developing partnerships are also necessary in the field of cyber defence together with other international players such as EU and UN and a selective partnership with NATO partner states, the private sector and academia. This is the second Defence Ministers' meeting this year and an important step towards the implementation of the decisions of the Chicago Summit, regarding the transformation and reform of the Alliance. The meeting is the initial stage in preparing NATO's Summit agenda of 2014. The event involved defence ministers of the allied countries, from ISAF contributors as well as EU and UN representatives.

### **Bilateral Meeting of Defence Ministers of Romania and Georgia**



Brussels – Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, with the  
Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Georgia, Irakli Alasania

The meeting took place against the background of the North Atlantic Council meetings of Defence Ministers held in Brussels on 4 and 5 June 2013.

The bilateral talks agenda included topics of common interest, such as the evolution of the regional security environment and improving defence cooperation.

Minister Mircea Duşa declared that the Romanian Government makes a priority of the developments in the extended Black Sea region, which is vital to the security interests of

our country. „Romania takes into account the regional security of the Black Sea based on its status of riparian as well as a NATO and EU member“, the Romanian official said. At the same time, he emphasized the support our country is going to give to Georgia with a view to its NATO and EU integration.

The Georgian Defence Minister, Irakli Alasania, thanked especially to Romania that holds the mandate of Contact Point Embassy in Tbilisi, for the constant support given to his country with a view to its NATO and territorial integration.



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Also, the two delegations discussed ways of extending defence bilateral cooperation and of assessing opportunities and possibilities to develop training and instruction programs for Special Forces.

### **Agreement Signing on defence bilateral cooperation between the Romanian Government and the Government of the Republic of Poland**



Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa and  
his counterpart, Tomasz Siemoniak

The Agreement aims at increasing the political and military dialogue and establishing direct partnerships between the Services and the military educational institutions. The document reflects the status of the two NATO and EU state members and will enable the closing of specific technical agreements in certain areas of activity.

In the same line, Minister Mircea Duşa declared that this Agreement „will lead to the implementation of the cooperation projects and programs at the Ministry of National Defence

level listed in the Action Plan.“ At the same time, the Romanian official emphasized that the bilateral consultations at the State Secretaries’ level from the defence ministries were benefic and that he was convinced that the grounds for an intense collaboration between the two institutions had already been set. Defence Minister Duşa also added that he would support this collaboration.

The cooperation between Romania and Republic of Poland will consist in participating in peace-keeping missions, humanitarian missions and developing technical and military activities at the level for the three Services. Another element comprised in the Agreement will be the military education, as part of the training and professional development process, especially of the Air Force personnel. The research in defence technology field is also a point of the Agreement. The two delegations exchanged opinions about the NATO and EU-led operations. The active participation of the two countries in the on-going and already scheduled civilian and military missions was discussed in the context of the EU’s Defence and Security Policy.