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**The visit of NATO Deputy Secretary General onboard of
“Lt. Lupu Dinescu” Minesweeper**

Special points of interests:

- The visit of NATO Deputy Secretary General onboard of “Lt. Lupu Dinescu” Minesweeper
- The first MEDEVAC mission performed by the Romanian detachment deployed in Mali
- State Secretary Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, at the Meetings of NATO Defence Ministers



NATO's Deputy Secretary General, Mircea Geoană onboard of
“Lt. Lupu Dinescu” Minesweeper

On Wednesday, October 30, NATO's Deputy Secretary General, Mircea Geoană, together with a delegation made up of ambassadors of the North-Atlantic Council, made a visit onboard of “Lt. Lupu Dinescu” Minesweeper that is part of the Standing NATO Maritime Counter Measures Group/ SNMCMG-2, which is on stopover in Odessa.

The members of the delegation had talks with the Romanian crew about the missions the Romanian Naval Forces conduct in the Black Sea region together with their partners and about our country's contribution in applying the security measures on NATO's Eastern Flank.

“We are honored for having received us onboard of this Romanian ship. I congratulate you, on my behalf and on behalf of my colleagues for the courage, devotion and patriotism you prove by participating in this

mission. I assure you that the entire Alliance is proud of you and I am convinced that you will have successful careers because I see in you, both men and women, the future leaders of the Romanian Armed Forces and of the Alliance. I wish success in your mission”, said the NATO’s Deputy Secretary General to the Romanian soldiers.

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SNMCMG-2 Missions in the Black Sea aim at increasing the interoperability among the participating forces in the field of debarkation of the air assault and countermining troops. Also, the mission consists in stopovers of the Spanish ESPS SELLA Minehunter, Bulgarian BGS SHKVAL Minesweeper and Romanian “Lt. Lupu Dinescu” Minesweeper in Constanța and Odessa Harbors.

“Lt. Lupu Dinescu” Minesweeper is headed by Lieutenant Commander Ionuț Diaconu, with a crew made up of 70 servicemen.

The first MEDEVAC mission performed by the Romanian detachment deployed in Mali

The Romanian soldiers deployed to participate in the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) executed their first live MEDEVAC mission in the theater of operations on Tuesday, 29 October.

The crews of the two IAR 330 L-RM helicopters, one configured for MEDEVAC missions and the other configured to offer support, were mobilized to evacuate a UN soldier who was on patrol mission and suffered a thermic shock caused by the high temperature.

During the MEDEVAC flight, the patient was assisted by the medical team made up of a doctor and two medical assistants with competencies in the field of patients MEDEVAC and assistance. After the landing



Romanian soldiers evacuating the injured person

of the aircraft, the patient was taken over by the ROL 1 German ambulance to continue provide for his treatment and surveillance.

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Starting October, Romania has been contributing to the international peace-keeping efforts in MINUSMA Mission in Mali with an Air Force detachment made up of 120 servicemen and four IAR-330 L-RM Helicopters.

On 29 October, the “Carpathian Pumas” Detachment reached its full operational capability and can perform, under UN command, the entire range of missions, in accordance with the MINUSMA mandate.

State Secretary Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, at the Meetings of NATO Defence Ministers

State Secretary for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, participated in the Meetings of NATO Defence Ministers, organized at the North-Alliance Headquarters from Brussels, over 24 -25 October.

The Meetings of NATO Defence Ministers have a special relevance from the perspective of the preparation of the meeting agenda at the level of the chiefs of states and governments for the

Reunion which will take place in London, over 3-4 December. The decisions that are to be adopted will contribute to the continuation of the adaptation process of the Alliance posture to the threats and challenges posed by the current security environment.

The event was structured on four reunions and focused on the status of the implementation of the reinforced deterrence and defence posture, equitable burden sharing, participation in the Alliance missions and operations, resilience as well as the countering of the hybrid threats.



The Meetings of NATO Defence Ministers



First Day of the Meetings of NATO Defence Ministers

On 24 October, the first day of the Meetings of NATO Defence Ministers from Brussels started with a working session dedicated to the Allied operations and missions.

The debates focused on Resolute Support Mission from Afghanistan, the NATO Training Mission from Iraq and KFOR Operation. Also, the status of the implementation of the NATO Readiness Initiative and the Allied force generation process were analyzed.

State Secretary for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, pointed out the importance given by Romania to the Allied operations, missions and activities, which places it among the first five top contributors to RSM from Afghanistan.

Also, the state secretary emphasized the importance of ensuring the Allied contribution to the full implementation of NATO Readiness Initiative. Romania presented its commitment with respect to this initiative, as part of the equitable burden sharing principle within Allied framework.

The last series of consultations, which took place in a working dinner format, with the participation of the EU, Sweden and Finland representatives focused on countering of hybrid threats and resilience. The officials analyzed the progress made by the Alliance in countering the hybrid threats and the additional measures that can be assumed both at national level and at the level of the organization in order to consolidate resilience. The debates focused on the challenges posed by the 5G technologies, from the perspective of the resilience and cybernetic defence.

The Romanian official pointed out the importance given by the national authorities and NATO to the threats posed by the hybrid field and the reciprocal support relation between the civilian and military sectors.

The Second Day of the Meetings of NATO Defence Ministers

On 25 October, the defence ministers of the allied countries had an exchange of opinions on the status of the implementation of the reinforced deterrence and defence posture and the equitable burden sharing principle.

During the meeting, the officials approached aspects referring to the progresses made in the consolidation and adaptation of the Allied deterrence and defence posture, implementation of NATO Readiness Initiative/ NRI , initial concept on deterrence and defence of the Euro-Atlantic region as well as the strengthening of the Alliance maritime posture.

In his allocution, State Secretary for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations, Doru-Claudian Frunzulică, presented the status of the implementation of the tailored Forward Presence (tFP), thus, reiterating his appeal towards the allies to support the implementation of all assumed tFP projects and the participation with additional forces affiliated to the Multinational Brigade from Craiova, with a view of increasing its readiness level in order to be able to act in all circumstances.



Also, the state secretary mentioned the need to reinforce the Allied presence in Romania in order to counter the threats and volatile security situation from the Black Sea region.

The last working session in the RSM format was a good opportunity to talk to our operational partners about the progress made in the peace-keeping process from Afghanistan, the contributions made by the NATO state members and partners but also the future involvement of the international community in supporting Afghanistan.

As part of the ministerial reunion, the Romanian official had a bilateral meeting with the High Civilian Representative for Afghanistan, Sir Nicholas Kay, the discussion focusing on the security situation from Afghanistan and the evolutions of RSM.