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Minister Mircea Duşa visited sergeant Florinel Enache

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, visited, on Monday, 1 July, Sergeant Florinel Enache, who is hospitalized at the military hospital. Minister Duşa discussed with him and his family.

The Minister of National Defence was informed by the multidisciplinary team that the soldier is in a stable condition. The minister wanted to know whether all the steps were taken in order to ensure the best conditions, treatment and medical supervision for the soldier, given the complexity and gravity of the trauma he suffered in the theater of operations.

1st „Golden Lions“ Maneuver Battalion and Command Team Zabul Returned from Afghanistan



Defence ministry leadership congratulates the troops at the end of mission

The ceremony organized in Cetatea Aradului for the return from Afghanistan of the Command Team Zabul and the 1st Maneuver Battalion „GOLDEN LIONS“ took place on 27 June, in the presence of the defence

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minister Mircea Duşa. „For six months, you conducted your missions successfully and for this I thank you, both on behalf of the Romanian military and ISAF leadership. It was a tough period both for you and for your families“, the defence minister said. Minister Duşa spoke highly of the Romanian troops' training that enables them to accomplish any type of mission and stressed that during the last six months responsibilities have been handed over to the responsibilities by the Afghan Security Forces in three areas of operations in Zabul province. Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă, the chief of General Staff, along with representatives of the military services, soldiers' families, reserve and retired military personnel participated in the ceremony.

Minister Duşa at the Day of the National Flag



Minister Mircea Duşa kisses the flag

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, participated in the public ceremony dedicated to the Day of the National Flag organized in Tricolorului Square, in front of the Palace of the National Military Club, on Wednesday, 26 June. The flag was brought in the square, was blessed by a military priest and was hoisted up the mast, against the musical background of the national anthem. After reading the Government Decision that declared 26 June Day of national mourning in Romania, the flag was hoisted half-mast and a three minute-recollection was held in memory of the victims of the car accident in Montenegro.

The Day of the National Flag was established by Law 96/1998, being celebrated on an annual basis on 26 June.

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**Message of condolences of the Defence Leadership on the Passing
Away of general Mihail Eugen Popescu, Romanian Chief of
General Staff between 2000-2004**

The leadership of the defence ministry received with great sadness the news of the sudden passing away of General Mihail Eugen Popescu, on 21 June. His death is all the more painful for his family as he was barely 65 years old, he was a strong man who had still a lot of experience to share.

In his 35 years of professional life, he trained many young officers who served their country with faith, while his appointment as chief of General Staff in 2000 came in recognition of the experience he acquired along the years.

That period of time in his activity relates to many important events: Romania was invited to join NATO at the Prague Summit, while on 15 April 2004, General Mihail Popescu participated in the ceremony organized at Mons to mark the event of new seven states joining the Alliance.

General Mihail Popescu was the first chief of General Staff to represent Romania at NATO's Military Committee.

Another achievement of the defence ministry is related to his name: together with the then defence minister he inaugurated the videoconference system that allows the defence leadership to communicate with the troops in theaters of operations.

The Ministry of National Defence brings a last homage to the one who played an important role in drafting the restructuring and modernization concept of the military body. May he rest in peace!

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**Minister Mircea Duşa at the Military Highschool
„Dimitrie Cantemir“ of Breaza**

Larisa Tudor is promoted in rank to 2nd Lieutenant during the ceremony at the Military Highschool „Dimitrie Cantemir“ of Breaza

„When you chose the military highschool, you chose to study in one of the best education institutions in Romania, highly trusted by people“, was Minister Duşa's message to the students and graduates of the Military Highschool „Dimitrie Cantemir“ of Breaza.

Minister Mircea Duşa continued by stating that the military system would be reformed by modifying the legislation, so that the access to

the military career be clearly regulated by law, not other interests.

„I encourage you to continue by attending the military higher education system and stay in this large military family“, concluded the defence minister.

During the military ceremony at Breaza, Larisa Tudor, the first Romanian military woman to graduate from the US Military Academy West Point din SUA, was promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant at the very institution where she began her military career.

The ceremony, organized on 20 June, was attended by the students' relatives, professors, representatives of the Ministry of National Defence and local authorities.

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Chief of General Staff at the Ceremony for the End of the School Year at „Ștefan cel Mare“ Military Highschool of Câmpulung Moldovenesc

The chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă, participated, on 20 June, in the graduation ceremony organized at „Ștefan cel Mare“ Military Highschool of Câmpulung Moldovenesc.

„I am glad to be here, with you, today, for this special occasion in your lives, something that I myself had experienced exactly 30 years ago“, Lieutenant General Dănilă said.

During the ceremony the chief of General Staff promoted in rank the graduates of the 9th grade, whom he told that this was a special event in their lives, which shows they belong to the large Romanian military family.

On the same occasion the film „Colegiul Militar Liceal Ștefan cel Mare Câmpulung Moldovenesc“, was played for the first time. The film directed by Octavian Brânzei was realized at the Film Studio of the Ministry of National Defence.



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**State Secretary Sebastian Huluban at the Annual Conference
on Missile Defence 2013**

The State Secretary for Defence Policy and Planning, Sebastian Huluban Ph.D., participated in the Annual Conference on Missile Defence 2013 organized by the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies in London on 12-13 June.

In the introductory remarks to his papers, „NATO’S POSTURE POST 2014: THE ROLE OF BALISTIC MISSILE DEFENCE“, Dr. Huluban saluted the opportunity created by organizers for „a debate on the perspectives of this capability in light of the latest alterations the USA announced in the field of adaptive approach in stages of the European missile defence“. The main idea of the paper highlighted the importance of consolidating NATO’s posture at the end of the major operational effort in Afghanistan in 2014, namely the importance of missile defence in defining the role of the alliance in an unpredictable security environment.

Also, during his visit to London, State Secretary Huluban met with Dr. Andrew Murrison, Minister for International Security Strategy, at the defence ministry. The agenda of the meeting included talks on the latest developments of the international situation, namely the crisis in Syria, the situation in Turkey, the developments in Afghanistan as well as on identifying possible bilateral cooperation projects.