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The Romanian Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met on Wednesday, 31 July, with the State Secretary for Armaments of the Portuguese Defence Ministry, Major General Manuel de Matos Graviha Chambel, who undertakes a working visit to Bucharest.

The two officials reviewed the steps made so far for the acquisition of the F-16 multirole aircraft from Portugal.

Minister Mircea Duşa highlighted the efforts made by the Romanian party, presenting the procedural and legislative stages covered by the institutions involved in the acquisition process.

The Defence Minister Awarded the Romanian Armed Forces Emblem of Honor to the Air Force's Staff

On July 19, The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, participated in the military ceremony organized for the celebration of Aviation Day and the „Centenary of the Military Aeronautics“, at the National Aviation Museum, where he awarded the Romanian Armed Forces Emblem of Honor to the Air Force's Staff.

„I congratulate you for celebrating 100 years since the establishment of the military aeronautics. The Romanian Air Forces troops proved they are trustworthy partners of the North-Atlantic Alliance. We will make efforts for procuring modern equipment in order to protect our air space and have well-trained soldiers able to face the new emerging challenges and carry out Air Police Combat Service missions and international ones as well“, declared minister Duşa.

The chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă, and representatives of the military and civilian aviation attended the ceremony as well.

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This year, the Aviation and Air Forces Day was celebrated through a series of events such as „Centenary of the Military Aeronautics“ homage exhibition, organized at National Military Club, Arts' Gallery, The Open Doors' Day at the Aviation National Museum, wreath laying military and religious ceremony at the Air Heroes' Monument from Aviatorilor Square, The Open Doors' Day at 90th „Gheorghe Bănciulescu“ Airlift Flotilla, Otopeni – demonstrative flights, aircraft exhibition, tombola with prizes consisting in recreational flights for the public, The Open Doors' Day at the 71st „General Emanoil Ionescu“ Air Flotilla, Câmpia Turzii – demonstrative flights with civilian and military aircrafts, air tactical exercises with MiG-21 LanceR and IAR-330, paratroopers launching, aircraft exhibition. The public's attendance to these activities was free of charge.

The chief of General Staff's Official Visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



The chief of General Staff together with the new
Chief of Defence of the United Kingdom of
Great Britain and Northern Ireland, General Sir
Nicholas Houghton

On Thursday, July 18th, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă, the chief of General Staff, participated in the investiture ceremony of the new Chief of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, General, Sir Nicholas Houghton, following the invitation of his British counterpart.

General Sir David Richards handed over the command to the new Chief of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, General Sir Nicholas Houghton.

During the ceremony, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă thanked for the good relationship he had with his British counterpart and mentioned that he hoped the collaboration between the two armed forces will continue.

„We are open to regular bilateral discussions on current and common interest topics such as Smart Defence, Pooling and Sharing, international security environment, regional cooperation and post 2014 Afghanistan“ declared the chief of the Romanian General Staff.

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Chinese Military Delegation Paid an Official Visit to Romania



Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and the deputy chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Colonel General Shusen Hou

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and the chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă, met with Mrs Yuzhen Huo, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, and with the deputy chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Colonel General Shusen Hou, at the Defence Ministry Headquarters, on Wednesday, July 17th.

Colonel General Hou headed the Chinese military delegation, making an official visit in our country over 16-19 July, following the invitation of the Romanian deputy chief of General Staff.

During their visit, the members of the delegation also had office calls with the leadership of the Land Forces Staff and visited the 2nd „Călugăreni“ Infantry Battalion.

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The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, at the Day of Military Communications



Minister Mircea Duşa decorating the combat colours

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and the chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă, participated in the ceremony occasioned by the celebration of the Day of Military Communications 140 years since the establishment of the communication and information technology branch. „I want to congratulate the signal specialists for celebrating 140 years of military communications. The military communications specialists

accomplish specific missions in the theaters of operations and have an important part in all Romanian Armed Forces actions by employing compatible and interoperable systems with the NATO and EU ones“, declared minister Duşa. Also, the new headquarters of the Communications and Information Technology Museum, the biggest of this type in Europe, was inaugurated on July 12 as well.

Ceremony Organized for the Deployment of „Lupii negri“ to Afghanistan

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and the chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă, participated in the military ceremony organized in Iaşi to mark the deployment of the 151st „Lupii Negri“ Infantry Battalion to Afghanistan, on Thursday, July 11, 2013.

„You deploy in an area that is complicated from a military point of view, that registered a lot of incidents this spring but I am convinced the way you prepared, the experience you acquired in previous missions in Afghanistan, Kosovo or Iraq enables you to accomplish any missions you are assigned to“, Minister Mircea Duşa told the troops before their departure.

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The Minister of National Defence also told the troops that they are facing a big challenge as the final goal of the mission is to support National Afghan Security Forces to take over the command and to ensure a stable security environment proper for the economic and institutional development of Afghanistan.

Mircea Duşa thanked the populace of Iasi for their participation and respect shown for the military institution. „I can see in the eyes and faces of the participants in this event,

emotion and respect for a Romanian institution involved in international missions, in collective defence missions, whenever and wherever the need arose“, Minister Duşa pointed out.

The event organized in Iaşi included the religious service, the solemn appeal and the march of the troops that would deploy to the theater of operations.

The main missions of the troops of Iaşi will consist in ensuring their area of responsibility, offering humanitarian assistance to the local population and training the National Afghan Security Forces, by conducting joint military missions.



The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, addressing the troops

Detachment of Special Operations Forces Deployed to Afghanistan

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and the chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă, participated in the ceremony marking the deployment of the „Băneasa-Otopeni“ Detachment of Special Operations Forces of Buzău to Afghanistan, on Friday, 5 July.

„Here are the special operation forces, elite troops of the Romanian Armed Forces“, was Minister Mircea Duşa's message to those participating in the ceremony.

The Minister of National Defence told the troops that they were leaving for the most dangerous place in the world, that theirs would not be an easy mission and that he was convinced that their training would allow them to successfully accomplish their mission.

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Minister Mircea Duşa addressing the audience

Mircea Duşa also talked of the fact that Romanian troops began to hand over the areas of responsibility to the Afghan security forces.

In the end, Minister Mircea Duşa wished them successful mission and said he was convinced they would all come back safely.

Combat vehicles and equipment were also presented during the ceremony, when the deployment order was read, while the troops of the special operation forces saluted the people participating in the activity.