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Commemoration ceremonies for the two heroes

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Second Lieutenant (pm) Adrian Postelnicu and
Second Lieutenant (pm) Vasile Claudiu Popa

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, signed the post-mortem promotion orders to Second Lieutenant Rank of Sergeant 1st Class Adrian Postelnicu and Warrant Officer IIIrd Class Vasile Claudiu Popa, who lost their lives while executing a combat mission conducted under the National Colors of Romania in the Eastern Afghanistan.

Also, the defence minister submitted to the President of Romania his proposal of awarding the two post-mortem commissioned officers with „Steaua României“ National Order in the Rank of Knight, with the war mark.

Religious and military commemoration ceremonies for the two heroes will be organized in all military units located in the country or deployed outside the national territory on Monday, September 23, at 14.00.

The MoND Leadership expresses its deepest sympathy for the loss of the two militaries and stands beside the mourning families.

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The Romanian Armed Forces at „Aeronautic Show 2013“

The Romanian Armed Forces' militaries participated in „Aeronautic Show Morii Lake 2013“ festival which took place in Crângași Park and Morii Lake from Bucharest, on Saturday, September 21.

The public enjoyed the music show offered by the Romanian Armed Forces' Music Band and „Doina“ Music Ensemble, attended an armament handling exercise performed by „Mihai Viteazul“ 30 Guard Regiment, saw paratroopers' water jumps with their further extraction, as well as visited „Aurel Vlaicu – Interrupted Flight 1913-2013“ Exhibition organized by „Ferdinand I“ National Military Museum.

The visitors had the opportunity to participate in navy games, escalade and funicular crossing exercises.

They could also visit the especially disposed stalls of our armed forces' Services, saw the military equipment used in the theaters of operations and the trophy glass case of „Steaua“ Bucharest Sport Club and were informed on the Romanian Armed Forces' recruitment process.

The event was organized by the Romanian Aeronautic Association.

Bilateral meeting of the Defence Ministers of Romania and Republic of Moldova



Military ceremony to welcome the Defence Minister of
Republic of Moldova

On Friday, September 20, at the MoND Headquarters, the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Dușa, and the Defence Minister of Republic of Moldova, Vitalie Marinuța, agreed upon maintaining an increased level of the bilateral military cooperation between the two military institutions. „We hope we will have the Bilateral Military Cooperation Agreement in the education and classified information fields signed by November. The signing of these documents will open new perspectives for the collaboration between the Romanian and Moldovan

militaries“, stated minister Dușa, also specifying the fact that these documents are an important step in the development of the bilateral relations

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At the same time, the Romanian defence minister reassured his Moldovan counterpart of Romania's support in the field of military doctrine reshaping, defence planning as well as throughout its potential integration process into the European Union.

In his turn, the Defence Minister of Republic of Moldova thanked the Romanian Armed Forces for their constant support given throughout the Moldovan Armed Forces' reorganization and modernization process.

The minister Mircea Duşa met with his Turkish counterpart, Ismet Yılmaz



Exchange of tokens of appreciation between the two ministers

During the official talks he had with his Turkish counterpart, Ismet Yılmaz, defence minister Mircea Duşa expressed the wish to establish a partnership in order to intensify cooperation in the defence industry field.

The development of military cooperation in the field of ballistic missile defence together with Poland- as previously discussed in the NATO Chicago Summit- was another topic of the meeting agenda.

On this occasion, Minister Mircea Duşa stated that Romania wishes to increase the political-military dialogue between the two institutions and the collaboration relationship between the two ministries by means of establishing direct partnerships between the armed forces' Services.

Romania and Turkey have a long-standing tradition in the bilateral cooperation field which was turned into a Strategic Partnership since 2011. The Partnership was the starting point for the development of the programs between the two armed forces.

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**Florinel Enache, injured in Afghanistan,
will wear a bionic prosthesis**

On Tuesday, September 17, Defence Minister, Mircea Duşa, visited Sergeant 1st Class Florinel Enache, who is hospitalized „Dr. Carol Davila“ Military Emergency Hospital.

Following the report given by the doctors about the evolution of Florinel Enache's health condition, minister Duşa approved the procurement of a bionic prosthesis.

Florinel Enache was injured in Afghanistan, in May 2012, following the deflagration of an IED on A1 Highway, Kabul - Kandahar while executing a ground reconnaissance mission for securing a military establishment.

**The Chief of General Staff participated in NATO's
Military Committee's Conference**

The Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă, participated in NATO Military Committee's Conference, at the level of Chiefs of Defence, from 13-15 September, in Budapest.

The meeting was focused on NATO transformation, ISAF Operation, Resolute Support Mission conducted in Afghanistan and the strategic approach of the security environment.

On this occasion, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă reiterated the need for an anticipated planning of collective defence and the importance of a contingency plan for Romania.

At the same time, the Romanian Armed Forces will continuously support the Connected Forces Initiative, as a solution for maintaining NATO forces' level of interoperability. Consequently, the forces planned to participate in the NATO Response Force will be trained at national level in accordance with NATO requirements.

The Chief of General Staff advocated that Smart Defence multinational approach must bring reciprocal advantages, the contribution of the states in common projects being conditioned by the economic implications and the technological transfer.

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Ceremonies dedicated to the Romanian aviation pioneer, Aurel Vlaicu

On September 13, State Secretary Otilia Sava and the Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă, participated in the wreath laying ceremony organized at the tomb of engineer aviator Aurel Vlaicu, from Bellu Cemetery, Bucharest.

The activity was dedicated to the commemoration of 100 years since the death of Aurel Vlaicu, a pioneer of world aviation.

Another wreath laying ceremony took place the same day, at 15.00, at Aurel Vlaicu's tomb from Bănești, Prahova County. A detachment consisting of an IAR-99 aircraft, three IAR-316 helicopters and 2- IAK-52 aircrafts formation from the Air Force Application School, Boboc, executed a vertical flight over the monument..



Ceremony organized at Aurel Vlaicu's tomb

The Romanian militaries helped the local population affected by floods in Galați County

On September 12, almost 90 militaries with three technical devices that are property of the Ministry of National Defence had been acting since morning, starting from 01.30 am, in Măstăcan, Costache Negri and Pechea localities, from Galați County, in order to help the population and limit the effects of the floods produced in that area.

During the night, the militaries of 282nd Mechanized Infantry Brigade-300th Infantry Battalion and 284th Armor Battalion-also acted in Cudalbi locality. The intervention took place at the request of Galați subprefect.

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Mircea Duşa: Increased transparency and bilateral cooperation are possible through high level commitment

The Informal reunion of EU defence ministers began in Vilnius, on September 5, with a first working session. The Romanian defence minister, Mircea Duşa, addressed the other officials saying that he would be interested in identifying pragmatic solutions for a wider participation of defence industry companies of member states in the common projects conducted in this field.

The European Council to be held in December 2013 will be an opportunity to give a new impulse to the development process of EU capabilities.

„Increased transparency and bilateral cooperation would not be possible without highest level commitment“, minister Mircea Duşa said.

Romania and Poland, Partners in NATO and EU Future Military Projects

It was the conclusion of yesterday's, September 4, bilateral discussions of the two ministers held in Warsaw.

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, said he was confident the two countries have a considerable potential in developing bilateral military relations. „High level consultations are proof of our excellent cooperation. I appreciate that Poland is open to embrace new military opportunities alongside Romania, according to NATO requirements“, the Romanian official concluded.

Another topic on the official agenda was NATO planning for post 2014 Afghanistan. Both ministers share the same view on NATO's Cyber Defence system as well as on EU military capabilities, which are also topics to be discussed at the European Council in December 2013. The visit in Poland continued on 5 September when Minister Mircea Duşa was scheduled to meet the president of the Defence Committee of the Polish Parliament, Ştefan Niesiolowski, and the chief of the Office of National Security, Koziej Stanislaw.