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**Official Meeting of Minister Duşa with the President of Georgia,
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Romanian and Georgian defence ministers

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met with the President of Georgia, Mr. Giorgi Margvelashvili, at the Palace of Presidential Administration in Tbilisi, on Monday, April 6.

Minister Duşa appreciated the efforts and firm commitment of Georgia to strengthen its cooperation with NATO. “I know that your country uses all the allied partnership mechanisms available and I think that employing them fully will result in your endeavors to Euro Atlantic integration come true”, the Romania minister said.

The Romanian official also stressed Romania’s willingness to endorse such efforts, especially of the Georgian military personnel, in terms of training and increasing interoperability with NATO forces.

Minister Mircea Duşa declared that stability in the Eastern region and the extended region of the Black Sea are one of Romania’s priorities. “We

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consider that the European Union should keep its involvement in monitoring the implementation of the Six-Point Agreement, which we continue to endorse politically and we have a solid personnel contribution to the EU Monitoring Mission in Georgia”, the Romanian defence minister pointed out.

Conference of the US Supreme Allied Command, Europe, hosted in Bucharest

Conference of the US Supreme Allied Command, Europe, with the Central European CHoDs, was organized at the Palace of the National Military Club, in Bucharest.

The topics discussed during the conference include challenges to the security environment and cooperation among the Central European and American armed forces both at regional level and within NATO.

The conference agenda included also countering

regional and global threats as well the Action plan on increasing the operational capability of the Alliance.

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, participated in the opening of the Conference of the US Supreme Allied Command, Europe with the Central European CHoDs.



Minister Mircea Duşa at the opening of the Conference of the
US Supreme Allied Command, Europe

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US General Philip Breedlove, Commander, Supreme Allied Command, Europe at the Ministry of National Defence

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met with General Philip Breedlove, Commander, Supreme Allied Command, Europe at the defence ministry, on Tuesday, March 31.

The talks included the security situation in Ukraine, implementing the Action Plan of the Alliance to increase operational capability and NATO mission in Afghanistan. At the end of the meeting the two officials held a joint press conference.

Defence Minister Mircea Duşa stated that there have been discussions of technical nature on pre-positioning NATO heavy weapons in Romania, while the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, US four-star General Philip Breedlove, declared that a NATO's decision will be announced in the near future. General Philip M. Breedlove voiced his confidence in Romania's prompt response and agreement with this decision and confirmed the Alliance's intention. The Romanian official mentioned that technical talks to this effect were already in progress, while Gen. Breedlove told that he appreciates Romania's „extraordinary” contribution to the NATO's defence and Europe's security.

From the air police missions to those of crisis response, to hosting some of the six units for the NATO forces' integration, Romania has proven its commitment for our collective defence, said Breedlove.

He also emphasized the importance of the Deveselu shield for the Alliance's collective defence. Moreover, general Breedlove expressed his disappointment towards the announcement made by Russia regarding Moscow's self-suspension from the consulting group on the Treaty upon the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe. "Like others, we were disappointed by this announcement, yet now it is important to go further as nations in order to find a way to communicate free and a way to understand and be transparent



The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and General Philip Breedlove, Commander, Supreme Allied Command, Europe

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in connection to the structure of forces in Europe. Of course, this will be challenging for us, we should be able to find new means to stay transparent and cooperate as regards the already started programmes”, added Breedlove.

2015 – Year of the War Veterans



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This year, the Ministry of National Defence organizes in all large garrisons of the country special events dedicated to the “Year of War Veterans”, marking 70 years since the end of WWII.

In April, military and religious wreath-laying ceremonies will be organized at the monuments dedicated to the heroes of WWII, as well as solemn gatherings of war veterans associations, events in military units as part of the project “Armata – O școală altfel» [The military, another kind of school] shows and exhibitions of archive photos, taking care of heroes’ monuments and graves.

The Press Office of the Ministry of National Defence will have documentary materials for the press that should help them in realizing products presenting the sacrifice of the war veterans to the public.

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By Government Decision No. 164/2015, 2015 was declared “The Year of War Veterans” whereas the Day of War Veterans was established by Government Decision No. 1222/2007 to be celebrated annually on April 29. In the aftermath of WWII, there were over 900,000 dead, wounded, missing, prisoners, injured and invalids (about 92,000 dead soldiers) in Romania. At present, there are still about 20,000 war veterans living, 760 war widows and about 102,000 war veterans’ widows.

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The military – Another kind of school

The Ministry of National Defence, in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education will be coordinating the project “The military-Another kind of school”, through 6 to 10 April. Military units from all Services of the Romanian Armed Forces and military educational and cultural institutions throughout the country will participate in this project and will provide details to the students about the military equipment, as well as the educational offer of the military educational institutions and will organize specific demonstrative activities and exhibits.

The National Agency for the Heroes’ Cult will organize the event entitled “A hero, a flower”. Throughout the event, students from several schools will take care of the heroes’ monuments, of the Romanian and foreign honor parcels from these localities and will lay flowers.

The students who will participate in this project coordinated by the military units and institutions will have the opportunity to explore various aspects of the soldiers’ life and will be provided useful information about a possible career in the Romanian Armed Forces.



The minister of national defence watched the exercises at sea conducted by Standing NATO Maritime Group 2