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**Bilateral talks between the Defence Ministers of Poland
and Romania**

Special points of interests:

- Bilateral talks between the Defence Ministers of Poland and Romania
- Meetings on Regional Cooperation in Bucharest
- NATO allied and partner SOF Commanders met in Bucharest



Press statements made by the two ministers

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, and his Polish counterpart, Tomasz Siemoniak, met at the defence ministry on Friday 21 March.

The agenda included talks on bilateral defence cooperation, the preparations related to the NATO Summit to take place in London this autumn and the potential cooperation plans between the military services.

In this context, the Romanian defence minister pointed out that the partnership between our countries goes back a long way and is based on common principles. Minister Duşa also brought up the fact that in preparing London NATO Summit in autumn, the allies should take a certain position as to the future military capabilities.

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Among the other topics discussed, were the cooperation agreement between Romania and Poland, especially between the air forces of the two countries, the stage of the missile defence system implementation and maritime security in the extended Black Sea region. At the end of the meeting, the two defence ministers saluted the fact that the EU and Ukraine signed the elements of a political Association Agreement.

Meetings on Regional Cooperation in Bucharest

The 31st reunion of the Political Military Steering Committee (PMSC) of the Multinational Peace Force South East Europe (MPFSEE) and the 30th reunion of the Coordination Committee of the South Eastern Defence Ministerial (SEDM-CC) took place in Bucharest from 18 to 20 March.

During the meetings regional cooperation was discussed, with a focus on practical projects that impact member nations.

Ways to improve how this regional initiative works was another topic discussed during the PMSC meeting.

The following nations are part of the South Eastern Defence Ministerial process: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYROM, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, the USA, Turkey and Ukraine, while Georgia and the Republic of Moldova are observers. Romania holds the chairmanship of PMSC MPFSEE and SEDM-CC for the second time (the first one was held during 2001-2003).



Participants at the reunion on regional cooperation

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NATO allied and partner SOF Commanders met in Bucharest

The Minister of National Defence Mircea Dusa opened on 19th March the conference of the NATO allied and partner Special Operations Forces Commanders that takes place in Bucharest, with the message that the special operations forces of the Romanian Armed Forces are a modern and reliable elite corps, trained at the highest standards in the field.

Specific missions and military training are important elements for the sustained Alliance effort to stay effective.

Minister Dusa thanked NATO Special Operations Headquarters (NSHQ) for the continuous support provided to Romania since 2007.

„This type of forum provides the optimum setting for an exchange of ideas and for identifying the solutions to the current geopolitical issues,” the defence minister said.



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