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**1,300 military personnel from four nations at
SCORPIONS FURY-16**

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Defence Minister Mihnea Motoc, at Multinational Exercise SCORPIONS FURY-16 at "Getica" Romanian Land Forces Combat Training Center, Cincu, Braşov County

Distinguished Visitors' Day during multinational exercise SCORPIONS FURY-16 took place on Tuesday, November 1, at 11.30, at "Getica" Romanian Land Forces Combat Training Center, Cincu, Braşov County.

The Romanian Land Forces Combat Training Center hosted the multinational exercise Scorpions Fury (SF 16.II) from 26th of October until 2nd of November, training approximately 1,300 military personnel from four nations including Canada, Germany, Moldova and Romania, with 200 means of equipment and 13 aircraft equipping the Romanian Air Forces. The Multinational Division South-East is the exercise planner. Our country was represented by almost 1,000 soldiers, most of them being assigned in 2nd "Rovine" Infantry Brigade.

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SCORPIONS FURY-16 consisted of brigade headquarter exercises, field training and live fire exercises with all type of equipment. The goal of the exercise was training the brigade headquarters and its subordinate units in the planning and execution of complex tactical operations by using NATO SOPs in cooperation with NATO and PfP partner states.

Patriot Shock V Exercise

Soldiers of 1 Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM) Brigade “General Nicolae Dăscălescu” will participate, together with US soldiers of 5-7 Air Defence Artillery Battalion, USAREUR, over 1 - 12 November, in PATRIOT SHOCK V Exercise, which will take place in Capu Midia Training Camp and Surface-to-Air Firing Range, Constanța County.

PATRIOT SHOCK V is a bilateral Romanian-American field training exercise of the Romanian Air Force's surface-to-air missile structures, with the participation of a HAWK PIP III R battery and PATRIOT one.

The goal of the exercise is to train the HAWK PIP III R battery crews in air target acquisition through integration with the PATRIOT battery, based on an air defence fictitious scenario.

The main goals of the exercise are mastering the common planning and engaging of an air target and checking the interoperability of the command and control systems of the two surface-to-air missile structures.

The training activity was scheduled a year ago and is part of the Main Activities Plan of the Air Force Staff.

Minister Motoc's participation in the 2016 Multinational Ballistic Missile Defence Conference

On Monday, October 31, the first day of the Multinational Ballistic Missile Defence Conference which took place in London, defence minister Mihnea Motoc held a speech where he mentioned the most important elements of the cooperation between Romania and the USA in the missile defence field with focus on having rendered the Deveselu Base operational.

In this respect, the Romanian official emphasized Romania's important role in achieving ballistic missile defence capability at Allied level by hosting the US deployed elements in Europ , which led to a significant increase of the of the NATO BMD system's coverage area and to the declaration of the Initial Operational Capability during the Warsaw Summit. Minister Motoc highlighted again the defensive character of the capability, that is to protect NATO population and territory from the threats posed from the outside of the Euro-Atlantic space.

The Romanian defence minister received “David R. Israel” annual prize on behalf of the Ministry of National Defence, for meritorious results in the ballistic missile defence field and as recognition of Romania's

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Defence Minister's speech

efforts and active involvement in rendering Deveselu Base operational.

As part of the conference, defence minister had a meeting with Vice Admiral James D. Syring, Director of the Missile Defence Agency. During the meeting, the Romanian official reiterated Romania's solid commitment in the field of ballistic missile defence, with an important role in the current security environment by emphasizing the fact that the common project in the BMD field led to the increase of Romania's and Euro-Atlantic space security and to the strengthening of the Romanian-US Strategic Partnership. The defence minister also reiterated Romania's support to further develop the European component of the US ballistic missile defence system as a strategic project which strengthens the trans-Atlantic relation between the European allies and the USA, both at bilateral plan and within NATO.

Activities dedicated to the celebration of First World War Centenary, at Târgu-Jiu

On Friday, October 28, two commemorative activities were organized in the Heroes' Cemetery and the Park of the Endless Column as part of the celebration of First World War Centenary.

During the ceremony held at the Heroes' Cemetery, at 11.00, the participants witnessed a short poetic moment offered by a student and a wreath laying ceremonial



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at the roadside crucifix from the cemetery. Almost 150 children laid wreaths on the crucifixes of the heroes buried here.

As part of the activity organized in the Park of the Endless Column that began at 12.30, a military historian presented the battles of Târgu-Jiu from the First World War, held a speech with regard to the significance of "Calea Eroilor" Monumental Ensemble sculpted by Constantin Brâncuși, and a group of children laid wreaths at the bottom of the Endless Column.

At the end of the activity, the Representative Music of the Ministry of National Defence offered a short music concert.

Representatives of the Presidential Administration, the Romanian Government, the Ministry of National Defence and representatives of the local public authorities, war veterans, active and retired military personnel and students of the secondary schools and high-schools from Târgu-Jiu attended the activities which took place on Friday.

Conclusions of the Meeting of the NATO Defence Ministers

The Defence Ministers approached during the working dinner of October 26 the projection of stability beyond the Alliance's borders as a second important working level with a view of implementing the decisions adopted in July in Warsaw. In this respect, the following decisions were adopted: the initiation of the future NATO training and development of the Iraqi defence capabilities

(NCTB-1) starting with January 2017, continuing the Alliance's effort in the Aegean Sea and launching a new maritime security operation in the Central Mediterranean Sea (Operation SEA GUARDIAN). This will provide the framework to the allied support for the European Union Operation SOPHIA.

On October 27, the allied defence ministers discussed the ways of enhancing cooperation between NATO and European Union and of implementing the Joint Declaration signed at the NATO Warsaw Summit



Group photo at the Meeting of NATO Ministers of Defence



on this subject. The High Representative of the European Union for foreign affairs and security policy, Federica Mogherini, and the defence ministers of Poland and Sweden also participated in the reunion.

The allied and EU interventions resulted into a consensual approach on the necessity to consolidate the political and practical cooperation between the two organizations with a view of efficiently counteracting the complex threats against the European and Euro-Atlantic security. An enhanced cooperation will be based on the principles of complementarity and avoidance of duplication while the defence capability development must meet the standards imposed by the NATO and EU operations and missions.

The Romanian defence minister emphasized the importance of the existence of a solid and long-lasting trans-Atlantic connection by mentioning that the current security challenges ask for a thorough NATO-UE relation. At the same time, the Romanian official emphasized the necessity to ensure complementarity between the European Union and the North-Atlantic Alliance as well as the necessity to give a new impetus to the Strategic Partnership between the two organizations through a synergic implementation of the NATO-EU Joint Declaration and by intensifying cooperation in solid fields such as the countering of hybrid threats, cybernetic defence and strategic communication.

A MoND delegation and injured veteran soldiers in visit to Afghanistan

On the Day of the Romanian Armed Forces, a MoND delegation headed by State Secretary for Defence Policy and Planning, Ștefan Tinca, visited the Romanian soldiers deployed in mission in the theater of operations from Afghanistan.

For the first time, nine veteran soldiers injured in Afghanistan, who were in critical condition at the time of their medical evacuation, came back to the theater of operations in order to meet their colleagues who are still on mission, but also to go back home being aware and proud of the fact they eventually accomplished their mission.

The officials and the veterans had talks with the soldiers, assisted in the preparation of a combat mission and visited a ROL III-type hospital from Kandahar. This visit stood for a proof of courage and strength for Captains George Olteanu and Dănuț Nicola, Command Sergeant Major Marius Apostol, Master Sergeants Nicușor Bica, Daniel Riza, Marius Barbu, Dumitru Paraschiva and Sergeants First Class Ionuț Butoi and Adrian Crețu and, at the same time, an important stage of their recovery process.

Currently, 780 soldiers are deployed in international missions, 629 out of which are in Afghanistan.

The Romanian military lost 28 soldiers in the theaters of operations while 180 soldiers were injured in missions.