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# ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

**Certification ceremony of the Royal Canadian  
Detachment deployed to Romania**

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The chief of Air Force Staff, attending the certification ceremony from  
Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base

The certification ceremony of the Royal Canadian Air Force Detachment, which will conduct NATO-led enhanced Air Policing missions together with MiG-21 LanceR aircraft and Romanian Air Force servicemen in the following four months, took place on Thursday, September 13, in the 57<sup>th</sup> Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base.

The Royal Canadian Air Force CF-188 Hornet aircrafts landed at 57<sup>th</sup> Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base two weeks ago, in order to participate in the execution of NATO-led enhanced Air Policing missions, by taking over responsibilities from the Royal British Air Force.

The Royal Canadian Air Force soldiers have been executing the third similar mission in Romania, after those conducted over August-December 2017 and April-August 2014. During their previous missions, the Canadian

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Detachment was engaged in multinational training exercises which contributed to the increase of interoperability between Romanian and Canadian Air Forces.

The joint enhanced Air Policing missions will contribute to the development of the reaction and deterrence capability as well as to the consolidation of interoperability between the Romanian and Royal Canadian Air Forces.

### **The Minister of National Defence, at the commemoration ceremony to honor the victims of September 11 terrorist attacks**

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, Defence Minister Mihai Fifor, and the US Ambassador in Romania, Hans Klemm, took part in the commemoration ceremony to honor the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 terrorist attacks from the USA.

In his speech, minister Fifor stated that Romania was and will continue to be a reliable partner for the United States of America and that the September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001 events determined us “to become stronger, united and to demonstrate that, together, we can be a force”.

„17 years ago, we all recall the terror of witnessing how the United States-our ally, or partner- were attacked; it was an attack against democracy, freedom, the idea of humanity, and, respectively, an attack of which Romania thought, as all other democratic countries worldwide did: that we can’t stay aside, we must be alongside our partners”, the defence minister declared.

Also, the minister reminded that, following the attack on the USA, NATO activated for the first time in its history, Article 5: „We, although Romania was not a NATO member state back then, immediately joined our partners”, added minister Mihai Fifor.

“I don’t think we could have chosen a better place for this commemoration ceremony other than Deveselu Military Base. Here, together with our American partners, we show the entire world that we are determined to provide an efficient defence on the North-Atlantic Alliance flank, a purely defensive facility, and – I emphasize this fact – a place where the Romanian soldiers work together with the US ones”, defence minister concluded.



Defence Minister Mihai Fifor and US Ambassador in Romania, Hans Klemm, at the commemoration ceremony to honor the victims of September 11 terrorist attacks

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After closing the ceremony, defence minister Mihai Fifor visited the Aegis Ashore missile defence complex and talked to the Romanian and US soldiers deployed at Deveselu Military Base.

As part of his visit to Deveselu garrison, minister Fifor and Ambassador Klemm met at Caracal City Hall with the representatives of the local authorities, the Mayor of Caracal Municipality, Radu Dumitru Liviu, the Mayor of Deveselu Commune, Ion Aliman, as well as with Olt County Deputy, Dan Ciocan.

The current development projects conducted up to present and the future plans were the topics tackled during the official talks, with the participation of the commanders of the main military structures located in the area.

Minister Fifor expressed his appreciation for the investments made by the local administrations in the infrastructure and utility projects shared by the military base and the local communities of Deveselu and Caracal.

In this context, Mihai Fifor thanked the City Hall and Local Council for agreeing upon MoND's taking over the administration of the former military clinic which will be turned into a modern Diagnose and Treatment Medical Center.

After MoND finalizes investments, the Center will provide first-level healthcare to Caracal garrison and to the Romanian and US personnel working in Deveselu Military Base, to military reserve personnel but also to the civilian population, through the family medicine cabinets which will be established.

## USAF B-52 Bomber and F-16 Fighting Falcons Conducted Joint training Exercise

On Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, a US B-52 Bomber and F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft of the Romanian Air Force conducted a joint training exercise over the Romanian air space in the 57<sup>th</sup> Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base and 86<sup>th</sup> Air Base from Borcea.

The main goal of the joint training exercise was to demonstrate the rapid deployment capability of the Allied forces in South-Eastern Europe and consisted in the execution of several air refueling and escort missions. This kind of missions contribute to the consolidation of reassurance and enhanced strategic trust measures with regard to the involvement of the USA in ensuring security in the Black Sea Region.



USAF B-52 Bomber



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The participation of the F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft in this type of activities enables the training of the Romanian personnel in air refueling and escort missions and contributes to bilateral cooperation development in the air defence field by means of practicing certain common procedures which help accomplish the mission.

The joint training activities with the US partner are a key-element in assuring interoperability and success in the accomplishment of the joint military actions.