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# ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

**Mircea Duşa: Romania and Germany have excellent opportunities  
for the development of the military cooperation mechanisms**

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Bilateral meeting of the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, with the Defence Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ursula von der Leyen

During the bilateral meeting of the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, with the Defence Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, Ursula von der Leyen, the two officials discussed about the status of the co-operation relationships between the two armed forces.

Minister Duşa expressed his satisfaction on the implementation of the reassurance measures adopted by the allied countries, at the same time emphasizing the need to develop a long-term defence posture for the Alliance in order to adequately respond to the challenges posed by the European security environment.

The importance of the allied mechanisms employed for intensifying bilateral cooperation, such as the development of defence capabilities by using the Framework Nations Concept and the implementation of NATO's maritime strategy were highlighted during the official talks.

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In this line, Minister Duşa emphasized the importance of the Black Sea in the new strategic context. The two defence ministers highlighted the experience gained when cooperating, planning and conducting common exercises for the two armed forces and agreed upon continuing the common training activities.

The meeting between the Romanian and the German defence ministers took place on June 3, in the context of the upcoming NATO Defence Ministers' Reunion, thus contributing to identifying new development bilateral cooperation opportunities, including in the defence industry field.

### NATO Defence Ministers' Reunion

When preparing the September NATO Summit, the allied defence ministers evaluated on June 3, at Brussels, the status of the defence capability development and restated the commitment for the implementation of the package of reassurance measures in the context of the Ukrainian crisis.

In this line, the Romanian Defence Minister Mircea Duşa stated the fact that the "Alliance must intensify common exercises and concentrate their preparation on the collective defence with the view to increase NATO's reaction capability" to adequately respond to the new security environment from the region.

Minister Duşa emphasized that Romania appreciates the Alliance's efforts in demonstrating the common action and solidarity with all member states. Also, the Romanian official highlighted the need that the Allies commonly act so that NATO adapt in order to answer to the new challenges posed by the new European security environment. „We are committed to contribute to the development of the allied capabilities and to annually increase the financial resources allocate to the defence budget”, the Romanian defence minister stated.

The Minister of National Defence supported the transformation of the North Atlantic Alliance and the consolidation of a new strategic position for the September NATO Summit. Also, he emphasized the fact that Romania is ready to bring its contribution in this respect by confirming



Defence Minister Mircea Duşa at NATO Defence Ministers' Reunion



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„the national decision on consolidating the policy and the allied agreement on allocating the 2% of the GDP for the defence budget, so that we can reach this target beginning with 2017”. The reunion also included a session of NATO-Ukraine Board, when the Ukrainian defence minister briefed the audience on the current evolution of the crisis and reiterated the support requests offered by the allies.

The solidarity with the Kiev authorities and the support offered for a peaceful settlement of the crisis situation by respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine were restated.

### **The meeting of the Romanian Defence Minister with his Canadian counterpart**

„A good knowledge of the national positions at bilateral level helps maximize the current opportunities and promote common interests of Romania and Canada”. The statement was made by the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, during the bilateral meeting with his Canadian counterpart, Robert Nicholson.

Defence Minister Mircea Duşa thanked the Canadian defence minister for the excellent cooperation between the two states, especially during „Dacian Flag” Exercise

conducted at Câmpia Turzii. „The presence of the six F18 aircraft at the air base from Câmpia Turzii stands for the Canadian solidarity and firm commitment to NATO continuous efforts to provide for the security of the allied countries”, Mircea Duşa stated.

In his turn, the Canadian defence minister emphasized the professionalism of the Romanian Armed Forces’ soldiers proved in the theaters of operations and congratulated defence minister Duşa on the promptness shown in the efficient manner the common military exercise from Câmpia Turzii was conducted.

At the end of the talks, the two officials agreed on the fact that this meeting would contribute to the synchronization of the two countries’ positions with regard to the direction of the North Atlantic Alliance



Bilateral meeting of the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa,  
with the US Secretary for Defence Robert Nicholson

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transformation process in the of the new European and global security environment and expressed their hope that the two countries would find new development and cooperation opportunities in the military field.

The bilateral meeting took place in the context of the NATO Defence Ministers' Reunion that was organized on June 3rd, at Brussels.

### **Minister Mircea Duşa Inspected the Construction Site at Deveselu**

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, inspected the construction site of the units at Deveselu and the missile defense facility in the locality, on Tuesday, May 27.

Minister Mircea Duşa met with local officials at the City Hall to discuss the works on the water and sewer system and the gas supply of the locality.

Inside the military base, Minister Mircea Duşa discussed with the military personnel in charge with the works and checked the buildings subjected to modernization.

The delegation included the chief of the Land Forces, Major General Nicolae Ciucă and the chief of the Air Force Staff, Major General Laurian Anastasof.



Minister Mircea Duşa's visit at Deveselu

### **The Meeting of the Minister of National Defence with the Ambassador of Canada to Bucharest, Mrs. Joanne Lemay**

The presence of Canadian CF-18 fighter at Câmpia Turzii stands proof of the solid cooperation relations between Canada and Romania, while the military partnership between the two countries goes on. This has emerged as a result of the meeting, held on May 27, between the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa and the Canadian Ambassador to Bucharest, Joanne Lemay.

In the context of the joint military exercises, the Minister of National Defence said that „Dacian Flag 2014” helps strengthening NATO's position as well as developing interoperability between military forces of our countries.



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In turn, Joanne Lemay thanked Minister Mircea Duşa for the prompt response of the Romanian authorities with regard to starting the military exercises, saying that the two countries will strengthen the already existing bilateral relations through new opportunities of development.



Meeting of Minister Mircea Duşa with the Ambassador of Canada to Bucharest,  
Mrs. Joanne Lemay

### **Air Forces Participated in Multinational Exercise THRACIAN STAR 2014**

Aircraft of the Romanian Air Force participated in multinational exercise THRACIAN STAR 2014, that took place in Bulgaria, over May 25 and June 4.

The exercise, organized by Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and the USA, aimed mainly at increasing the level of training in a multinational environment, developing military cooperation among NATO member states.

Among the goals of the exercise, the troops exercised NATO techniques, tactics and procedures, the active participation in training and carrying out air missions with American, Bulgarian and Greek partners.

The exercise was planned the previous year as part of the Plan with the main activities of the Air Force Staff.

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**Minister of National Defence Meets DIA Director,  
Lieutenant General Michael Flynn**

On May 20, minister Mircea Duşa met with the DIA (Defence Intelligence Agency), Director, Lieutenant General Michael Flynn.

The Romanian official thanked the American delegation for the support given to the Defence Intelligence General Directorate of the Romanian Ministry of National Defence and emphasized the importance of cooperation in the field of intelligence.

In turn, Michael Flynn appreciated the professionalism of the Romanian analysts and reiterated the fact that Romania is a reliable partner of the United States of America.



Minister Mircea Duşa and  
Lieutenant General Michael Flynn