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Ten Years of Existence

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The defence ministry leadership congratulating the troops of the Special Operations Forces after carrying out specific drills

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, congratulated the Special Operations Forces during a ceremony that marked ten years since the structure was established, organized at the 6th „Mihai Viteazul” Special Operations Brigade of Târgu-Mureş.

Minister Duşa pointed out the important role played by the troops participating in missions abroad in building a positive image of Romania at international level. „You are Romania`s image at international level and I congratulate you for this and I am proud when a NATO or allied country official speaks highly of your achievements”, Mircea Duşa said.

„As defence minister I will do everything in my power to ensure that your training will be financed in a balanced way so that you can carry out your activity in the best conditions”, minister Duşa added.

The Minister of National Defence thanked Colonel Roderick Dorsey, the US Defense Attaché, for his continuous support of the Romanian-American partnership, so important for our country.

Beside the Special Forces troops` and heroes` families, the ceremony of Târgu Mureş was attended by the Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Ştefan Dănilă, the Director General of the Defence Intelligence General Directorate, Major General Marian Hăpău, representatives of military services and local officials.

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Minister Mircea Duşa Met with the Ambassador of the State of Israel to Romania



Photo coverage of Minister Mircea Duşa's meeting with the Ambassador of the State of Israel to Romania, Dan Ben-Eliezer

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met with the Ambassador of the State of Israel to Romania, Dan Ben-Eliezer at defence ministry headquarters, on Monday, 4 March. The two officials talked of the developments in the Middle East and the military cooperation relations.

„We understand the concern of the Israeli authorities for the protection and security of their citizens and we reiterate our position that a peaceful solution should be found to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We are also concerned for the humanitarian dimension of the situation in Gaza, also from the perspective of Romanian citizens

presence in the area”, Minister Duşa stated.

Discussing the ways to further the existing strategic dialogue between our military institutions, the two officials agreed to conduct common training at service level, including in counter terror techniques.

In turn, Ambassador Dan Ben-Eliezer emphasized that the State of Israel is one of the most important partners of Romania in defence industry, as the programs conducted until now were successful.

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Minister of National Defence Mircea Duşa met with Mr. Damon Wilson, executive Vice President Atlantic Council, at MoND HQs on Tuesday, March 12th.

Minister Duşa began by expressing his sincere regrets and heartfelt sympathy on the death of the US service members killed on duty yesterday when a helicopter crashed in Southern Afghanistan.

A major talking point on the meeting agenda was the preparation and accommodation of the Deveselu Airbase. The Defense Minister briefed the US official on the on-going construction works. „The works are

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advanced at this point. Local authorities are taking steps to make the access route and sewage system back up the airbase activity, and improve transportation conditions”, Minister Duşa explained.

In his turn, Damon Wilson said that Romania had been a reliable ally in every project developed with the US.”The Deveselu initiative is an important project to bind our two nations together in the years ahead. I command you for increasing your defense budget, which will definitely facilitate the modernization and procurement process”, declared Wilson.

The fact that Romania continues to attach great importance to the operation in Afghanistan was also appreciated by Damon Wilson. In this light, he congratulated Minister Mircea Duşa for the unceasing efforts and professionalism of the troops deployed into the Theatres of Operation.

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On March 14, Secretary of State for Parliament Liaison, Public Information and Personnel Welfare, Vasile Costea, met with General (Retired) Marin Dragnea, President of the National Association of War Veterans of Romania (ANVR) and Lieutenant General (Retired) Victor Goanță, President of the War Invalids Association and Vice president of ANVR.

The topics approached during the meeting were mainly related to the measures to be taken to improve the situation of war veterans, invalids and widows.

„Now, when you reached a venerable age, you have our high esteem and I want to

promise you I will get personally involved in assuring that you benefit from all the rights that you more than deserve. These would be my priorities in the next period of time so that your efforts and suffering would be truly rewarded”, State Secretary Costea pointed out to the war veterans.

Defence Minister Meets the Defence Attachés Accredited to Bucharest

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met with the Defence Attachés accredited to Bucharest, at the Palace of the National Military Club, on Tuesday, 19 March.

The meeting is a routine briefing one that usually takes place between the ministry leadership and the defence diplomats.

„We have a good cooperation relation with the other NATO and EU member countries, which is a positive aspect as our common interests aim at ensuring security and stability. The world faces many threats starting with

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The defence attaches attending the meeting with
defence minister Mircea Duşa

the economic crisis down to terrorism-related issues. That is why we have to have an ongoing dialogue” the defence minister pointed out.

Mircea Duşa emphasized that „in 2013, the defence ministry has a larger budget by 14 percent than before and our priority is to equip and modernize the military”.

The defence attaches thanked Minister Mircea Duşa for organizing the meeting and reaffirmed their availability for an intensified cooperation with the Romanian Armed Forces.