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**The Defence Minister and the Chief of General Staff Received the
Turkish Land Forces Commander**

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Photo from the activity

The Minister of National Defence, Corneliu Dobritoiu, and the chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Stefan Danila, received General Hayri Kivricoglu, the commander of Turkish Land Forces, on Tuesday, 13 November.

During the bilateral talks, the parties discussed the good cooperation between the Romanian and Turkish military and participation in common regional initiatives, in terms of ensuring regional security.

The official also approached topics such as maintaining military training standards by participating in exercises, the transformation process of the two armed forces and the lines of action of the Alliance in the near future.

The Turkish Land Forces Commander visited our country at the invitation of his Romanian counterpart, Lieutenant General Sorin Ioan.

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The Day of the General Staff



Symposium organized on the Day of the General Staff

The General Staff organized a symposium to celebrate 153 years since its establishment, in the assembly room of the defence ministry, on Monday, 12 November.

The chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Stefan Danila, declared that a coherent process of transformation and modernization of the Romanian military is highly necessary. „The General Staff should manage this process and endorse the political decisions through coherent, viable and realistic solutions“, Lieutenant General Stefan Danila said.

Invited at the event, defence minister Corneliu Dobritoiu pointed out that „all those

who were members of this elite military structure led our soldiers at war, reformed and equipped the military organization. Moreover, along the years, the General Staff had true leaders, who won the respect of the political leaders of the time and succeeded in creating an army that made history in this part of the world“.

Lieutenant colonel Gabriel Patrascu, chief of the Editing and Historical Documentation Office of the Historical Military Service and scientific researcher Serban Pavelescu from the Institute for Political Studies of Defense and Military History delivered lectures on the history and evolution of the General Staff and the implications of NATO Chicago Summit on the Romanian defence policy.

The chiefs of the Services, former chiefs of General Staff and its personnel Present were at the activity

Working Meeting at the Defence Ministry



Exchange of gifts between the two officials

The deputy chief of General Staff for operations and training, Lieutenant Valeriu Nicut, met with Major General Frank D. Turner, Commanding General United States Army Security Assistance Command (USASAC), who was on an official visit in Romania, on Friday, 9 November.

The two officials talked of the security assistance offered to the Romanian military by the US Government and identifying ways of improving it.

The US military delegation led by Major General Frank D. Turner also had bilateral meetings at the Department for Armaments and at the level of military Services.

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The Romanian Armed Forces' Day



Ceremony of the retreat with torches

The Romanian Armed Forces' Day, celebrated on October 25, is a landmark in the Romanian people's history and consciousness; beyond its strictly historical significance- the liberation of the last Romanian land furrow- it glorifies the deeds of all national heroes, that contributed to the establishment of the Romanian nation and state, gave their lives to gain the state independence and found the national unitary state, fought in the World War I and II and fell on duty in the theatres of operations.

The Romanian Armed Forces' Day was celebrated by hoisting the National Colours in the military institutions' headquarters, dressing the military

ships with flags and organizing ceremonies and commemorative activities within all garrisons throughout the country, in the theatres of operations and countries in which Romania accredited its defence attachés.

In 2012, when the Romanian Armed Forces mark ten years of continuous participation in the Afghan theatres of operations, the Ministry of National Defence-which celebrated 150 years since its establishment- wants to share the joy of this celebration with the Romanians by organizing its events „in the middle of the citadel“ instead of the closed space of its barracks with the conviction that this Day must be, before all, a feast that honours the Romanian values, patriotism, courage and devotion towards the country.

Festive events were organized in all garrisons throughout the country and mainly consisted of conferences, symposiums, military equipment, book, painting and photography exhibitions, literary salons, wreath laying ceremonies at the war commemorative monuments and the Romanian soldiers' cemeteries (domestically and abroad), music and poetry performances, concerts held by the Military Music Band as well as meetings with war veterans and students of the national high schools.

For the first time, the Ministry of National Defence organized the event entitled „The Romanian Armed Forces' Day in schools“ throughout 17 to 25 October. This project was organized in several high



The Day of the Romanian Armed Forces Celebrated in Schools at „Dimitrie Bolintineanu“ Highschool of Bucharest

schools from the capital city and the country where a team made up of representatives of the information and recruiting offices, historians, war vets and militaries having participated in the theatres of operations spotlighted the

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importance of the Romanian Armed Forces' Day, the range of missions executed by the militaries and the educational offer from the military educational institutions.

A public festivity was organized in Izvor Park on Sunday, October 21, between 10,00 to 17,00 which consisted of armaments and military equipment exhibitions, military career promotion activities, drill-team exercises and ground and air force exercises, battle scenes and training exercises as well as navy games and fanfare concert.

The anniversary symposium „Ministry of National Defence-fundamental institution for the

Romanian state's armed power organization“ took place Monday, October 22, at 13,00, at the National Military Palace while a the MoND Music Band held a festive concert at „Mihail Jora“ Concert Hall on Tuesday, October 22.

The Romanian Armed Forces' Emblem of Honour was offered to His Majesty, Mihai the First, and the former chiefs of state, Emil Constantinescu and Ion Iliescu by the Minister of Defence, Corneliu Dobritoiu, on Wednesday, October 24.

Wreath laying ceremonies were organized at the Unknown Soldier's Grave from Carol Park, the Heroes' Monument from World War II and at the Romanian Heroes' Monument from Tineretului Park, on October 25.

The festivities ended on Saturday, October 27, and on Sunday, October 28, when the capital city and the country malls and shopping centres hosted events where the Romanian Armed Force was presented in a modern and dynamic conception, open to the public. The activities consisted of demonstrative exercises, equipment and armament exhibitions, military music performances as well as other activities that helped the citizens get familiarized with the Romanian Armed Forces' main missions.

Book, publications and photography exhibitions with military subject as well as wreath and spray laying at the Romanian cemeteries and commemorative monuments were also organized in the countries in which Romania accredited its defence attachés.

The Romanian militaries deployed in the theatres of operations celebrated the Romanian Armed Forces' Day by conducting military ceremonies and cultural and sports activities where they invited their partners from the multinational coalition forces.



Militaries joining the citizens at AFI Cotroceni



Minister Corneliu Dobritoiu participated in NATO Defence Ministerial



Informal NATO Defence Ministerial

The Minister of National Defence, Corneliu Dobritoiu, participated in NATO Defence Ministerial in Brussels on 9 and 10 October.

The topics discussed during the two days talks covered NATO transformation, capabilities and performance indicators that such an effort involved. Stock of progress was analyzed mainly for ISAF NATO operation in Afghanistan as well as KFOR in Kosovo.

Minister Corneliu Dobritoiu explained at the end of the ministerial that at the level of the Alliance, there is an increased need to assess the effort made by each member country so that the political engagement be made based on the performance criteria“.

This requirement is all the more necessary as „defence budgets are ever more relevant, even during economic austerity, as the dynamics of the international security environment calls for an increased political responsibility of the allies“, the Romanian defence minister added.

During the ministerial, minister Dobritoiu participated in three bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Poland, Portugal and Hungary.