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**Defence Minister, Mircea Duşa,
met with the US Senator, James Rosapepe**

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Defence Minister Mircea Duşa and US Senator James Rosapepe

Defence Minister, Mircea Duşa, met with the US Senator James Rosapepe, on Tuesday, May 29, at the MoND Headquarters.

The two officials discussed about the bilateral military cooperation, Minister Duşa emphasizing the fact that the Romanian-American Partnership is very strong, the evolution of the military relationships between the two states proving that the subject matters on both defence agendas are similarly approached.

„The presence of the US militaries in Romania facilitated the increased interaction between the two armed forces. The joint training activities conducted annually had remarkable results and significantly contributed to a better execution of the missions from the theaters of operations. We would like to highlight the support given by the US counterpart for the equipping of the Combat Training Center of the Land Forces (CTC-LF)“ the defence minister said.

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Minister Duşa emphasized the excellent collaboration from Afghanistan and reiterated Romania's intention to participate in NATO's post-2014 training and counseling mission in this country. „We need to have a modern and capable alliance, characterized by a strong solidarity. We made the political decision of increasing the GDP with 0.3% each year, so that we can meet NATO's requirements of allocating 2% of the country's GDP for our armed forces by 2016”, added the Romanian Defence Minister.

In his turn, Senator James Rosapepe thanked the Romanian militaries for their professionalism, devotion and cooperation with the US counterparts throughout the missions they performed together, especially in the Afghanistan TO.

Defence Minister Duşa met with the Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Mozambic



Office call

Defence Minister Mircea Duşa, received the visit of the minister of National Defence of the Republic of Mozambique, Filipe Jacinto Nyusi, on Tuesday, 28 May, at the MoND Headquarters.

The Romanian Defence Minister suggested his counterpart to establish some technical teams that would create the bilateral cooperation framework in certain areas of activity, especially in the military and educational ones, which is to be enacted by means of a protocol signed by the two ministers.

The members of the Romanian delegation talked about the opportunities and programs offered by Romania's defence industry as well as about the training opportunities available in the military educational institutions.

„The Romanian Military has gained a huge experience during its participation in the NATO or EU-led ground, air and naval missions and it wishes to share this with other partner armed forces also”, added minister Duşa.

In his turn, minister Nyusi emphasized that „Romania is know-how, experienced and I think this future cooperation will be of value added to the country I represent. I am aware that the Romanian specialists are good professionals and I am convinced that we will initiate long-term projects”.

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NATO Secretary General visited the Ministry of National Defence

On Friday, 24 May, Defence Minister Mircea Duşa met with the Secretary General of the Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, who paid an official visit to Romania on 23 and 24 May.

Subjects like the NATO-led missions, Romania's participation in the theatres of operations and the missile defence shield system from Deveselu were tackled by the two officials during the talks.

Minister Mircea Duşa and Secretary General Rasmussen mentioned that a successful promotion

of the European Defence and Security Policy can be done only by a powerful and open Europe, firmly committed to invest in the field of security and defence.

The Minister of National Defence emphasized the excellent collaboration between the Romanian Armed Forces and the armed forces of the other NATO member states, especially our participation in Afghanistan, and reiterated Romania's intention to take part in the post-2014 mission in this country.

In his turn, NATO's Secretary General said that the success of the ISAF mission and of NATO's future training and counselling mission in Afghanistan can be ensured only by maintaining cohesion and solidarity within the Alliance. „I would like to thank you for the professionalism proven by the Romanian troops in the theatres of operations and tell you that Romania is a powerful NATO ally we can always rely on.”

The cybernetic security was another topic of the office call agenda, both officials emphasizing that a rigorous action plan must be developed by NATO in order to counteract the potential attacks. The missile defence shield was another topic tackled during the official talks. Minister Duşa informed NATO's Secretary General with regard to the status of the works in Deveselu Base while Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen spotlighted that the development of NATO's ballistic missile defence capabilities is still one of the priorities of the Alliance's political and operational agenda.

„The missile defence system is of strategic importance and a fundamental element that contributes to the increase of security in Romania and the South-Eastern Europe against the threats faced by these countries. I have recently made a visit to Deveselu in order to check on the status of the works and I assure you that the project will be finalized as previously scheduled”, concluded the Minister of National Defence.



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Balkan Countries' Chiefs of Defence Conference

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Balkan Countries' Chiefs of Defence Conference, dedicated to the strengthening of cooperation and security at regional level, took place on 22 and 23 May, at Tirana, Republic of Albania.

The conference was attended by representatives of Romania, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey. Our country was represented by the Deputy Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Dan-Ghica Radu.

Balkan Countries' Chiefs of Defence Conference, which provides for the military cooperation framework in various fields- asymmetrical threats, education, training and exercises, satellite communication, informational management, cybernetic defence – is an instrument which complements other regional initiatives that contribute to the increase of security at regional level.

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The Minister of National Defence Met with the Ambassador of the Italian Republic to Bucharest



Mircea Duşa, Minister of National Defence and Diego Brasioli,
Ambassador of the Republic of Italy to Bucharest

The Minister of National Defence met with H.E. Diego Brasioli, the Ambassador of the Italian Republic to Bucharest, at the defence ministry, on Monday, 20 May.

During the meeting, the two officials stressed out the interest of the parties for the development of defence cooperation within the Romania-Italian Consolidated Strategic Partnership.

Minister Duşa conveyed the message to the Ambassador of the Italian Republic that Romania continues to be a

constant advocate of the development of NATO missile defence system. „The operational engagement in Afghanistan is a priority for Romania. The successful ending of the ISAF mission requires we maintain the allied solidarity and we have to think to the post 2014 mission in Afghanistan”, minister Duşa mentioned.

„EU’s increasing role in managing international crises requires the joint efforts of EU member states and institutions for the development of the necessary capabilities, while the European Council of December will be a major opportunity to revive the Common Security and Defence Policy”, Mircea Duşa added.