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The chief of General Staff's visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă, the chief of General Staff, made an official visit to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland following his British counterpart's invitation, over April 17-20.

During the talks with the British Chief of Defence, General Sir David Richards, the two officials discussed about the current NATO operations, Romania's contribution to Afghanistan being emphasized. A special attention was given to the cooperation between the two armed forces after 2014 with a view to maintaining and

further developing the common training and interoperability standards. During his visit, Lieutenant General Ștefan Dănilă also had meetings with officials of the British armed force's structures when topics such as the military transformation process, current participation stage in international missions as well as current procurement programs were approached.

While visiting the Royal Air Force College and Cranwell Royal Air Force air base from Waddington, the chief of General Staff showed interest in the training and professional development program of the air force commissioned officers and the Royal Air Force's surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.

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International Scientific Conference

„Carol I” National Defence University hosted, during 18 and 19 April, the International Scientific Conference on „Strategic Changes in Security and International Relations in the Early 21st Century”.

Organized by the Department of Joint Operations, Strategic and Security Studies of the Security and Defence Faculty, the scientific event offered the adequate academic framework for exchanges of ideas, opinions and for communicating the latest research results in the field of security and international relations, the contemporary military phenomenon and other related fields.

The event brought together Romanian and foreign scientific researchers, university professors and students (from France, Hungary, Germany, the USA), defence attachees accredited to Bucharest, as well as representatives of international bodies and media.

The meeting of Defence Minister Mircea Duşa with the US Under Secretary Rose Gottemoeller



The Minister of National Defence and the US Undersecretary for Arms Control and International Security,
Mrs Rose Gottemoeller

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met with Rose Gottemoeller, US Acting Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security, at the ministry headquarters on Monday, April 22nd.

Minister Mircea Duşa emphasized the importance of this meeting and reiterated the fact that Romania is a reliable partner for the United States of America by respecting its commitments and partnerships.

„We would like to thank you for the support given to our militaries from Afghanistan and counselling offered in

the field of the special operations forces’ training „, said minister Duşa to the US official.

Also, our defence minister informed the US official with respect to the situation of the Romanian militaries deployed in Afghanistan, the status of the works in Deveselu military base and of the multirole aircraft procurement program.

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At the same time, the US Under Secretary, Rose Gottemoeller, restated the United States' support in all partnerships formed with our country, including the withdrawal of the Romanian troops from Afghanistan and thanked in her return for Romania's involvement in the anti-missile shield project.

The Romanian Land Forces' Day



Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, awarded medals and emblems to some of the militaries injured in the theaters of operations

The Romanian Land Forces, whose Service patron saint is Saint George – the Trophy Bearer, celebrated its Day on Tuesday, April 23, in all garrisons of the country where its troops are distributed.

In Bucharest, the activities consisted in wreath laying military ceremonies, the launching of the album „Land Forces – a history in days and images” as well as in a torch withdrawal ceremony.

Also, „drill-team” exercises and performances of the 30th „Mihai Viteazul” Guard Regiment's and 1st „Dacica” Infantry Division's Bands took place in the main parks of our capital city, on Tuesday.

Representatives of the Ministry of National Defence, local public authorities, reserve and retired military personnel and war veterans were invited to attend the activity.

Prior to this anniversary, a series of activities dedicated to this event took place in the Land Forces garrisons throughout the country such as: the press cup at target shooting, symposiums, recalling of the local units' combat traditions, book and photography exhibitions, the open doors' day and sports and military competitions.