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**General Nicolae Ciucă at Exercise
TRIDENT JUNCTURE 18 DV- Day**

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On Tuesday, October 30th, the chief of Defence Staff, General Nicolae Ciucă, participated in the DV-Day of NATO TRIDENT JUNCTURE 18 Exercise, in Trodheim, Norway.

The exercise is conducted through October 25th-November 23rd 2018, in Norway and Iceland, with the participation of 45,000 troops, 150 aircraft, 65 ships and 10,000 vehicles from over 30 allied and partner states.

Exercise TRIDENT JUNCTURE 18 has two main components: a Live Field Exercise (LIVEX) and a computer-assisted command-post exercise (CAX/CPX), which consist in the execution of offensive and defensive operations, the training of the command and control element, as well as the checking and validation of the NATO standard operation procedures (SOPs).

The exercise, the most important NATO-led exercise this year, has been planned by the Allied Command Transformation (SACT) and has been conducted by the Joint Force Command Naples, aiming at training and evaluating the NATO Response Force, according to a collective defence scenario, fighting a modern hybrid threat.

22 soldiers from the Romanian Armed forces specialized structures (Land forces Staff, Naval Forces Staff and the Psychological Operations Center), who have been participating in the exercise will practice the NATO Crises Management Process (NCMP), in accordance with Article 5 provisions: high intensity joint operations.

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Defence Minister's Meeting with the Ambassador of Kuwait State in Romania, Talal Mansour Alhajeri

The Minister of National Defence, Mihai Fifor, met with the Ambassador of Kuwait State in Romania, Talal Mansour Alhajeri, on Monday, October 29th, at the MoND Headquarters.

The meeting agenda focused on aspects referring to the current status and the future ways of developing the cooperation relations in the field of defence between the two states.

Taking into consideration the recent official visit paid by Romania's Prime-Minister, Viorica Dăncilă, in the Kuwait State, the talks mainly focused on ways of collaboration between the two defence ministries. In this context, minister Fifor and the Ambassador of Kuwait State agreed upon the initiation of discussions at expert-group level.



The Minister of National Defence, Mihai Fifor and Ambassador of Kuwait State in Romania, Talal Mansour Alhajeri

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Invictus Games Sydney 2018 – gold for the Romanian team

The team who represented Romania at Sydney Invictus Games, Australia, through October 20-27, won several medals and scored very good results at the disciplines in which they competed, as follows:

At individual archery, Corporal Eugen Pătru won the gold medal, while Major Dănuț Nicola, Staff Sergeant Cătălin Pârvu and Corporal Eugen Pătru ranked the second, at team competition, thus, gaining the silver medal.

At compound archery, the team made up of Colonel (rtr) Dorin Petruț, Colonel Augustin Pegulescu and Staff Sergeant Ionuț Butoi won the gold medal, while at the individual competition, Colonel (rtr) Dorin Petruț won the bronze medal.

At indoor rowing discipline, First Sergeant Dumitru Paraschiva won the bronze medal at the 4 minute individual endurance race, followed by Captain Ciprian Iriciuc, who ranked 4.

First Sergeant (rez) Ionel Bida qualified in the finals of the 50 meter- backstroke and 50 meter- breaststroke races, where he ranked 4, at both competitions.

At the athletics competition, Sergeant First Class Bogdan Dragomir ranked 5 in the 200 meter final, Lieutenant Colonel Laurențiu Șerban ranked 4 in the 1500 meter and the 400 meter finals. Also, First Sergeant Doru Hamza ranked 4 in the 1500 meter final, while Sergeant First Class Bogdan Dragomir ranked 6 in the 100 meter race.



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The Visit of the Chief of Royal Canadian Air Force in Romania

On Saturday, October 27th, the chief of the Royal Canadian Air Force, Lieutenant General Alexander Donald Meinzinger, made a visit to the 57th Mihail Kogălniceanu Air Base, where met with the chief of the Romanian Air force, Air Flotilla General Viorel Pană, as well as with the Canadian Detachment deployed in the base.

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The Candian Detachment made up of 135 soldiers (pilots and technical personnel) and CF-188 Hornet aircraft, execute together with the MiG-21 LanceRs and the Romanian Air Force aviators NATO-led enhanced Air Policing missions.

The joint enhanced Air Policing missions contribute to the development of the reaction and deterrence capability as well as to the increase of interoperability between the Romanian Air Forces and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Defence Minister's meeting with the representatives of the US Chamber of Commerce to the European Union

On Tuesday, October 23rd, at the MoND Headquarters, Defence Minister Mihai Fifor met with the representatives of the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union.

During the talks, the officials approached topics related to the challenges and threats posed to the regional security. In this context, minister Fifor emphasized the need to consolidate the trans-Atlantic relation.

Considering Romania's taking over the Presidency of the European Union Council starting with January 2019, the talks focused on our country's priorities

in the field of defence and on the main aspects related to the challenges posed to the European Union throughout the six months, especially from the BREXIT perspective.



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In this context, Minister Mihai Fifor pointed out the fact that the strengthening of the trans-Atlantic relation is one of the priorities Romania will promote while holding the Presidency of the EU Council. Also, the defence minister mentioned that the consolidation of the EU-NATO relation is of utmost importance in this respect, taking into consideration the essential role of the trans-Atlantic relation in providing for the European security and stability.