



MILITARY REVIEW

NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTERESTS:

Defence Minister's meeting with the Chief of US Alabama National Guard

The Chief of Defence Staff had an office call with the Supreme Allied Commander Europe

Talks between Romanian and Ukrainian Chiefs of Defence

Meeting between State Secretary for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations with the Director for Central European Affairs, and the US Department of State

Defence Minister's meeting with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco

Defence Minister's meeting with his counterpart from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

DEFENCE MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE CHIEF OF US ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD

On September 11, Minister of National Defence, Angel Tîlvăr, and the Chief of Defence Staff, General Daniel Petrescu, met, at the MoND Headquarters, with the Chief of the Alabama National Guard, Major General Sheryl E. Gordon.

The meeting agenda included discussions with regard to security in the Black Sea region and the impact of the Russian Federation's war of aggression in Ukraine on Euro-Atlantic security, as well as important aspects related to the Romanian-American defence cooperation, within the framework provided by the Romania-USA Strategic Partnership and the State Partnership Program (SPP) with the Alabama National Guard, initiated three decades ago.

The implications of the attacks of the Russian Federation against the Ukrainian port infrastructure, from the proximity of Romania's borders, as well as the effects on global food security, were also reviewed. Minister Tîlvăr emphasized, in the context, the measures taken to



strengthen security in the border area with Ukraine, especially in the conditions generated by the identification on the national territory, in areas close to the Ukrainian port infrastructure attacked by the Russian Federation's forces, of fragments of a drone similar to those used by the Russian Armed Forces.

"We are considering measures to strengthen the monitoring and security of Romania's airspace and, implicitly, of NATO, both by making national efforts and through cooperation with allies, the top priority being the safety of our citizens, especially of those living in the communities from the proximity of the Russian Federation's brutal attacks on Ukrainian civilian ports," said Angel Tîlvăr.

Minister Tîlvăr appreciated the solid commitment of the US forces deployed to our country and the excellent military cooperation with the Romanian Armed Forces in order to ensure interoperability and contribute to the strengthening of the security of the Euro-Atlantic space on the eastern flank.

The Romanian official emphasized the importance of enhancing the Air policing Missions in Romania, by expressing his appreciation for the US decision to deploy F-16 aircraft in this regard. It was also highlighted the role that the State Partnership Program with the USA can have on rendering operational the F-16 Pilot Training Center in Romania.

General Petrescu supported the importance of the joint activities program for the development of the Romanian Armed Forces' capabilities.

"I have thanked Major General Gordon for his sustained efforts made to strengthen the military cooperation relations. We have identified new collaborative activities in the Mil-to-Mil field, by further developing the soldiers in the training centers of the Alabama National Guard and the US Armed Forces", General Daniel Petrescu stated.

The military delegation headed by Major General Sheryl E. Gordon is paying a working visit to Romania, over September 10-16. The visit agenda of the Chief of the Alabama National Guard includes meetings with representatives of some units and formations from the garrisons of Bucharest, Sibiu, Târgu Mureş and Sighisoara.

* * *

The Partnership Program was initiated by the USA 30 years ago, after the fall of the Soviet Union, with the aim of supporting countries situated beyond the former Iron Curtain through military cooperation. Currently, the program includes partnerships among 100 US nations and states, under the coordination of the US National Guard Bureau. The program aims at increasing the interoperability and responsiveness of

US and partner forces so that they can respond to a broad spectrum of security challenges.

The cooperation of the Romanian Armed Forces with the Alabama National Guard is one of the instruments in the military field of the Romanian-American Strategic Partnership. The solid cooperation relations with the American soldiers, including the Romanian Armed Forces - Alabama National Guard component, represents one of the three pillars of our country's security policy that pursues the national interests of promoting stability in Europe.

THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF HAD AN OFFICE CALL WITH THE SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE

The Chief of Defence Staff, General Daniel Petrescu, had an office call with the Supreme Allied Commander Europe (SACEUR), General Christopher Cavoli, on September 7.

The discussions focused on the regional security situation in the context of the intensification of the Russian Federation's attacks against civilian infrastructure targets in Ukraine located in the vicinity of our country, the discovery of drone elements in the area of the Romanian Plauru locality, as well as on the Allied and national measures to be taken in order to avoid possible incidents on Romania's territory.

TALKS BETWEEN ROMANIAN AND UKRAINIAN CHIEFS OF DEFENCE

Romanian Chief of Defence, General Daniel Petrescu, discussed on September 8, with the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, general Valerii Zaluzhnyi. The phone call referred to the situation generated by the intensified Russian Federation's attacks against the Ukrainian Danube maritime infrastructure. Also, the two officials talked about the incident regarding the drone fragments found on Romanian territory.

General Daniel Petrescu conveyed that Romania strongly condemns the Russian Federation's aggression war against Ukraine as well as unjustified, illegal attacks against Ukrainian infrastructure and civilian population. He also restated that Romania will continue to support multidimensionally Ukraine, as long as will be necessary.

In this context, the Romanian Chief of Defence informed the Ukrainian counterpart that he instated additional measures for strengthening the surveillance and air security capabilities at Romanian borders.

MEETING BETWEEN STATE SECRETARY FOR DEFENCE POLICY, PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WITH THE DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, AND THE US DEPARTMENT OF STATE

State Secretary for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations, Simona Cojocaru, received the visit of the Director for Central European Affairs, within the US Department of State, Chip Dean, on September 6.

The subjects addressed during the talks mainly concerned the Romanian-American bilateral cooperation within the Strategic Romania-USA Partnership, the security situation in the Black Sea region, in the context of the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine, as well as the efforts made to modernize the Romanian Armed Forces.

The Romanian State Secretary emphasized Romania's position regarding the Russian Federation's war of aggression against Ukraine and its regional consequences. He thanked the American partner for the presence of US forces in the region and, in particular, in Romania, which significantly contributes to the strengthening of security in the Black Sea area, but especially to the consolidation of NATO's defence and deterrence capacity.

At the same time, Romania's firm support for Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova was reiterated, by highlighting the fact that the Russian Federation's illegal invasion of Ukraine brings about unprecedented security challenges that require immediate response.

The Romanian official also appreciated the consistency of the Strategic Partnership between Romania and the USA and

emphasized the importance of the continuous modernization of the Romanian Armed Forces in order to face current and future threats. Investment in defence capabilities remains a priority. In this context, the Romanian official mentioned the F-16 Pilot Training Center from the 86th Air Base, which will become a relevant regional center, proving its strategic importance and responding to the complex security requirements of Romania, its allies and partners in the region.

DEFENCE MINISTER'S MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO

Minister of National Defence, Angel Tîlvă, received the visit of the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Morocco, H.E. Hassan Abouyoub, on September 6.



During the visit, there was an exchange of views regarding the political-military dialogue, in addressing the significant milestones on the security agendas of the two countries. In this context, the discussions focused on bilateral cooperation, the security situation in the Black Sea area and on the African continent, as well as on the efforts made by the two countries to contribute to ensuring and maintaining stability at the regional and international levels.

Also, the meeting had the role of preparing the official visit of the Minister of National Defence to the Kingdom of Morocco, planned in the near future, on which occasion the Agreement between the Government of Romania and the Government



of the Kingdom of Morocco on military cooperation will be signed.

Both officials appreciated that, in the current security context, the enhancement of defence cooperation relations is beneficial to both states, being able to contribute to regional stability and security.

DEFENCE MINISTER'S MEETING WITH HIS COUNTERPART FROM THE GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG

Minister of National Defence, Angel Tîlvăr, had an official meeting with his counterpart from the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, François Bausch, on September 5.

The meeting was part of the visit that the President of Romania, Klaus Iohannis, and the Prime Minister of Luxembourg, Xavier Bettel, paid to the “Getica” Joint National Training Center, where the NATO Battle Group, with France as framework nation, is stationed to which the Grand Duchy contributes with a 26 - soldier contingent.

The agenda of the talks between the two defence ministers included topics related to the bilateral cooperation between the two states and within the North Atlantic Alliance and the European Union, the results of the Vilnius NATO Summit, as well as the security situation in the Black Sea region in the context of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine.

The Romanian official appreciated the contribution of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to the consolidation of the allied posture on the eastern flank, this being proof of Allied solidarity and unity.

“Luxembourgish military have integrated very well into the architecture of the Cincu Battle Group, where they accomplish their missions with professionalism, competence and seriousness. Romania particularly appreciates Luxembourg's contribution to the consolidation of security on the eastern flank “, said Angel Tîlvăr.

At the same time, the Romanian Minister of Defence appreciated the very good cooperation between the allied contingents that activate at the “Getica” Joint National Training Center, by emphasizing the continuous development of the infrastructure and the host nation support.

The two ministers reiterated the importance of the contributions of NATO member countries to ensuring the efficiency and credibility of the collective deterrence and defence posture on the Eastern Flank, these being fundamental for deterring Russia, by promoting collective security in the Black Sea Region and by continuing providing assistance to Ukraine and the vulnerable partners, especially to the Republic of Moldova.

At the same time, in the context of the discussions on security developments in the eastern region, the key role played by the European Union in supporting Ukraine was highlighted, both through the use of the European Peace Facility instrument and through the EU Military Assistance Mission in support of the Ukrainian Armed Forces – EUMAM Ukraine.

