



## ESP CHOD attends the ceremony to welcome Poland as new EUROCORPS Framework Nation

### International Military Agenda



#### ESP CHOD participates in NATO Military Committee

Admiral General Teodoro Esteban López Calderón took part in the NATO Military Committee in Chiefs of Defence session, held by videoconference call.

The Military Committee (MC) is the senior military authority in NATO and the oldest permanent body in NATO after the North Atlantic Council. It is the primary source of military advice to the North Atlantic Council and the Nuclear Planning Group.



#### ESP CHOD pays a visit to EUNAVFOR Somalia Operation HQ located in Rota Naval Station

The Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral General López Calderón, visited the Operational Headquarters (OHQ) of EUNAVFOR Somalia. He referred to the operation as “the European Union's most successful naval operation”.

ESP CHOD highlighted the global dimension of ATALANTA and its relevance for sectors such as the Shipping Industry, with whom the Operation regularly changes views and coordinates matters of maritime security.

## Support to Turkey



### A new Spanish contingent takes over in NATO's operation Support to Turkey

Incirlik Air Base (Adana) has witnessed the HOTO ceremony between the Spanish XIV and XV contingents in the operation 'Support to Turkey'; The 15th contingent will continue this operation in which, Spain, joined seven years ago.

Spain deployed a Patriot battery to Turkey in January 2015, It has been seven years of uninterrupted mission that has contributed to improve the capabilities of the Spanish Armed Forces in terms of Air Defence.

## SNMCMG-2



### BAM 'Meteoro' takes the SNMCMG-2 lead after departing from its homeport in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria

With NATO flags flying on the halyards, BAM 'Meteoro' is, for the next six months, the brand new SNMCMG-2 flagship. The Spanish vessel took over from BAM 'Rayo'.

Over the next six months, the Spanish warship will sail through the Mediterranean and Black Seas, leading other NATO vessels, reinforcing the commitment to our allies and maintaining peace and security for all.

## Enhanced Forward Presence



### Spanish forces deployed to Latvia conducted the HOTO ceremony between contingents

The Spanish contingent deployed in Latvia has carried out the transfer of authority ceremony at the Adazi base. The official ceremony was presided over by the Spanish Ambassador to Latvia, Susana Cámara, and Colonel Álvaro de Zunzunegui, on behalf of the Spanish Operations Command.

The eFP mission is aimed at deterring any threat against the Baltic countries, demonstrating Spain's firm commitment to its allies and to international peace and security.





## EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'



### Spanish Air Force's personnel belonging to Detachment 'Orion' takes over in Djibouti

A new contingent took over at the Tactical Air Detachment (DAT) Orion, on this occasion the 42<sup>nd</sup> rotation begins its mission within the EU's Operation Atalanta. For this purpose, the handover ceremony was held at Air Base 188 in Djibouti, in a ceremony presided over by the head of the FHQ, Comodoro João Paulo Silva Pereira.

In March 2019, Spain assumed the lead of Operation Atalanta, from the ES-OHQ, located in Rota.

## DAT 'MARFIL'



### 'Marfil' Tactical Air Detachment rotates its personnel to keep supporting peace in the Sahel region

The members of this Detachment return to Spain after three months of intense work and full dedication on their mission to support France in its struggle against the terrorist threat in the Sahel region.

The contingent operates two Airbus C295 (T-21) aircraft belonging to the 35th Wing. The mission's Joint Force Air Component Command (JFACC), is based in Lyon (France).

## EUTM - Mali



### A journey with the Spanish Team of Trainers in EUTM-Mali, (Youtube video)

Spain's Defence Staff Headquarters has multiple channels to disseminate StratCom. One of them is its own Youtube channel, where everyone can get an approach to all operations where the Spanish Armed Forces are involved in.

In this video, edited by the EMAD's StratCom Office, you can watch selected footages of the Spanish Team of Trainers in their daily work with troops belonging to the Malian Army.





## UNIFIL (Lebanon)



### Units belonging to Canary Islands Command make up the bulk personnel within troops deployed to Lebanon

Since the beginning of the United Nations mission in Lebanon in September 2006, this is the second time that the Canary Islands Command assumes this mission, being the 'Canarias' XVI Brigade (BRICAN XVI) the one that composes the Spanish BRILIB XXVI contingent.

The mission, with an approximate duration of six months, is scheduled to be completed during the month of May.

## Spanish Armed Forces Deployment Map

