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# COMMANDER OF STANDING NATO MARITIME GROUP 2 VISITS THE 'CRISTÓBAL COLÓN' (F-105)

The frigate 'Cristobal Colon' (F-105) received the visit of the Commander of SNMG-2, US Navy Admiral Michael Scott Sciretta. The ship is currently carrying out surveillance activities in the Western Mediterranean together with other ships of the Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 (SNMG-2), under the national operational control of the Operations Command.

Admiral Sciretta addressed the crew. COMSNMG-2 highlighted their professionalism, efficiency and reliability during the three months of integration into SNMG-2.



# THE AN/TPS-43M RADAR OF THE MOBILE AIR CONTROL GROUP REACHES 1,000 OPERATIONAL HOURS IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS

The AN/TPS-43M radar of the Mobile Air Control Group (GRUMOCA) deployed in Romania as part of the NATO air policing operation reached 1,000 operational hours outside Spanish territory.

Once deployed in Romania, it took only three days to acquire the system's in-area operational capability, integrated with the Balotesti Surveillance and Control Centre. Since then, it has logged 1,000 hours of service monitoring allied airspace.



### eFP (Latvia)







# THE SPANISH CONTINGENT DEPLOYED IN LATVIA TAKES PART IN THE LATVIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

A representation of 50 Spanish soldiers and vehicles paraded through the streets of Riga.

Latvia celebrated the 104th anniversary of the first Declaration of Independence of the Baltic country, which took place on November 17, 1918.

Just after the parade on foot, the motorised parade took place, consisting of numerous vehicles of different specialities, such as armored vehicles.

## **Operation support to TÜRKIYE**





# A NEW CONTINGENT TAKES OVER IN OPERATION `SUPPORT TO TÜRKIYE'

The A/T XVII contingent assumes the continuity of the NATO operation with a commitment to continue the air defence of the Turkish city of Adana.

Operation 'Support to Türkiye' continues in the province of Adana, contributing to the security of the Alliance while improving the antimissile defence capabilities of our Armed Forces.

### eAP (Romania)





#### ESP F-18 from DAT. Viespe trains with an ITA EF 2000

An ESP F-18 from DAT. Viespe trains with an ITA EF2000 , both deployed at Air Base 86 Borcea-Fetesti.

The Spanish Armed Forces participate actively in this mission with personnel and equipment (combat aircraft, early warning radar, etc.).

Their mission is to protect Allied airspace and maintain an appropriate level of training under NATO's eAP mission. The 'Viespe' Detachment will be deployed until 31 March 2023, reinforcing the Alliance's eastern flank with surveillance, deterrence and air defence missions.

More information at <a><u>@EMADmde</u></a> twitter channel





# EUROPEAN UNION

#### **EUTM-MALI**





#### **SPAIN TAKES OVER EUTM MALI MISSION**

Spanish Brigadier General Santiago Fernández Ortiz-Repiso took over from Czech Brigadier General Radek Hasala.

French Vice-Admiral Hervé Bléjean, Director of the European Union Military Planning and Conduct Capability (MPCC) in Brussels, presided over the ceremony, which was also attended by General Oumar Diarra, Chief of the General Staff of the Malian Armed Forces, Lieutenant General Francisco Braco, Commander of the Operations Command, and Lieutenant General Kopecky, Head of the Czech Republic Operations Command.

#### **EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'**





# THE 'SANTA MARIA' (F-83) PARTICIPATES IN THE TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

The ship participates in the training of the different regional coastguard corps in the waters and ports of Somalia and Seychelles to increase their capabilities

The frigate 'Santa María', integrated in Operation 'Atalanta', has participated in different exercises and collaborations with different players in the area where it is patrolling, such as the Somali Security Forces, the Seychelles Regional Operations Coordination Centre (RCOC), the Coast Guard and Special Forces of Seychelles, as well as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

#### **EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'**





#### OPERATION ATALANTA BIDS FAREWELL TO THE P-3 ORION

After 14 years and more than 14000 flight-hours as the eyes in the sky, EUNAVFOR said "goodbye" to this aircraft and another one will replace it.

The P-3 maritime patrol aircraft, belongs to the 22nd Group, based in Morón de la Frontera (Seville-ESP).

Operation Atalanta is part of the commitment made by Spain, under the flag of the European Union, in its fight to maintain maritime security off the coast of Somalia and neighbouring countries in the Indian Ocean region.

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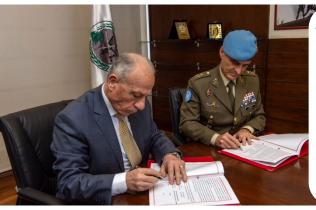




# UNITED NATIONS

### **UNIFIL** (Lebanon)





### SPECIAL MEASURES FOR THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES

On 5 December 2022, UNIFIL Head of Mission and Force Commander Major General Aroldo Lázaro and the Lebanese Minister of Defense Maurice Sleem signed a memorandum of understanding to formalize this support.

UNIFIL recently delivered food for 30,000 meals, 40,000 liters of diesel fuel, and 72 kg worth of medical supplies to support the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) in South Lebanon.

### **Spanish Armed Forces Deployment Map**















