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# **INTERNATIONAL MILITARY AGENDA**



### **DEBRIEFING ON JFX-22 JOINT EXERCISE**

**"OPERATION ATALANTA"** 

COMMITED TO MARITIME SECURITY

The Naval Amphibious Group DEDALO-23 deployed on Mediterranean waters during the first three months of 2023. Besides the 'Juan Carlos I', the Group has two amphibious vessels ('Castilla' and 'Galicia' ),the 'Blas de Lezo' frigate and the 'Tramontana' submarine.

Before its departure, Spanish CHOD, admiral general Teodoro López Calderón led the debriefing meeting of JFX-22 exercise in which 1200 military personnel participated last November.

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Admiral General, Teodoro E. López Calderón – Spain's CHOD -, has met with his counterpart, General Mokhtar Bolle Chabaane, who is on an official visit to Spain.

The meeting was aimed at strengthening ties and mutual commitment to security in the Sahel and boosting ongoing bilateral security activities.

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# **'SEA GUARDIAN' OPERATION**



# HRF-M HQ/TÜRKIYE

NATO C-IED CENTER

#### SUBMARINE 'TRAMONTANA' JOINS 'SEA GUARDIAN' OPERATION

The submarine, which is based in Cartagena, is the fourth of its class and has been serving Spain since 1984. Its crew is made up of 68 men and women, with a vocation for service, unquestionable motivation, and sacrificial spirit to live for more than a month below the surface to ensure the peace and safety of their compatriots.

The operation focuses on maritime situational awareness to deter and fight terrorism, as well as to mitigate other threats.





#### NATO, TÜRKIYE, SPAIN AND ROMANIA HOISTING AT AKSAZ BASE

The solemn hoisting of the NATO, Turkish, Spanish and Romanian flags took place at the Aksaz Naval Base for the High Readiness Maritime Headquarters (HRF-M HQ), known as TURMARFOR.

Having passed its evaluation and certification process, this HRF (M) HQ is ready to perform the missions NATO assigns it to defend Alliance values and maintain the security of NATO allies.





#### THE C-IED CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (COE) LEADS NATO TECHNICAL ADVISORY VISIT TO JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES

The Counter Improvised Explosive Devices Centre of Excellence (C-IED CoE) has led a C-IED technical advisory visit to the Armed Forces of the Kingdom of Jordan as part of NATO's Science for Peace and Security Programme (SPS) initiatives.

The Centre was represented by four members who analysed the current development of the Jordanian Armed Forces' C-IED capabilities and identified possible gaps in the Jordanian Armed Forces' C-IED capabilities.







### **EUTM-MALI**





# **EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'**

#### FOOT PATROLS TO BUILD CLOSER TIES WITH THE POPULATION AND STRENGTHEN SECURITY

The Force Protection Tactical Group, FPTG - 'LAURIA', deployed in the EUTM MALI XXI operation between the Malian capital and the city of Koulikoro, has among its missions to conduct foot patrols in the vicinity of the 'Koulikoro Training Center' (KTC).

These patrols often get close to the villages near the KTC, where they interact with the civilians and strengthen ties with the local authorities. They also deliver school supplies and toys to the children living in the villages.



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#### THE 'SANTA MARIA' (F-83) WAS EXERCISING WITH A FRENCH NAVAL FORCE LED BY THE 'CHARLES DE GAULLE' VESSEL

The 'Santa María' frigate - part of the EUNAVFOR ATALANTA operation - has conducted several exercises in the Gulf of Aden with the French naval grouping TF-474.

The Force Commander of Operation ATALANTA, Portuguese Admiral Nuno Cortes Lopes, on board the 'Santa Maria', had the opportunity to visit the French aircraft carrier.

## **EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'**

#### THE EU SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE HORN OF AFRICA MET THE SPANISH DETACHMENT OF @EUNAVFOR ATALANTA.

Visit the <u>@EMADmde</u> twitter channel and discover the different activities carried out by our personnel deployed. Also, have a look to the <u>EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'</u> official web page.





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# **UNIFIL (LEBANON)**



#### SPANISH AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON VISITS THE MIGUEL DE CERVANTES BASE

The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain in Lebanon, Jesús Ignacio Santos Aguado, has paid his first official visit to the Spanish contingent of the BRILIB at the Miguel de Cervantes Base in Marjayoun.

The Ambassador visited an exhibition of engineering equipment, military signals, and main tactical vehicles.

