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# THE FRIGATE F-101 'ALVARO DE BAZAN' SAILS AGAIN WITH THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS 'GERALD R. FORD'

## **INTERNATIONAL MILITARY AGENDA**

#### ESCUELA DE UAS



#### VISIT OF THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE AND HIS PORTUGUESE COUNTERPART TO THE MILITARY SCHOOL OF UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV'S)

The Chief of Defence, Admiral General Teodoro Esteban López Calderón held his first working meeting with his Portuguese counterpart, General José Nunes da Fonseca, who took office on March 1st.

This working meeting was held in Salamanca, at the Matacán Air Base, where both Chiefs of Defence visited the Military School of Unmanned Aerial Systems (EMUAS) of the Spanish Air and Space Force.



#### NATO C-IED CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE BRINGS 26 PARTICIPANTS TOGETHER FOR BIENNIAL WORKSHOP ON LESSONS LEARNED IN THE C-IED DISCIPLINE

The Centre of Excellence against Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED CoE) has gathered 26 experts from 12 nationalities for three days at its biennial lessons learned workshop (LLWS) at its facilities in Hoyo de Manzanares.

Inaugurated by Colonel Javier Corbacho Margallo, the workshop aimed to contribute to NATO's lessons learned process. It also aims to increase awareness of the missions that different nations/agencies carry out in countries under IED threat in order to facilitate and strengthen interaction in the international C-IED community.

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# NATO

### NATO Standing Maritime Group 1 - SNMG1





#### THE FRIGATE 'ÁLVARO DE BAZÁN' FINISHES ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE HIGH-LEVEL EXERCISE 'BALTOPS 2023'

'BALTOPS 2023' is an annual exercise that has been conducted in the Baltic Sea for more than 50 years, scheduled by the United States European Command (USEUCOM) and conducted by NATO's projection and support forces command (COM STRIKFORNATO). The exercise focuses primarily on the maritime, air and land domain. With these exercises, NATO demonstrates its commitment to peace and security in the Baltic region through training for rapid response in times of crisis.

# NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence (EFP)





# THE ANTI AIR DEFENCE UNIT NASAMS EFP XII WILL DEFEND THE LITHUANIAN SKY DURING THE NATO SUMMIT

The NASAMS eFP XII Anti Air Defence Unit (UDAA in Spanish) is appointed to a new mission after being deployed for six months at the base of Lielvarde (Latvia). The mission of the Unit consist of defending the Lithuanian sky during the NATO Summit which will be celebrated on next July 11th and 12th.

After their successful deployment in Latvia, the UDAA NASAMS eFP XII has extensively trained, enhancing its coordination as well as its capacity to respond in case of emergency. Additionally, it has closely collaborated with the Latvian Defensive Forces, strengthening the cooperation among the Allies and thus, improving the regional security.

## **NATO ENHANCED AIR POLICING-EAP**





#### **'VIESPE' DETACHMENT COMPLETES ENHANCED AIR POLICING MISSION ON NATO'S EASTERN FLANK**

The closing ceremony of the 'Viespe' Detachment has been held, bringing to an end the deployment of Spanish forces in Block 62 of the Enhanced Air Policing mission. The ceremony was presided over by General Carlos Prada Larrea, Deputy to Operations of the Operations Command. He was accompanied by the Spanish Ambassador to Romania, Jose Antonio Hernandez Perez-Solorzano, General Jeronimo Dominguez Barbero, Head of the Air Operations Centre, and Colonel Miguel Angel Saez Nievas, Head of Wing 12.





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# EUROPEAN UNION

## **EU NAVFOR – ATALANTA OPERATION**



**EUTM-MALI** 

#### **RELIEF OF COMMAND VESSEL IN OPERATION ATALANTA**

The frigate 'Reina Sofía' F-84 ends its deployment after four months as command ship for Operation 'Atalanta'. During its return to Rota, it supported NATO's Operation 'Sea Guardian'. The frigate 'Navarra' takes over the role of flagship of the EUNAVFOR ATALANTA Force Commander, embarking its General Staff. The 'Navarra' will be integrated into the European Union Operation when it enters the area of operations, after crossing the Suez Canal.



#### LAST VISIT OF VICE-ADMIRAL HERVÉ BLÉJEAN TO THE MULTINATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN BAMAKO

Vice Admiral Hervé Bléjean, Director of Military Planning and Conceptual Capabilities (DMPCC) of the European Union, has visited the EUTM-Mali Headquarters in Bamako. He was accompanied by the Force Commander of the European Union Training Mission in Mali, Spanish Brigadier General Ortiz-Repiso.

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#### **CONTINGENT RELIEF IN THE 'ORION' DETACHMENT**

The handover ceremony was held between the 46th and 47th contingents of the Tactical Air Detachment (DAT) of the European Union's Operation 'Atalanta'. The ceremony was presided over by Colonel Ignacio Lanzat Lacour, on behalf of the Operations Command (MOPS), and was attended by the Spanish Ambassador to Ethiopia, Djibouti and Seychelles, as well as other civilian and military authorities from the European Union, the United States, Spain, France, Italy and Japan.





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### **UNIFIL (LEBANON)**



#### THE LEBANON BRIGADE PAYS TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL YEISON FELIPE OSPINA VÉLEZ, A LEGIONARY SOLDIER

In the vicinity of the "Miguel de Cervantes" Base, in the place where there is a monolith in his honour, a ceremony was held in memory of Lance Corporal Yeison Felipe Ospina Vélez, who died on 15 June 2008 in a traffic accident.

The ceremony was presided over by the Commanding General of the Lebanon Brigade, Luis Jesús Fernández Herrero, accompanied by the unit commanders of the BRILIB.

