

OPERATIONS NEWSLETTER



International Military Agenda





<u>Jordanian Special Operations Forces Group</u> <u>personnel visit the Joint Special Operations</u> Command

Jordanian Special Operations Forces Group, visited the facilities of the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) at Retamares Base, where he held a working meeting to discuss various issues of common interest and explore joint opportunities.

The activity is included in the Bilateral Collaboration Plan between Spain and Jordan and aims to increase mutual knowledge of the Special Operations units of both countries and to strengthen relations with a view to future exercises and collaborations.



<u>Visit of the Portuguese Air Force Air Commander</u> <u>to the Combined Air Operations Centre-Torrejón</u>

The Portuguese Air Force Commander, Lieutenant General António José De Matos Branco, has visited the NATO Combined Air Operations Centre in Spain (CAOCT).

The General was welcomed on his arrival by the Commander-in-Chief of the Unit, Lieutenant General Fernando de la Cruz, the Deputy Head of the CAOCT, Brigadier General Evangelos Tzikas of the Greek Air Force and the Head of Operations, Brigadier General Fernando Costa of the Portuguese Air Force.



eFP (Latvia)





Spanish 'Leopards', winners of the 'Iron Spear 2022' competition in their category

The eFP XI contingent deployed in Latvia has participated in the multinational exercise 'Iron Spear 2022' held at the Adazi Base from November 14 to 17. The exercise tested the capabilities of the tanks and armored vehicles and the shooting and driving skills of their crews.

Thirty-four teams from 13 NATO nations participated. The Spanish crews of the 'Leopard' vehicles won in their category, armored vehicles, and also took seventh place in the classification of mechanized vehicles with the 'Pizarro' infantry fighting vehicle.

eAP (Bulgaria)





Spain sends six 'Eurofighters' belonging to the '11th wing' to Bulgaria

Six "Eurofighter" aircraft of the 11th Wing have taken off today from Moron de la Frontera Air Base (Seville) to Bezmer Air Base (Bulgaria), where they will remain deployed for three weeks, with the objective of reinforcing security on the Eastern Flank of the Alliance.

The Spanish fighters will begin operations on November 14 and will end operations on December 2. The Air Tactical Detachment (DAT) is made up of a total of 130 Air Force military personnel.

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The minehunter 'Duero' (F-35) completes its integration in Standing NATO Mine Countermeasures Group

Since leaving Cartagena last August 31, the 'Duero' has visited various ports in Italy, Greece and Turkey, and has sailed more than 7,700 nautical miles on patrols in the western, central and eastern Mediterranean.

The ship has been part of a NATO multinational force, under the command of an officer from the Turkish Navy. The Spanish ship has operated with others from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Turkey, demonstrating Spain's commitment to the Atlantic Alliance.







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EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'





Frigate 'Santa María' (F-81) provides healthcare support to fishermen in the Indian ocean

The vessel, integrated in 'Operation Atalanta', provides medical assistance in international waters of the western Indian Ocean to a fisherman who suffered an injury.

During a patrol to monitor illegal activities in the area of operations, the frigate 'Santa María' made a friendly approach to a fishing vessel operating in the area. During the Visit and Search procedures on board the fishing vessel, which had been sailing for several weeks, the crew reported the existence of a crew member with a fractured wrist that had been broken for two weeks.

EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'





P3 from detachment 'Orion' flies with a plane belonging to Japan Air Self-Defence Force

P3 has flown in formation along with a Japanese airplane. One more sample of the commitment, readiness and interoperability of both crews, working together to ensure the maritime security in the zone.

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The Spanish contingent in RCA handover

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UNIFIL (Lebanon)





The Spanish Brigade in Lebanon inagurates a solar panel project for street lamps in Ebel El Saqi

The head of the UNIFIL Eastern Sector, General Ignacio Olazábal Elorz, accompanied by the Mayor of Ebel El Saqi, Smih Yousssef Al-Bekai, presided over the inauguration ceremony of the project to supply solar panels to 125 street lights financed by the Kingdom of Spain. In addition, the ceremony was attended by General Melchor Marin Elvira, who will soon take over as Head of the sector, and a number of civil and religious authorities on behalf of the municipality.

Spanish Armed Forces Deployment Map















