



Chairman of the EU Military Committee visits Defence Staff HQ

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[Chief of Defence Staff hosts general Claudio Graziano, Chairman of the EU Military Committee](#)

Chief of Defence Staff, admiral general Teodoro López Calderón hosted general Claudio Graziano at the Defence Staff HQ, in Madrid.

On the occasion of general Graziano's official visit to Spain, he held a meeting with national military authorities to discuss, among other topics, Spain's contribution to EU missions.



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[Chief of Defence Staff pays an official visit to NATO's Combined Air Operation Centre Torrejón \(CAOC-TJ\)](#)

This is admiral general López Calderón's first visit to CAOC-TJ since his appointment as CHOD.

During the visit, he was briefed by CAOC's Commander, lieutenant general Fernando de la Cruz, on the Unit's mission and its operational situation in the area of responsibility. LtGen de la Cruz highlighted the effort that Spain makes hosting this Centre and, also, its commitment to Europe's air defence.

eAP Romania



Detachment 'PAZNIC' is certified for NATO's enhanced Air Policing mission in Romania

Spanish Air Force's 'PAZNIC' detachment is now ready to carry out its mission within NATO's enhanced Air Policing (eAP) in Romania.

Combined Air Operations Center Torrejón (CAOC-TJ) has certified the full operability of this unit, made up of 130 Air Force personnel and six Eurofighters 'Typhoon'.

SNMCMG-2



Minehunter 'Tajo' is integrated into Standing NATO Mine Countermeasures Group 2

Minehunter 'Tajo' belonging to the Spanish Navy, has been integrated into the SNMCMG-2 with a ceremony held at the port of Tuzla in Turkey.

Over the next weeks, the Group will conduct three major mine countermeasures exercises. The participation of Spanish naval assets in this kind of operations is usual.

eFP Latvia



Spanish contingent deployed to Latvia takes part in exercise 'Wolverine Forger'

This exercise aims to improve the level of interoperability within NATO allied units deployed to the Baltic country.

Observing all protocols against the COVID-19 pandemic, Spanish troops successfully completed training with temperatures below minus 20 degrees Celsius and Latvian forests covered by a blanket of snow.





EUTM SOMALIA



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EUTM Somalia's Chief of Staff meets with his AMISOM counterpart

Colonel José L. Sales, Chief of Staff of the European Union Training Mission in Somalia (EUTM-S), who has just completed his first 100 days in office, had the opportunity to meet with Chief of Staff of the African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM), Ugandan brigadier general Ogki.

Spanish military personnel posted in EUTM-Somalia fill relevant positions within the mission.

ES-OHQ (Rota)



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Vice admiral Eugenio Díaz del Río Jáudenes takes over the command of Operation Atalanta from major general Antonio Planells Palau

The ceremony was chaired by lieutenant general (Spanish Air force) Francisco Braco Carbó, Commander of the Spanish Operations Command (CMOPS).

Over the last 13 years, EU NAVFOR Somalia has become an internationally respected part of the broader regional maritime security architecture.

EUTM MALI



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Spanish force protection unit within EUTM-Mali gets training in rescue and extraction of missing or stranded persons

The training exercise was conducted by SERE instructors (Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Extraction) and EUTM Mali medical personnel. The main purpose was to ensure the operability and safety of our troops.

Spain is the largest personnel contributor (24%) in EUTM Mali.





UNIFIL (Lebanon)



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Spanish troops belonging to BRILIB Engineer unit assist in clearing roads and facilities after a heavy snowfall in southern Lebanon

The Spanish servicemen used snow plows and salt spreaders to clear the routes.

Additionally, the Engineer unit contributed to the clearing work within some positions of the Indian Battalion in the area of Chebaa.

Spanish Armed Forces Deployment Map

