



## THE CHIEF OF DEFENSE VISITED THE SPANISH CONTINGENT DEPLOYED IN LEBANON

### INTERNATIONAL MILITARY AGENDA



#### [OFFICIAL CEREMONY FOR THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE C-IED CENTER OF EXCELLENCE](#)

The Centre of Excellence for Countering Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED COE), accredited by NATO and based in Hoyo de Manzanares (Madrid), celebrated its 15th anniversary with a solemn ceremony.

The ceremony was presided over by Lieutenant General José Antonio Herrera Llamas, Chief of Joint Staff (JEMACON), who was welcomed by the Director of the COE, Colonel Javier Sanz Maldonado.

#### [SPAIN SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THE ASSESSMENT OF THE 2011 VIENNA DOCUMENT](#)

The DV11 Event was organised by the Spanish Verification Unit (UVE). Every five years, each OSCE nation that signed the 2011 Vienna Document Treaty (DV11) organises an event of this kind on its territory. This is the first time it has been held in the Canary Islands, and the islands' top military authorities are in attendance.

The delegates, representing 24 OSCE countries, expressed their complete satisfaction with the three-part event: the visit to Gando Air Base, the visit to the 16th "Canarias" Brigade, and the presentation of the "Castor" combat sappers vehicle.





## PERSISTENT EFFORT



### FIRST AIR POLICING MISSION FOR SPANISH TANKER AIRCRAFT AND EUROFIGHTERS IN OPERATION EASTERN SENTRY

This was the first real air policing activation (A-Scramble) of a Spanish tanker aircraft with national fighters in this deployment, a milestone that consolidates the A400M's capability as a multiplying force in real operations.

During the five-hour flight, the TK.23 provided the fuel needed to extend the fighters' time in the area, thus ensuring the continuity of the mission.



## FORWARD LAND FORCES - LATVIA



### THE SPANISH CONTINGENT DEPLOYED IN LATVIA PARTICIPATED IN THE COMMEMORATION OF THE BALTIC COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day, celebrated on 18 November, commemorates the 107th anniversary of the Republic of Latvia in 1918.

The celebration began with a speech by Latvian President Raimonds Vejonis. He stressed that “although we are now alone, we have received enormous support from our military allies. We must remain strong, proud and united in our love for our country and have faith in its future”.



## NATO MISSION IRAQ (NMI)



### THE MILITARY EMERGENCY UNIT TAUGHT A CRISIS MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSE IN IRAQ

Four members from the Military Emergency Unit (UME), under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Ramón Martínez Borrego, have taught a course in Baghdad.

This training, carried out within the framework of the NATO Mission Iraq (NMI), responded to a request from the Iraqi authorities to support the strengthening of the national crisis management and civil protection system.



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## EUMAM UKRAINE



### THE CENTRAL DEFENSE ACADEMY TAUGHT THE COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW TO UKRAINIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL

The closing ceremony was presided over by the director of the ACD, General Alejandro Zamanillo Sainz, and was attended by Spanish students and Ukrainian military personnel who were doing this module.

In addition to the specific classes to this field, many other activities have been carried out, including the solemn raising of the flag and the tribute to the fallen in honor of the Ukrainian people at the Central Defense Academy.



## EU NAVFOR – ATALANTA



### THE FRIGATE VICTORIA AND ITS SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM RESCUED THE VESSEL CREW KIDNAPPED BY PIRATES

Operation EUNAVFOR Atalanta had put an end to the act of piracy in the Indian Ocean involving the oil tanker Hellas Aphrodite and the Iranian-flagged fishing vessel (dhow) Issamohamdi. Both ships are now continuing their sailing. The dhow had previously been hijacked by pirates who were using it as a mother vessel.



## COORDINATED MARITIME PRESENCE



### THE OPV RAYO PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL EXERCISE GRAND AFRICAN NEMO 2025

This training activity brought together 19 African navies, 7 partner navies, 55 vessels, 11 aircraft and various agencies.

The OPV Rayo assumed the role of a suspicious vessel of transporting illegal goods, adopting navigation profiles and behaviours typical of a vessel of interest. This has allowed the participating units to train detection, tracking, boarding and search procedures, while facilitating the exchange of experiences to improve procedures.



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