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Two AUFOR News Conferences took place in AURIGA Sunday, hosted by Latvian and Estonian Brigades.

The Brigades have called for the two News Conferences following the coordinated and devastating suicide bomb attacks on the market places in ALMERIA and GRANADA at 12:00 the previous day, for which SIMBA claimed responsibility.

Understandably, these incidents fuelled anger amongst the population of AURIGA, raising the question whether AUFOR forces have been doing enough for the security in the country.

Therefore the brigade newsrooms in Almeria and in Granada were filled to the last chair with reporters from TV, radio and newspapers, international as well as local media.

Keeping the peace and dealing with media

An excellent training opportunity

The "event" presented the Latvian as well as the Estonian Brigade Staff with an excellent training opportunity for their Public Affairs Officers (PAO) and their senior Commanders.

Both brigades sent Media Advisories and Media Invitations to the media in order to only allow reporters with "accreditation" access to the event. And both brigades played the game to the full extent welcoming the media, setting the scene, giving opening statements,

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and answering the media's many questions.

A good performance with lessons learned

Both brigades performed well under difficult circumstances and under pressure from an agitated "press corps". However, both Brigades faced different challenges.

The Latvians had to deal with the reporters who attempted to prolong the time scheduled for a question and answer period with their Chief of Staff (who deputized the Brigade Commander). But the PAO wisely



latecomers joined the rest of the journalists.

Learn more

Have a close look at the pictures, and notice the tensions and the good show.

In case you want to know more, i.e. the Brigades' opening remarks as well as the questions the reporters "fired" at the commanders, then don't hesitate to click on our "News section".

reacted on this offering a few more minutes to meet media's expectations and clarify some additional issues raised.

The time for media questions and answers given by the Estonian Brigade Commander was sufficient enough. The challenge played for this Brigade was to cope with two late arriving reporters, Cimdel Castro and Hendrik Von Haven, where were actually accredited. Estonian PAO had to make a fast decision whether to let them in or not in order not to interrupt the course of the conference. Eventually, the



Voice from the crowd

What has been your greatest experience during crystal eagle so far..?



**Captain
Kursat ŞENOL
Turkish Army**

This is a difficult question. But I think my greatest experience is the friendships we have made. I am assigned to Higher Control (HICON), which control the exercise.



**Major
Arno Van GORKUM
Royal Netherlands Army**

I think the observation of the brigade itself and talking to people in the brigade about engineer business, for example Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD). Another interesting experience is working with people from other countries. And most important is that I am the only Dutch soldier attending this exercise (he says with a big smile)



**Major
Patrik TABAČEK
Czech Republic Army**

I would say my greatest experience in here is a chance to cooperate with the different nations for example in HQ MNC NE or the brigades. This is a big challenge for everybody and we take the advantage of using different approaches to resolve problems during the exercise.

1st Estonian Infantry Brigade



1st Infantry Brigade was established on 1st February 2003. It is a centrally commanded light infantry force. The brigade's main function is to work in conjunction with territorial defence units to engage, halt and destroy enemy in all battle types through

deep, close and rear operations.

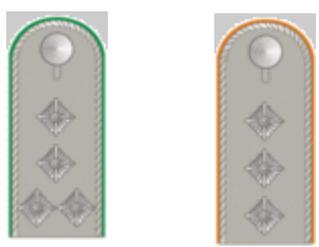
The brigade has to be capable of operating independently and in cooperation with territorial units on the territory of Estonia. 1st Infantry Brigade sends its troops to Afghanistan and Iraq.

There are 59 of- ficers and NCOs from Estonia participating in the Exercise Crystal Eagle 2008. They are acting as Higher Control, BDE HQ and Lower Control. Most of them have been deployed at least once on missions in different crisis areas.

- It is a very good opportunity to participate in an exercise, which is conducted in multinational environment. It is not regular for brigade staff to exercise under the Land Component Command. Experience gathered here is valuable and useful for training our units and HQs particularly for Peace Support Operations an non-article 5 operations - says Col. Artur Tiganik, commander of 1st Estonian Infantry Brigade.



Icebreaker

Code	OF-2
Czech Republic	 kapitán
Denmark	 Kaptajn
Estonia	 Kapten
France	 Capitaine
Germany	 Stabshauptmann Hauptmann
Greece	 Λοχαγός
Hungary	 Százados
Italy	 Primo capitano Capitano

Me oleme õppustel et treenida oma sõjalisi oskusi (EST)

Suntem în aplicație să ne antrenăm (ROU)

Sme na cvičení, aby sme sa zdokonalili vo svojich odborných zručnostiach (SVK)

Mēs esam mācībās lai trenētu mūsu profesionālās iemaņas (LVA)

Wij zij op oefening om onze militaire vaardigheden te trainen (NLO)

Gyakorlaton vágyunk a szakmánkat gyakoroljunk (HUN)

Jsme na cvičení abychom si prohloubili vojenské dovednosti (CZE)

Jesteśmy na ćwiczeniu, aby trenować nasze profesjonalne umiejętności (POL)

VI ER PÅ ØVELSE, FOR AT TRÆNE VORES PROFFESIONELLE FÆRDIGHEDER (DNK)



phrases part 2

**Profesyonel
yeteneklerimizi
geliştirmek için
tatbikattayız
(TUR)**

*Vriskómaste
se áskisi
gia na
ekpedéfsoume
ta
epagelmatiká
mas prosóna
(GRC)*

**Wir sind auf der Übung
um unsere speziellen
Fähigkeiten zu trainieren
(DEU)**

*Mes esame pratybose ir
laviname savo profesinius
įgūdžius (LTU)*

*Siamo in esercitazione
per migliorare le
nostre capacità
professionali (ITA)*

**Nons sommes
en exercice
pour nous
entraîner
(FRA)**

Six days and a wake up! (USA)

**We are on exercise
to train and become
more professional
(GBR)**

**Mi smo na vaji da se
usposabljamó (SLV)**



Code	OF-2
Latvia	 Kapteinis
Lithuania	 Kapitonas
Netherlands	 Kapitein/Ritmeester
Poland	 Kapitan
Romania	 Căpitan
Slovakia	 Kapitán
Slovenia	 Stotnik
Turkey	 Yüzbaşı
United Kingdom	 Captain
United States	 Captain

What you need to know about Improvised Explosive Devices

Attacks with (improvised) explosive devices (IED) and explosive devices not detonated are a major threat to all especially, however, to peace support forces and civilians.

Thus, a permanent awareness is mandatory at all time. According to Captain Blaschke from the Centre of Explosive Ordnance Disposal of the German Army some information and a couple of rules will enable you to cope with the danger of IEDs in a mission area:

Different types of Improvised Explosive Devices (IED)

- Radio Controlled (RCIED),
- Command Wire (CWIED),
- Timed IED,
- Victim Operated (VOIED),
- Suicide (SIED),
- Vehicle Born (VBIED),
- Suicide Vehicle Born (SVBIED),
- Projected IED.



Rules valid for everyone (*Privates and Generals*)

If you find a (potential) IED stay at all time with the 4 C's

... or in other words (in order to learn it in detail):

CLEAR the area around the device of all personnel working from the device outwards.

CHECK - all personnel should check their immediate area for SECONDARY device by conducting 5 and 25 meter sweeps from their positions.

CORDON the danger area and set up an incident control point for follow-on agencies.

CONTROL the area inside the cordon to ensure only authorized access.

- Do not move any closer to the item.
- Do not invite your colleagues, family to have a look
- Confirm that it is an IED
- Do not touch the item or tamper with the item - either directly or remotely
- Do not shoot IEDs !!!!! (with the intent of detonating)



Situational awareness	Every day is your first day on mission.
STAY ALERT – STAY ALIVE	
Understand enemy tactics, techniques, procedures (TTP)	Look twice if you are not comfortable.
LOOK – LINK – THINK	
Do not use inappropriate TTP	Remember the kids and the toys
IF YOU DIDN'T DROP IT – DON'T PICK IT UP	
Landmine awareness	There is no battlefield without ammunition
LAND MINES ARE EVERYWHERE	
Be prepared to fight an active and adaptive enemy	Routine is NUMBER ONE reason for successful IED attacks!
NEVER GET CARELESS	
If you see a suspicious object	Better call the specialist
NEVER CUT ANY WIRES	

The dramatic and exciting history of the Wildflecken Training Area

It is more dramatic than the history of most other barracks and has more exciting stories to tell. Read the short version of the true story about the historic garrison, in which you are staying – and read the full article in our "News section".



Insignia of the German Army Warfighting Simulation Centre

Wildflecken Training Area history (WTA) began when the German Supreme Army Headquarters in 1936 took the decision to construct training areas for the IX Corps.

The establishment of WTA began in 1937 and on February 8th 1938 the Commander of the German IX Corps General Dollmann inaugurated the training area. During World

War II numerous German army units used WTA for training. The Allies aerial reconnaissance never discovered the location of the camp.

German military training terminated before April 6th 1945, when elements of the 3rd U.S. Army occupied the area. At the end of the war, the barracks became a displaced persons camp for approximately six years under the direction of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA).

In April 1951, the U.S. Military assumed control of the barracks, and shortly thereafter WTA



Insignia of 7th US Army to which 7th Army Training Command belonged.

became a major training area for U.S. and other NATO forces.

From 1951 to 1967, the training area was under various U.S. headquarters until it was assigned to the 7th Army Training Command where it remained until October 1982. Then the control of the military community was transferred to V Corps.

On October, 1st 1990, the control and supervision was assumed by the 7th Army Training Command. In 1994 the U.S. Army returned WTA to the German government. The German Army (Bundeswehr) took control of the place shortly after the U.S. forces had left.

Over the years, more than 4.5 million soldiers from U.S. and NATO units have conducted training at WTA to maintain their combat readiness.



Insignia of US Army Europe (USAREUR) of which 7th Army was an important part.

Today the German Army Center of Tactical Simulation plus several army units found a new home in the large complex. The training area is still used by NATO Forces.

This is a shortened version of the article – read the full article in our "News section".

Military Situation Report Monday, 22 SEP 2008

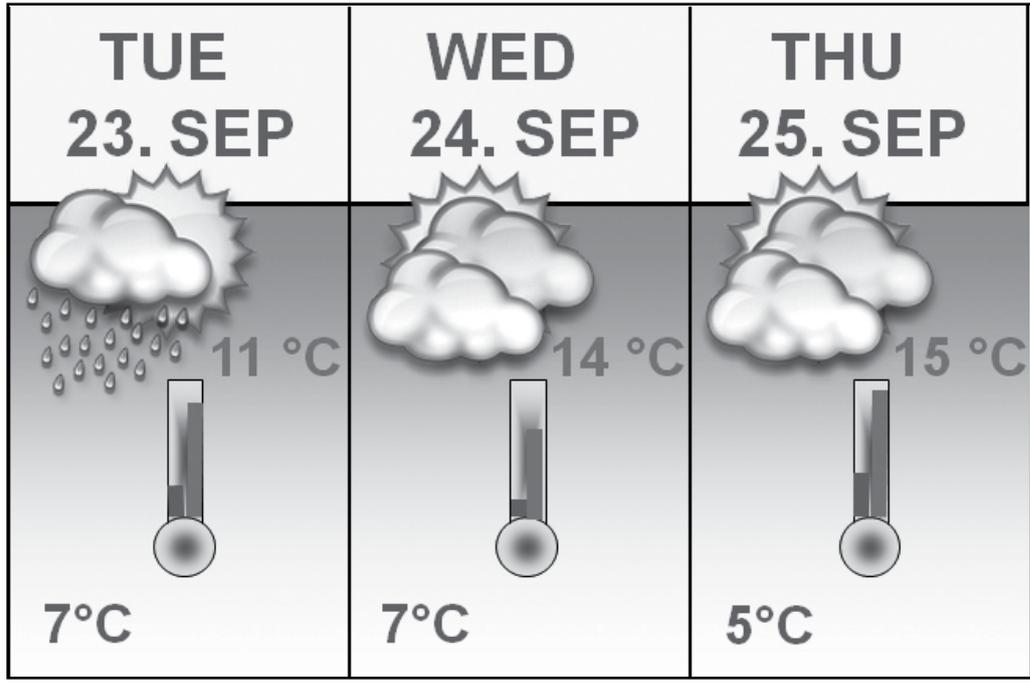
After more than 3 months in AURIGA the Multinational Corps Northeast with its Brigades from Estonia, Germany, Latvia, and Poland have achieved success showing that the AUFOR II mission is well on track. Especially the situation on the border to VULPECULA has improved and the number of incidents is decreasing.

AUFOR's concern is at the moment the construction of the new

oil pipeline through the Estonian and German sector. There are rumors about a likely planned attack by terrorists. But Commander AUFOR has already given his guidance to protect the pipeline with all means necessary.

In addition, AUFOR II continues with operations in key areas in order to remove terrorists, protect the population, and to improve their living conditions.

Weather forecast for Wildflecken



An Israeli soldier who just enlisted asked the Commanding Officer for a 3-day pass. The CO says "Are you crazy? You just join the Israeli army, and you already want a 3-day pass? You must do something spectacular for that recognition!" So the soldier comes back a day later in an Arab tank! The CO was so impressed, he asked "How did you do it?" "Well, I jumped in a tank, and went toward the border with the Arabs. I approached the border, and saw an Arab tank. I put my white flag up, the Arab tank put his white flag up. I said to the Arab soldier, "Do you want to get a three-day pass? So we exchanged tanks!"

free time

An officer in the U.S. Naval reserve was attending a conference of officers from the U.S. Navy and the French Navy. At a cocktail reception, he found himself in a small group that included personnel from both navies. A French admiral started complaining that whereas Europeans learned many languages, Americans learned only English. He then asked: "Why is it that we have to speak English at these conferences rather than speak French?" Without hesitating, an American Admiral replied: "Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German." The group became silent.

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During a readiness exercise, two Air Force security policemen were guarding entry to a bunker-like structure where aircraft were kept. When a pilot about to do a preflight check approached without his identification in plain view, one of the Air Force security policemen asked him for it.

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"I don't see why I have to show you my ID," the pilot snapped. "After all, it is my plane." "Sir, with all due respect, it may be your plane," replied the Air Force security man, "but it's sitting in my garage!"

Impressum
 ANNA GALYGA, WISNIEWSKI WOJCIECH, RESENBRO HASSE, GRAF GUNNAR, DONSLUND KIM, H LANGTHEJM, SCHUSTER JÜRGEN, RATYNSKI SLAWOMIR, KRAMPL ROBERT, SOBOLEWSKI RAFAL, KÜHNAST ANDREAS, PIELECKI GRZEGORZ, SEEGER HANS, SCHIPKE RALF, GEO/MET.