



# HEADQUARTERS MULTINATIONAL CORPS NORTHEAST EXERCISE CRYSTAL EAGLE 2008 Media Information Centre

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## EXERCISE CRYSTAL EAGLE 2008 NEWS RELEASE

- (1) The Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) is conducting a Command Post, Computer Assisted Exercise called CRYSTAL EAGLE 2008 between 18 and 26 September 2008. The aim of the exercise is to train the nominated headquarters and formations in a Peace Support Operations scenario. In that respect the exercise will strive for training the operational planning process and procedures aiming to enhance formations' capabilities. In addition the exercise will provide the Corps the opportunity to experiment in selected fields its new Command and Control Information System SZAFRAN. Moreover the exercise Crystal Eagle 08 will allow checking and incorporating experiences gained during the ISAF mission in 2007 and the headquarters' last major exercise in 2005. The exercise will involve approximately 1200 service members from 18 NATO nations. This number includes HQ MNC NE nations' representatives, 4 training brigades soldiers and representatives from "sister" Corps' headquarters taking part in the exercise.
- (2) The Exercise will be conducted in the Army War-fighting Simulation Centre (AWSC) in Wildflecken, Germany and it will focus on enhancing brigades staffs' skills in planning, preparing, executing, commanding and evaluating Crisis Response, Post Conflict, and Peace Support Operations at their particular level. Nations taking part in the Exercise include: Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey,  
The Netherlands and The United States.
- (3) Media Opportunities:
  - (a) All Exercise Crystal Eagle 08 related information will be presented on the Multinational Corps Northeast exercise sub page (accessible from the MNC NE Homepage - [www.mncne.pl](http://www.mncne.pl)), updated regularly.

- (b) During the exercise there are 3 main media events planned:
- 16 SEP 2008 - media will be invited to participate in the Commander's MNC NE visit to the Polish Cemetery located next to the AWSC;
  - 18 SEP 2008 - media will be invited for the Commander's MNC NE video teleconference with media in Szczecin;
  - 24 SEP 2008 - media will be invited for the Distinguished Visitors/Media Day;
  - Appropriate invitations with more detailed information and accreditation forms will be sent out in due time.
- (c) These - set already - media events should not by any case prevent from agreeing upon visit requests at any time prior, during and after the exercise;