

## FAT Eagle has landed in Baltic Barracks

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**The FAT Eagle exercise was the most important training event organised by Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) as a part of preparations for a final test at the Joint Warfare Centre in Norwegian Stavanger and the mission in Afghanistan itself. The exercise was held in Baltic Barracks from 2 to 6 November 2009.**

It was all about gaining necessary knowledge of how the Headquarters International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and its subordinate ISAF Joint Command function and, acquiring a specific situational awareness. Another aim was also to build team relations, which might appear useful in the mission environment. Since the acronym FAT stands for functional area training, the exercise focused on training within different branches and, even more importantly, across them.

FAT Eagle was after individual training and individual functional area training the next step in the mission preparation process. Its intention was to integrate knowledge from different functional areas and share valuable knowledge and experiences. For that reason, the training audience was divided into ten syndicate groups consisting of approximately ten personnel, who represented different functional areas. Each syndicate received tasks, so called vignettes, which required active discussions in order to find solutions. Even though there was not a typical scenario, the operational situation in Afghanistan served as the operational background. Therefore, all vignettes referred to real events taking place in Afghanistan, such as countering Improvised Explosive Devices, supporting Poppy Extradition Forces or coordinating Joint Operations conducted by 2 or more Regional Commands.

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