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Initial exercise news release

## Multinational Corps Northeast moves to Denmark!

**Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) based in Szczecin, Poland, conducts Crystal Eagle 2012 exercise at Danish Military Camp Nymindegab from 2 to 12 May 2012. Approximately 1,200 soldiers from 15 countries will participate in the exercise making it the biggest training event for the Corps since 2008.**

The aim of this command post and computer assisted exercise is to train the nominated formations in planning, executing and assessing **Crisis Response Operations with selected aspects of High Intensity Warfare**. The Corps' intent is most of all to share the experiences from the Headquarters' two missions in **Afghanistan**, the last being in 2010. In addition, the exercise will provide the Corps another opportunity to use its Polish Command and Control Information System Szafran.

The exercise will involve approximately **1,200 soldiers from 15 countries**: Austria, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Lithuania, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and the USA. The training formations have been nominated by MNC NE member states and include the following: the 2<sup>nd</sup> Danish Brigade, 12<sup>th</sup> German Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Polish Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> US Cavalry Regiment, Slovenian CBRN D (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defence) Battalion, Polish ISTAR (Intelligence, Target Acquisition and Reconnaissance) element of 9th Reconnaissance Regiment and the Multinational Military Police Battalion.

During the exercise, the Multinational Corps Northeast staff will assume the role of a higher command. A detailed scenario settled in a fictitious Auriga closely reflects modern warfare and has been tailored to specific needs of the training formations. Altogether around 2,000 incidents will steer a very dynamic and demanding exercise play, which will go far beyond the traditional art of warfare into areas of the country's development, governance as well as partnering with local authorities and security forces.

For more information about Crystal Eagle 2012 exercise, visit the Corps website at [www.mncne.pl](http://www.mncne.pl). A special **exercise subpage** (<http://mncne.pl/about-mnc-ne/crystaleagle2012>) has been established providing basic information about the exercise, background information, regular updates, media opportunities and materials for upload.

Please be informed that a **videoconference Szczecin – Nymindegab** will take place **on 9 May 2012** and **media are invited for Distinguished Visitors / Media Day to Camp Nymindegab** in Denmark **on 10 May 2012**.

In case the timings of these events are not convenient for you, please feel free to contact us. We will organize a separate visiting programme suiting your needs and/or interview opportunities. In all cases, **please contact HQ MNC NE Chief Public Affairs:**

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*Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) was founded in 1999 by Denmark, Germany and Poland but the number of member states has grown to twelve since then. As a part of NATO Force Structure, the Corps can be used for operations within NATO Collective Defence, Crisis and Peace Support Operations as well as Catastrophe and Disaster Relief Operations. So far, MNC NE has been deployed twice to the mission area to Afghanistan – in 2007 and 2010.*