



Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) conducted its Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) Seminar I in Kraków from 28 February to 1 March 2012. The main objective of the Seminar was preparation of the participants for the upcoming exercise Crystal Eagle 2012 in Denmark.

For the first time this seminar was hosted by Headquarters 2nd Polish Mechanized Corps. That cooperation was the result of the Tripartite Meeting of the Commanders of MNC NE, 2nd Mechanized Corps and Polish Training & Doctrine Centre in December 2011. Among the invited guests were officers and senior non-commissioned officers from Denmark, Lithuania and Poland. The HQ MNC NE team was headed by CIMIC Branch Chief of G5 Staff Division Lieutenant Colonel Uwe Bartnik, whereas Colonel Król led the CIMIC team of HQ 2nd Mechanized Corps.

Due to the main focus placed on the Crystal Eagle exercise, the seminar was a combination of roughly 70% case studies based on the exercise scenario and 30% lectures. The seminar provided an opportunity to exchange recent ISAF mission experience related to CIMIC and ISAF's Activities Synchronization Process. Furthermore, current developments in NATO CIMIC doctrine, procedures and courses information were discussed. Additionally, updates on both HQ efforts concerning their military contribution to the Comprehensive Approach were presented. The case studies encompassed topics of disaster relief via humanitarian assistance, support to

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displaced personnel and refugees, evacuation of civil personnel and assessment of districts in contribution to the Activities Synchronization Process.

The participants appreciated the seminar format very much which actively engaged them through syndicate work. Aside from that, both sides – HQ MNC NE and 2nd Mechanized Corps representatives – expressed their will to continue the cooperation in the area of CIMIC. Therefore, the 2nd MC will support HQ MNC NE CIMIC Seminar II that will be held in Szczecin. Furthermore, the CIMIC Seminar I in 2013 will take place at the facilities of 2nd Mechanized Corps in Kraków again.

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