

Operations Seminar at Baltic Barracks

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Following the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) Training & Exercises Calendar for 2012, the Operations Branch from G-3 Division conducted Operations Seminar 12–1 at Baltic Barracks from 26 to 28 March 2012, as another event on the way to exercise Crystal Eagle 12 planned for May this year.

The seminar was organized for the Operations Branch Peace Establishment and Crisis Establishment personnel as well as staff nominated to take part in the exercise Crystal Eagle. The overall aim of the event was to integrate the newcomers and Crisis Establishment personnel into the Operations Branch and the Field Headquarters structure. Taking into account lessons learned gathered during the ISAF 2010 deployment and the exercise training objectives, the seminar was about improving common understanding and coordination of operational and comprehensive aspects of operations, with the main focus on the upcoming exercise.

The seminar was chaired by Lieutenant Colonel Carsten Mørkenborg, acting Chief of G-3 Division. During this three-day event, all participants have raised their awareness of Comprehensive Operational Planning Directive and enhanced the understanding of possible implications for HQ MNC NE conduct of operations. They have also achieved a deeper

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comprehension of the interaction between military and non-military entities in all lines of operation and in the sphere of Synchronized Communications. This objective was supported by a three-hour visit to the Municipal Police Support Centre and Regional Crisis Management Centre. In addition, the first draft of Standard Operating Instructions for the Tactical Command Post was developed. Moreover, initial preparations of injects (so called tactical operations centre noise) for the Training Audience of the May exercise was conducted.

Overall, the Operations Seminar proved itself to be a valuable event to increase knowledge on the set aim and objectives. It served well as an opportunity to increase common understanding and tighten personal relationships among all the operational personnel.