

Commanders' intent reported

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On 3 May 2012, commanders of all formations and units participating in the Aurigan Forces (AUFOR) mission presented their intent to the AUFOR Commander and received an operational and intelligence update on recent developments in the country. A mysterious name ROC Drill showed up in the Crystal Eagle 2012 (CE12) exercise calendar scheduled for 3 May 2012 in the barracks in Varde. That name stands for Rehearsal of Concept Drill, which in reality means providing a higher command with details on subordinate units' intent and ways the mission will be executed.

Entering the garage number 80 in Varde barracks all ROC Drill attendees have magically been transferred into a fictitious country Auriga where the NATO-led Aurigan Forces (AUFOR) support the government in restoring peace and secure environment. Even though all presentations were done with the use of advanced technological techniques, a traditional map of the conflict area with the disposition of all AUFOR units has been placed in the centre of the meeting venue. Colourful symbols of all brigades and battalions as well as headquarters and commands found their place on it. Before the Drill started, the commanders ordered a final check on the map and reported readiness to the event.

After a warm welcome by the Commander AUFOR, Lieutenant General Rainer Korff (Commander Multinational Corps Northeast in real life), brigade and battalion commanders provided their presentations explaining the "how" of their intent, expressing their concerns and requests. These have been thoroughly written down so that the responses could be provided. Headquarters AUFOR personnel in return updated the commanders and their staffs on recent changes regarding both opposing and friendly forces.

The Drill was concluded the Commander AUFOR's final remarks, during which he emphasized

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the key tasks and challenges, a need for enhanced cooperation with International and Non-governmental Organizations as well as with the Aurigan partners at all levels.

The ROC Drill is over but the core phase of the exercise Crystal Eagle starts tomorrow, on 5 May. As of then, all personnel will leave their real life roles behind and make sure that the mission is Auriga is the top priority for the next 8 days.