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More than 150 personnel of Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE), additional soldiers assigned from the Corps' Framework Nations, i.e. Denmark, Germany and Poland, personnel of ISTAR element of 9th Reconnaissance Regiment as well as Command Support Brigade successfully accomplished their participation at the Anakonda 12 exercise, the biggest training event of Polish Armed Forces in 2012.

MNC NE at Anakonda 12

From 17 to 27 September, for the first time in history, MNC NE staff actively participated in the Anakonda 12 exercise as the Combined Joint Task Force supporting national armed forces of Wislandia, a fictional country facing an armed conflict on its territory.

For the needs of the exercise, MNC NE established two command posts – the main headquarters in Walcz and the tactical command post in the area of Oleszno near Drawsko Pomorskie.

The exercise scenario was based upon High Intensity Warfighting and enabled the Corps to

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train planning and conducting operations in the frame of Article 5, i.e. collective defence of NATO territory which in fact is one of the main missions of Multinational Corps Northeast.

About 11,500 soldiers of all arms and services, along with thousands items of military equipment, took part in the exercise which focused on repelling the armed forces of Monda.

The main task for the Combined Joint Task Force commanding three divisions and three other brigades was to defeat Monda operational reserve forces, regain control over the land and to set prerequisites for stability operations.

A very important element of the exercise was the cooperation with the 2nd Mechanized Corps which played the role of the neighbouring Task Force Mazuria. *"The synchronization of the manoeuvre of two Corps went very smoothly across the whole chain of command,"* emphasized Brigadier General Morten Danielsson, the MNC NE Chief of Staff. Also Lieutenant General Korff, the MNC NE Commander underlined very successful cooperation with the 2nd Mechanized Corps as well as the US 18 MP Brigade.

Distinguished Visitors' Day at Anakonda 12

On the last day of Anakonda 12, the Distinguished Visitors' Day was held to present the achievements and the conduct of the exercise to a high number of honorary guests from national, regional and local authorities, military representatives across the chain of command, and many others. The programme of the Distinguished Visitors' Day included a short information package about the exercise, live firing display as well as a dynamic display presented by the Military Police and the Special Forces.

A part of the programme was also the visit to the MNC NE Tactical Command Post. About 160 guests learned some basic facts about the organisation of the command post and saw what the work of MNC NE service members looks like in practice.

"I enjoyed the exercise being again with the team of Multinational Corps Northeast," said General Korff.

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"I could observe the cooperation within the Headquarters and I can only say: 'Well done' to all who took part in the exercise,"

the MNC NE Commander said about his staff who acted in a very flexible and experienced way throughout the exercise. General Korff also underlined excellent training opportunities in the frame of Article 5 operations, i.e. collective defence provided during Anakonda 12.

"That exercise was very useful and efficient, and we have learned a lot,"

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