

## II. CIMIC Conference 29th – 31st August 2005

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**From Monday 29th till 31st August Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast conducted the II. Civil and Military Cooperation Conference. The main objective for the conference was to discuss all "Civil and Military Cooperation" (CIMIC) related issues prior to the upcoming international NATO exercise Compact Eagle 2005 in November 2005.**

Firstly, 25 participants from 4 nations were introduced with the new MNC NE Field Headquarters Concept, reflecting the Headquarters organization during the Compact Eagle 2005 exercise. Nevertheless the main interest of the conference focused on the contribution that CIMIC and other functional cells from the corps' affiliated units can contribute to the corps operations.

During the vivid discussions the participants tried to exchange all the information, so that they were able to intensify and coordinate all exercise preparations of the CIMIC branches from the assigned Danish Division (Haderslev, Denmark), 13 DEU Division (Leipzig, Germany) and 12 POL Division (Szczecin, Poland) as well as from other affiliated units. Among others, during this exercise the MNC NE CIMIC organisation will have to prove its capability to meet NATO standards.

The CIMIC cell in military structures is responsible for the co-ordination and co-operation between the NATO and civil actors, including national population and local authorities, as well as international, national and non-governmental organizations and agencies. In support of various MNC NE military missions, it's required to create the most flexible, innovative and pro-active approach to be able to effectively co-ordinate and co-operate with International Organizations and Non Governmental Organizations (IO/NGOs) as well with the same level of civil authorities.

The conference ended with the sharing of experiences made by some of the participants in their function as CIMIC staff officers on operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.