

## Second group of MNC NE personnel deployed to ISAF (video)

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**On 9 February 2010, about 60 officers and non-commissioned officers of the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) set off for Afghanistan to join other 70 personnel, who deployed to Kabul a week before. The second in history mission of the Corps in Afghanistan has begun.**

### **Farewell at the airport**

Exactly one week after the first MNC NE team left the Szczecin-Goleniów Airport for Afghanistan, subsequent 60 personnel gathered in at the airport carrying luggage and lots of expectations of the upcoming mission tasks. *"It is going to be my first mission ever. I really want to see what it is like"* , said Warrant Officer Grzegorz Chmiel. " *I am still thinking about my family but I am looking forward to meeting my colleagues, too"* , said Master Sergeant Uwe Scholtys.

The Commander of the Multinational Corps Northeast Lieutenant General Rainer Korff was present at the airport to bid farewell to the deploying personnel: *"Our thoughts and feelings are with you"* , he said. *"We will care about your families – that will be my main concern"*

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, General Korff also stated. The MNC NE Commander expressed his conviction that the personnel had been well prepared for the mission:

*"You have been one of the best prepared crews ever trained in Stavanger"*

, he emphasized. With the words

*"stick together as a team"*

, the Commander concluded his speech. Then, a military chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Ryszard Stępień gave his blessing to the deploying personnel.

After the speeches and last minutes spent with families, the check-in started. The Commander shook hands with each serviceman and wished them good luck. When the deploying personnel were getting ready to set off with the C-17 aircraft, the families, remaining MNC NE members and the Commander gathered at the observation deck waiting for the aircraft to take off.

### In ISAF

All in all 130 MNC NE personnel are going to spend 6 months in Afghanistan. Most of them have been assigned to the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command Headquarters to different branches and cells. *"We will do our very best to contribute to the improvement of the situation in Afghanistan"* , stated Major Jan Matula.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWQJG6oUzqE>

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