

## Polish Independence Day celebrated at Baltic Barracks

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**The Polish community of the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) invited all members of the Headquarters for the celebration of the Polish Independence Day held at Baltic Barracks on 10 November 2010.**

It has become a solid tradition at Baltic Barracks to share most important moments for all nations contributing to the Corps with friends from other countries. This time the occasion for the celebration was the Polish Independence Day of 11 November commemorating regaining independence by Poland after 123 years. "We Polish people – servicemen and employees of the Corps are proud that we can celebrate this day together with representatives of all countries forming our Corps," stressed Major General Ryszard Sorokosz, the MNC NE Deputy Commander and the highest ranking Polish officer at the Corps. General Sorokosz welcomed all the guests, including the Vice Marshal of the Westpomeranian Voivodeship Mr Przemysław Włosek, the Mayor of Szczecin Mr Piotr Krzystek, Mayor of Stargard Szczeciński Mr Sławomir Pajor, Commander of the 12th Mechanized Division Major General Marek Tomaszycycki, representatives of the Police, Fire Brigade, City Guards, Border Guards, clergy as well as other friendly organisations cooperating with the Corps.

"The date of 11th November in the awareness of Polish people is strictly related to regaining independence. It constitutes the occasion to manifest civilian attitude and affiliation to the society living on the land near the Vistula River for over one thousand years," said General Sorokosz. He also presented the overall situation in Europe after the First World War ended in 1918 and the efforts Poles had made to regain independence.

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After Major General Sorokosz's speech, the floor was taken by the guest speaker Dr Paweł Gut from the State Archive in Szczecin, who presented the historical background of regaining independence by Poland and challenges the reborn state had to face.

The celebration was complemented by the address made by Bishop Marian Kruszyłowicz as well as the artistic part during which the children's "Słowiki Choir" and the Military Band of the 12th Mechanized Division performed short concerts.

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