On 2 May 2012, in late afternoon, about two hundred personnel from the units nominated to participate in exercise Crystal Eagle 2012 (CE12) as the Training Audience arrived at the military base Nymindegab in Denmark.

Following the arrival of personnel of the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) last Saturday, yesterday the last soldiers and civilian personnel from the Training Audience formations and units reported at the main gate of Camp Nymindegab.

The rest of the day was devoted to some organizational matters related to accommodation, completing documentation, verifying personal data and familiarizing with work during the exercise.

The next two days will be spent on getting familiar with the command posts' locations and set-ups, final preparations and communication checks so that on 5 May the core phase of the exercise will start without any delays.

Eagerness and energy are felt in the air and create promising conditions for the next busy days. There are exercise objectives to be met but also various individual ambitions: *“I participate in that kind of exercise for the very first time in my life. My goal is to gather experience, check my capabilities and to improve my English,”*
says 2nd Lieutenant Bernacik, POL A, a platoon commander.

The aim of this command post and computer assisted exercise is to train the nominated formations in planning, executing and assessing crisis response operations with selected aspects of High Intensity Warfare. The Corps’ intent is most of all to share the experiences from the Headquarters’ two missions in Afghanistan, the last being in 2010. In addition, the exercise will provide the Corps another opportunity to use its Polish Command and Control Information System Szafran.

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