

Multinational MP Battalion certified!

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NATO Multinational Military Police Battalion (MNMPBAT) achieved Full Operational Capability (FOC) during the Sharp Lynx 2012 exercise. The Commander of the Multinational Corps Northeast (MNC NE) Lieutenant General Rainer Korff attended the Distinguished Visitors' Day, held on 21 September 2012, and was handed over the documents confirming the accomplishment of the process. Since inaugurating NATO Multinational Military Police Battalion (MNMPBAT) in 2007, the soldiers of the battalion conducted a number of training events to achieve Full Operational Capability. Sharp Lynx 2012 was in fact the last step in the process which proved combat readiness of the unit. For that reason, NATO evaluation team (CREVAL) was present on site to observe the exercise. The MNC NE Commander Lieutenant Commander Lieutenant General Rainer Korff attended the Distinguished Visitors' Day held on 21 September among other honourable guests: Commander Joint Force Training Centre Major General Pavel Macko, representative of the Croatian General Staff Major General Tihomir Erceg, Chief of Special and Reserve Unit Guardia Civil Major General Ildefonso Hernandez Gomez, Commander of Polish Military Gendarmerie Major General Miroslaw Rozmus, Chief of Military Police of the Czech Republic Colonel Milan Schulc, Director of Military Police of the Slovak Republic Colonel Jaroslav Hamár, Head of Military Police Directorate of the General Staff of the Croatian Armed Forces Lieutenant Colonel Tihomir Zebec, Deputy Chief of Staff at the Czech General Staff Major General František Malenínský, Major General Miroslaw Róžański from the Polish Ministry of Defence, Brigadier General Franciszek Kochanowski from the Polish General Staff, Provost Marshal from the Allied Command Operations Colonel Willem Koops and many, many others. The Distinguished Visitors first got acquainted with some facts about the exercise during the briefing given by the Commander of the NATO MNMPBAT Lieutenant Colonel Grzegorz Pardo. Then, the NATO MNMPBN soldiers showed their skills during a dynamic presentation of counteracting terrorist actions. The presentation included among other things: activities at the check-point, investigating, gaining control over riots, search actions and response to terrorist attacks. Afterwards, the official ceremony was held during which the documents of Full Operational Capability (NATO Category 9) of NATO MNMPBAT were signed by the representatives of the four nations contributing to NATO Multinational Military Police Battalion: Croatia, the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia. These documents were handed over to the MNC NE Commander, thus opening the door for NATO Multinational Military Police Battalion to cooperate more closely with Multinational Corps Northeast. *"This extremely important live exercise has confirmed without any doubts that you are a team of skilled and dedicated specialists. Your great success during Exercise Sharp Lynx gives me the right to call you a team of very professional soldiers,"* said General Korff. *"We wear different uniforms, we speak different languages and have different names. But when we stand together, we constitute an alliance of nations who have taken upon them the responsibility to*

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actively support the fight for peace, freedom and democracy, also in remote places where these fundamental values do not yet prevail,"

General Korff added.

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