

## Staying “On Guard” widely supported

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**From 19 to 30 November 2012 several personnel from the Headquarters Multinational Corps Northeast (HQ MNC NE) supported the “On Guard 12” exercise organized in Istanbul by the NATO Rapid Deployable Corp-Turkey (NRDC-T).**

Following the mutual training support idea, representatives from NATO headquarters and commands take part in numerous exercises and training endeavours organized throughout the year. By doing so, the events organized by a headquarters or command can be executed with the use of the best experts having the most recent mission experiences and with the most appropriate set up enabling achievement of the training objectives. What is more, having the so-called subject matter experts from outside of the organization ensures proper and objective evaluation.

The “On Guard” exercise involved approximately 1100 personnel from almost 20 nations and around one third of external supporters. It was aimed at maintaining and developing the NRDC-T’s staff planning and execution capabilities within the Peace Support Operations scenario with some elements of the High Intensity War-Fighting.

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