

**Multinational Corps Northeast HQ has commenced today a seminar on Peace Support Operations. The Conference will be held for two days until 19th of January and will be continued from 21 to 23 February 2006. The invited speakers present a wide spectrum of issues associated with peace support operations such as: military and civilian cooperation, the most common threats, PSO complexity, its challenges and effects.**

The PSO Seminar is a part of HQ's annual plan for educating and training the Corps' personnel in the planning and conducting the peace support or post conflict resolution operations. By means of briefings and discussions the MNC NE will initiate the process of transforming the entire HQ for the up-coming operational deployment in Afghanistan.

The event will be an occasion not only for gaining some knowledge about the operational aspects of peace support missions, but also for sharing the real life experience because peace support operation is today a new and comprehensive term that covers a wide range of activities. It creates and sustains the conditions necessary for peace to flourish. Peace support operations comprise three types of activities: preventive diplomacy, peacemaking, peace building.

The related activities include traditional peacekeeping as well peace enforcement, i.e., humanitarian assistance, establishment of order and stability, enforcement of sanctions, guarantee and denial of movement, establishment of protection zones, and forcible separation of belligerents. Also peace support operations cover the broad spectrum of actions intended to forestall, diminish, or end outbreaks of violence on the international scene. They encompass different types of civilian, civil- military or just plain military programs designed essentially to give peace a chance in varying circumstances of violence across the broad front of conflict resolution.

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