

Spanish General will succeed Italy's Del Col as UNIFIL Force Commander and Head of Mission



International Military Agenda



Major General Aroldo Lázaro Sáenz, Head of Mission and Force Commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced the appointment of Spanish Major General Aroldo Lázaro Sáenz as Head of Mission and Force Commander of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Major General Lázaro Sáenz succeeds Major General Stefano Del Col.



ESP CHOD pays a visit to Spanish troops stationed in Iraq and Turkey

Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral General Teodoro López Calderón, visited Spanish troops deployed to Iraq and Turkey. Spain takes part in NATO Mission Iraq (NMI), CJTF 'Inherent Resolve' and also keeps a Patriot missile battery in NATO's Support to Turkey since January 2015, operating from Incirlik Air Force Base.

During his stay in Iraq, the Spanish CHOD also held meetings with his iraqi counterpart, and the minister for Defence of Iraq.

SNMCMG-2



Standing NATO Mine Countermeasures Group 2 took part in the NATO-led exercise 'Neptune Strike'

All naval units belonging to SNMCMG-2, led by ESPS 'Meteoro' as Flag Ship, integrated with the U.S. Navy's Carrier Strike Group 8 during exercise Neptune Strike 22. Another Spanish vessel, frigate 'Almirante Juan de Borbón', also integrated with the French carrier Charles de Gaulle's Task Force.

Three different NATO carrier groups conducted joint operations in the Mediterranean Sea, strengthening interoperability and enhancing high-end cooperation, according to NATO officials.

eAP Bulgaria



NATO's CAOC-TJ Certifies the Full Operational Capability (FOC) of Spanish detachment deployed to eAP Bulgaria

Detachment 'Strela' is made up of four Eurofighter 'Typhoon' and 130 airmen belonging to the Spanish Air Force 14th Wing. Once CAOC-Torrejón has certified the FOC of this detachment, the Spanish aircraft will fly over Bulgaria along with Bulgarian MIG-29 until the end of March 2022.

This deployment is part of the Spanish Armed Forces' regular activities in fulfilment of Spain's international commitments.

Support to Iraq



Spanish Task Force 'Toro' deployed to Iraq works 24/7 to maintain ESP helicopter's fleet fully operational

Specialist personnel belonging to the Spanish helicopter unit deployed to Iraq, known as Task Force 'Toro', works permanently to keep ESP helicopters ready for service, in a region where these assets are essential to fulfill the assigned mission.

Spain's Defence Staff HQ has multiple channels to disseminate StratCom. EMAD's IG account is another tool to keep up to date with the latest news & photos on Spain's foreign missions.





EUTM - RCA



A new Spanish contingent takes over at 'Camp Moana' HQ in Bangui

'Camp Moana', Headquarters of the European Union Training Mission in the Central African Republic (EUTM RCA), hosted the Transfer of Authority (TOA) ceremony between EUTM RCA XII and EUTM RCA XIII contingent, whose Chief of Staff will be Colonel Alberto Gude Menéndez.

EUTM-RCA is a non-executive EU operation, launched in 2016 at the request of the Central African government.

EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'



ESPS 'Canarias' hands over from frigate 'Victoria' as Operation Atalanta's new flagship

The HOTO ceremony was held on the morning of February the 15th, with the crews of both vessels lined up on their respective flight decks.

Commodore Joao Paulo Silva Pereira conveyed a farewell speech to frigate Victoria's crew. Following this, the commander of frigate 'Canarias', captain Rafael Samaniego Martín de Francisco, was presented the EU flag by the outgoing commander, captain Rafael Mira Calvo.

EUTM – Somalia



Spanish military personnel supports training of the Somali Armed Forces

The Spanish contingent deployed to EUTM-Somalia effectively contributes to the development of military capabilities and training of the Somali Armed Forces. The wide range of courses carried out, highlight the outstanding level of qualification of our Officers and NCO's.

In the last semester, the Spanish Team of Trainers have led the planning and execution of 11 out of 12 courses taught.





UNIFIL (Lebanon)



UNIFIL's Sector East, Multinational Brigade conducts exercise 'Ritex' led by Spanish contingent

Lebanon Brigade, under the command of the Spanish contingent, conducted exercise 'RITEK', in which they have tested their command and control capabilities during the resolution of a crisis situation.

The main purpose of exercise 'RITEK' was putting to the test, review and improve the response capabilities of UNIFIL's Reserve Units.

Spanish Armed Forces Deployment Map

