



Major General Lázaro Sáenz takes over as new UNIFIL Head of Mission and Force Commander

## International Military Agenda



### Major General Aroldo Lázaro Sáenz, assumes the duties of UNIFIL Head of Mission and Force Commander

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

The Spanish Minister of Defence, Margarita Robles, attended the HOTO ceremony between the incoming and outgoing commander, held at UNIFIL HQ in Naqura.



### ESPS 'Tornado' joins multi-national exercise 'Obangame Express 22' in the Gulf of Guinea

The Spanish vessel set sail from its home port in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, heading the west coast of Africa to conduct Operation 'African Deployment' and, also, joining exercise 'Obangame Express 22' (OE22), sponsored by the U.S. Africa Command.

The so called 'African Deployment' is part of the Spanish Permanent Operations in the area, to keep sovereign spaces under surveillance, allowing early detection of threats to ease a quick response to any potential crisis.



## SNMG2



### Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 took part in the NATO-led ASW exercise 'Dynamic Manta' (DYMA22)

All naval units belonging to the SNMG2, including Spanish frigate F101 'Álvaro de Bazán', took part in exercise DYMA22 along with other surface ships, submarines, as well as aircraft and personnel from nine allied nations in the Mediterranean Sea.

Dynamic Manta is one of the two major ASW exercises led every year by NATO Maritime Command (MARCOM). SNMG2, as a core part of NATO Response Force, regularly participates in such advanced training ensuring the high readiness of the maritime component of the NRF, according to NATO officials.

## C-IED CoE



### Counter Improvised Explosive Devices Centre of Excellence (C-IED CoE) gets awarded with NATO Quality re-accreditation

C-IED CoE is an International Military Organization to provide training and education in its field of knowledge. The Centre hosted a delegation of NATO experts in quality assurance. This visit is part of the NATO quality program.

C-IED CoE is one of the 28 NATO Accredited Centers of Excellence, and is located in the town of Hoyo de Manzanares (Madrid).

## Operation Sea Guardian



### Spanish offshore patrol vessel 'Audaz' joins OSG NATO task group to sail the waters of the western Mediterranean Sea

The Spanish vessel set sail from its home port in Cartagena to join the NATO task group, led by a Portuguese patrol vessel, for the first time since OSG's first patrol in November 2016.

These focused patrols are key enablers to further enhance information exchange, contributing to develop Maritime Situational Awareness, According to NATO officials.





## EUTM – Mali



### The current Spanish contingent deployed to Mali reaches its mission midterm

ESP Brigade 'Galicia' VII keeps working within the European Training Mission Mali (EUTM-Mali). This mission is a key element of the European Union in its effort to foster democratic government, respect for legality and the territorial security of Mali.

Spanish military team of instructors, along with European allies, provide mentoring and, also, training courses to the Malian army.

## EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'



### Spanish frigate 'Canarias' hosts Atalanta's Force Commander HOTO ceremony

ESPS F-106 'Canarias' as EUNAVFOR's flagship, hosted the Atalanta's Force Commander HOTO ceremony, while docked in the port of Djibouti. Portuguese commodoro Joao Paulo Silva Pereira handed over to Italian rear admiral Fabrizio Bondi.

The ceremony was chaired by the EUNAVFOR Atalanta's Commander, vice admiral Jose María Núñez Torrente, who visited the vessels deployed in the area of operations.

## EUNAVFOR 'ATALANTA'



### Spanish Detachment 'Orion' hosts the EU's medal parade ceremony

Detachment 'Orion' stationed at the French Base BA188 in Djibouti, hosted the EU's medal parade ceremony in the framework of Operation Atalanta. Spanish personnel belonging to 'Orion' Detachment's 42nd Contingent and OHQ-SEA (Operation Headquarters Support Element Atalanta) were awarded for their service in this mission.

The ceremony was presided over by the Detachment's Force Commander, lieutenant colonel Miguel Durán Gálvez.







## UNIFIL (Lebanon)



### Spanish sappers within UNIFIL's Sector East, conduct a training seminar on explosive devices

Personnel from the Engineers Unit of the Spanish contingent led a training workshop on response and risk management to any potential explosive threat, aimed at the units of the UNIFIL's Multinational Brigade of Sector East and members of the Lebanese Armed Forces.

These training sessions are part of the cooperation that UNIFIL maintains with the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF).

## Spanish Armed Forces Deployment Map

