



International Military Agenda



[The Chief of Defence Staff visits Spanish troops deployed in Somalia and Djibouti](#)

The Chief of Defence Staff, Air General Miguel Ángel Villarroya Vilalta, visited Spanish troops deployed within EU missions in the Area, EUTM Somalia and Operation Atalanta.

During the journey, the CHOD, accompanied by Operations Command's Chief of Staff, Admiral Íñigo de la Puente, conveyed the Spanish troops his support and congratulations for the upcoming Christmas holidays.



[The Spanish Chief of Defence Staff visits EUTM Somalia Headquarters in Mogadishu](#)

The Chief of Defence Staff, Air General Miguel Ángel Villarroya Vilalta, visited EUTM Somalia HQ.

After a dedicated Office Call with the Mission Force Commander, Brigadier General Fabio Zinzone, he met all Spanish servicemen stationed there.

EUTM Somalia aims at contributing to strengthening the Federal Government and Somalia Defence Security Institutions, following a three-pillar approach: advising, training and mentoring.

CAOC TORREJÓN



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Spanish Chief of Joint Staff visits NATO's Combined Air Operations Centre Torrejón

Chief of Joint Staff, Lieutenant-General Fernando García González-Valerio, visited the Combined Air Operations Centre Torrejón (CAOC TJ).

He was briefed by CAOC Commander, Lieutenant-General Fernando de la Cruz Caravaca, on CAOC's primary mission and its operational situation.

SEA GUARDIAN



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Submarine 'Tramontana' ends its deployment within NATO's Operation Sea Guardian

The vessel returns home after sailing for thirty five days under operational control of the Operations Command.

After a demanding deployment in the Mediterranean sea, the submarine 'Tramontana' has ended its integration in NATO's Operation Sea Guardian after entering its home port in Cartagena.

NATO Exercises



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Spanish frigate 'Cristóbal Colón' takes part in exercise ZEST-20

The exercise combines advanced training on anti-aircraft warfare, surface warfare and real fire, with different weapon systems.

Frigate 'Cristóbal Colón' (F-105) started its participation, as a ship integrated in the Standing NATO Maritime Group 2 (SNMG-2), in exercise ZEST 20, organized by France.





EUTM MALI



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The Spanish contingent deployed in Mali takes over at the Koulikoro Training Centre

The Spanish contingent deployed in Mali took over on December the 5th. Brigade 'Extremadura XI' leads the 17th rotation of Spanish troops serving under EUTM Mali. Spain is the largest contributor of forces (24%). Spanish troops are mostly deployed in the town of Koulikoro, northeast of Bamako, capital of Mali.

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Spanish frigate 'Reina Sofía' commemorates Operation Atalanta 12 anniversary

Operation Atalanta has its multinational headquarters in Rota, (Spain). More than 8,000 Spanish troops have served in this operation since it was launched, 12 years ago, probing Spain's commitment to the European Union and the maritime security. Spanish frigate 'Reina Sofía' is currently deployed in the area, to counter piracy off the coast of Somalia.

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Air Detachment 'Orion' reaches 13,000 flight hours within Operation Atalanta

The P3M aircraft from the 11th Wing deployed in Djibouti achieves this milestone after 12 years. The P3M-09 aircraft landed in Djibouti, completing Detachment Orión's mission number 7,281 and reaching 13,000 flight hours within Operation Atalanta, which represents a new milestone for Spanish Armed Forces and, also for the Air Force.





UNIFIL (Lebanon)



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Brigade 'Guadarrama' XII takes over the command of UNIFIL's Sector East, held at the Miguel de Cervantes base

The incoming contingent belonging to the XXXIV Lebanon Brigade (BRILIB in Spanish), made up from Brigade 'Guadarrama' XII as core unit, took over the command of UNIFIL's Sector East; fulfilling Spain's commitment to United Nations (UN).

Spanish Armed Forces Deployment Map

