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NATO Command Post in Ramstein had its Baptism of Fire

For the First Time Conduct of Operation from New HQ Building



Ramstein-Miesenbach (ang). Last year the new CC-Air HQ Ramstein building was completed, it was officially inaugurated on 5 October and now it has its own command post, the so-called Air Operation Centre (AOC), which has just proven its functionality when from 27 March to 7 April the NATO air exercise BRILLIANT ARROW was directed from the rooms in the basement of the building.

The core of the system is a huge space accommodating various areas for exercises and deployments, respectively: Operations, Mission Planning, Air Traffic Control, Air Defence or Mission Analysis. Additional rooms offer space for working groups or meetings. All workplaces are equipped with state-of-the-art communication assets; links to the HQs of participating formations and individual units are also provided.

Exercise Director, Brigadier General Finn Hannestad, was extremely satisfied with the capabilities: "It has really been a great incentive to be able to have our AOC ready to conduct a successful exercise only six months after the move to this building. We owe this to the tremendous efforts made to provide this outstanding infrastructure, in the first place by the members of this HQ and to their knowledge, their skills and their willingness to perform. I am sure that this enables us to provide a professional contribution within JFC Brunssum, which doubtlessly will be demonstrated during the STEADFAST exercise series – and of course during NRF 7/8."



Exercise BRILLIANT ARROW is seen as a high-value exercise for air forces. The exercise setting and the participation from 13 nations ensures an almost realistic reflection of potential mission ranges. At the same time the exercise is used to qualify selected NRF formations.

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