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Exercise Steadfast Jaguar 06 - Press Release

STEADFAST JAGUAR Air Element with successful Missions

Ramstein/Sal, Cape Verde (ang). The Air Element of NRF Exercise STEADFAST JAGUAR had flown its first successful missions. F-16 fighter and fighter-bomber from Spangdahlem, Germany, started at June, 14 at Sal International Airport, that is run as a kind of Deployed Air Base (DOB) for the exercise. From now on all the following days until June 28 will see starts and landings of the jets called "Fighting Falcon". Several types of other aircraft are also involved in the exercise scenario.

Nine o'clock in the morning, Cape Verdian local time. The Commander at Sal, Lt Col Jelle Bode, has called for the daily briefing – the common beginning of every day. Before that the units had their own individual start, determined by their respective mission. As a typical NATO exercise the Air Element of STEADFAST JAGUAR sees the participation of many nations. Beside the US F-16 the French brought in their Breguet Atlantique Maritime Patrol Aircraft (MPAC). Also the US NAVY has one of their MPAC in theatre. Several types of transport aircraft are involved: German C-160 "Transall", Greek C-130 "Hercules" in a MedEvac configuration, Polish and Spanish CASA C-295 and the Portuguese had a C-130 during the deployment phase – it will come back for the redeployment of the material at the end of the exercise. The United Kingdom has one of its AWACS E3D aircraft at Sal; also the Geilenkirchen NATO AWACS is represented. For real live search and rescue missions the Italian brought in three AB 212 helicopters in a SAR configuration.

Every unit has sent one representative to the morning briefing. Also the functions in the Command Group are represented: the Chief Operations, the Air Lift Coordination Cell (ALCC), the Communication Information System, the support section, the Public Information Officer, a member of the Force Protection team and the Medical Adviser.

Lt Col Bode starts the briefing with his remarks for the day. General orders and inputs from the higher command elements, the Joint Force Air Component Commander (JFACC), based at a NAVY command ship and the Air Operation Centre (AOC) in the rear, at home in Ramstein, are announced. The Chief Ops points to the foreseen missions for the day. All the units and representatives discuss their issues before the group is released.

Another day for the Sal Air Element at Exercise STEADFAST JAGUAR will begin now.

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