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Exercise Steadfast Jaguar 06 - Press Release

Visitors at the Exercise's Air Element



Sal, Cape Verde (ang). Exercise STEADFAST JAGUAR is destined to be a training opportunity and a test for the selected NATO RESPONSE FORCES (NRF) as well as a demonstration to a world-audience of NATO's ability to command, control and sustain a tailored force in an austere environment. Therefore a lot of visitors had been invited to go to see the exercises setup. Especially the STEADFAST JAGUAR Air Element at Sal International Airport had a lot of guests in the last days. Journalists from all over the world drop in at the Air Element's Public Information Office.

Also the responsible NATO Generals are interested in the perceptions and experiences, the deployed air force units from different nations have already made at Sal.

At the exercises Media Day nearly 100 journalists, mostly from Europe, but as well from Russia, Japan and South Africa, showed up. After a briefing and some general explanations about the air capabilities at Sal, the journalists could make some own impressions while visiting different air units in an organized tour along the airfield. Distinguished visitors also came to see the Air Element. Before flying back to Brussels, the NATO Secretary General, Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, also gets some impressions.



In his attendance more high NATO representatives also were given information about the air forces, based at Sal. General Ray Henault, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, Marines Corps General James L. Jones, the SACEUR, as well as General Gerhard Back, the Commander of Joint Force Command Brunssum and in this function also the Commander of the Deployed Joint Task Force stayed at "Camp Miracle" and had the chance to get

some first-hand reports from Sal Ops Commander, Lt Col Jelle Bode. The Commander of the local Cape Verdian Military Force, Major Reis, provided an Honor Guard for the distinguished NATO visitors and accompanied the visit as well.

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