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Media Advisory



Media Advisory and Accreditation for NATO-Georgia Exercise 2019

KRTSANISI, GEORGIA - Between March 18 and March 29 “NATO-Georgia Exercise 2019” will take place at the NATO-Georgia Joint Training and Evaluation Center (JTEC), Krtsanisi National Training Centre, near Tbilisi, Georgia. The Exercise will be officially opened at the Ministry of Defence of Georgia Army Hall, Tbilisi, on March 18th.

NATO-GEO EX19 is an important exercise for Georgia and a significant milestone in strengthening NATO-Georgia military-political cooperation.

It is the second NATO-Georgia joint multinational brigade-level, Computer Assisted, Command Post exercise (CAX/CPX), where for the first time JTEC will be acting as the Officer Directing Exercise and the Georgian General Staff will have Officer Conducting the Exercise status.

The exercise is further developing the interoperability of Georgian, Allied and Partner Forces, as well as Georgian command and control capabilities. It is also testing the ability to adopt a comprehensive approach to a non-Article 5 crisis response, involving civil-military cooperation with international organizations and non-governmental organizations.

This is the second NATO-Georgia exercise to take place under the Substantial NATO-Georgia Package (SNGP) framework - a set of currently 14 defence capacity building initiatives agreed between Georgia and NATO at the Wales summit in 2014 and Warsaw Summit in 2016.

The first NATO-Georgia exercise was conducted in 2016 involving NATO Allied and Partner Nations. The brigade-level exercise is *scheduled* by NATO Allied Command Transformation (ACT), *conducted* by the Georgian General Staff with the mentoring of NATO LANDCOM, and *directed* by the NATO-Georgia Joint-Training and Evaluation Center (JTEC) mentored by NATO Joint Force Training Centre (JFTC).

This exercise will be comprised of 24 Allied Member States and partner countries (Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, Estonia, France, Greece, United Kingdom, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey, United States; Azerbaijan, Georgia, Sweden).

Humanitarian bodies like the inter-governmental organizations *International Committee of the Red Cross* (ICRC), *United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations* (DPKO) and the *United Nations World Health Organization* (WHO, observer) will also be present during the exercise providing direct feedback and mentorship to exercise participants.

Media Opportunities:

March 18 – Opening Ceremony.

Location: **Georgia Ministry of Defence Army Hall**, Tbilisi, Georgia.

March 28 - Distinguished visitors and Media day to include press conference and brief tour of exercise activities, beginning at 11:00 am.

Location: **NATO-Georgia Joint Training and Evaluation Center (JTEC), Krtsanisi National Training Centre**, near Tbilisi, Georgia.

A Media Information Centre (MIC) will operate at the exercise location from 18 to 29 March. It will be able to respond to media inquiries.

Media representatives interested in covering the above-mentioned events should apply for accreditation at the Ministry of Defense of Georgia starting from March 11 and ending on March 17 at 13:00 pm local time. Separate accreditation cards will be issued before the event.

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