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Joint Allied Powers Demonstration Day

Highlight of NATO Exercise Noble Jump 2023 in Sardinia

On Friday, 12 May 2023, NATO exercise Noble Jump 2023 on the Italian island of Sardinia is reaching its pivotal point with the Joint Allied Powers Demonstration Day (JAPDD) at the Italian Armed Forces Training Area Teulada in the south of Sardinia.

In the last two weeks, some 2,200 soldiers from 7 NATO Nations (Germany, The Netherlands, Norway, Czechia, Luxembourg, Belgium and Latvia) with approximately 500 vehicles of various kinds, have deployed to training areas on Sardinia. They have conducted different kinds of military training both in national formations and in joint operations in conjunction with their NATO allies.

Now, all these training activities will be combined in a complex military scenario in a live fire demonstration showcasing the different abilities NATO can field to jointly defend against a land attack.

Heavy military equipment like Leopard 2 Main Battle Tanks from Germany and Norway, CV 90 Infantry Fighting Vehicles from Norway, Boxer GNGP from the Netherlands and German self-propelled howitzers (known as 'Panzerhaubitze 2000') will cooperate with paratroopers from Czechia and infantry from most of the participating nations.

Among other assets, they will be supported by 'Tiger' Attack Helicopters from Germany as well as German and Luxembourgian surveillance drones. In the exercise scenario, German NH 90 Helicopters will evacuate wounded soldiers from the battlefield.

The troops train as part of the Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF) which is the spearhead of the NATO Response Force (NRF). The VJTF Land component this year is led by the German Armoured Infantry Brigade 37 from Frankenberg in Saxonia, Germany.

Military and civilian dignitaries from the host nation Italy, NATO and other countries will join the 1 ½ hours long demonstration. Italy will be represented by the Deputy Commander Italian Joint Operations Headquarters, Lieutenant General Nicola Lanza De Cristoforis, Italian Air Force. The highest NATO representative will be the Commander of Allied Joint Force Command Naples, Admiral Stuart B. Munsch, US Navy. Leading the JAPDD will be Brigadier General Alexander Krone, German Army, Commander VJTF (Land). Italian and international Media will cover the event.

The aim of Exercise Noble Jump 2023 is to demonstrate the capabilities and integration of NATO forces from across the Alliance. The exercise directly contributes to NATO's deterrence and defence posture and improves the interoperability, readiness and cohesion of Allied forces. By deploying to Sardinia, the VJTF have demonstrated they can deploy NATO forces in the event of crisis. #NobleJump23

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For further information and pictures of the exercise please see:

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