



EXERCISE STEADFAST DEFENDER 2021
NATO Media Information Centre/ NMIC
Sibiu, ROMANIA



PR 01/2021

19 May 2021

Press Release

Exercise Noble Jump 2021 begins in Romania

CINCU, Romania – Exercise Noble Jump 2021 rolls into action across Southern Europe. Approximately 4,000 Allied soldiers will participate from 12 nations, with more than 600 vehicles and aircraft, in a long-planned NATO-led exercise 19 May to 2 June 2021.

The Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF), led by the Turkish 66th Mechanized Infantry Brigade is comprised of six military convoys traveling to the Joint National Training Centre in Cincu. The open road transit of NATO's spearhead force to Romania, through Bulgaria, started Wednesday. For the next two weeks, the VJTF will conduct a variety of training including combined arms, live fire events.

The Turkish, Romanian, and Bulgarian governments carefully coordinated the movements to ensure proper passage of the VJTF through nations whilst considering proper COVID-19 preventative measures. The Headquarters Multinational Division South-East in Bucharest facilitates the deployment of the land component of the VJTF by supporting the reception, staging and onward movement of the force.

Noble Jump 2021 is a Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) exercise, executed by Joint Force Command Naples. It is a major component of the long-planned Exercise Steadfast Defender 2021, which spans the breadth of the Alliance, from the East coast of the USA to the center of Romania. Steadfast Defender 2021 demonstrates the readiness of NATO rapid reaction forces and their mobility by quickly deploying troops from across the Alliance to Romania.

-30-

Follow the Exercise on Twitter using #steadfastdefender21.

For further information, contact the NATO Information Media Centre, Tel +39 335 182 9094, E-mail steadfastdefender2021@gmail.com.



Steadfast Defender 2021

Nearly 650 pieces of equipment
More than 20 participating nations



Supreme Headquarters
Allied Powers Europe
NATO HQ

