

Distinguished Visitors Observed Training at the JFTC - Joint Force Training Centre

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Training for advisors of the Afghan National Security Forces is one of the JFTC's trademarks. Every event of this kind attracts not only future members of advisory teams, but also commanders responsible for training or those who prepare soldiers for international missions. Also this time, four commanders arrived at the JFTC during the Above Kandak Military Advisory Team / Operational Coordination Centre Advisory Team 12-03 training to observe progress of the preparation process and to see the Centre's work.

On 8 October Major General Erhard Buehler, the Commander of the 10th German Armoured Division and Colonel John G. Norris, the Commander of the US Joint Multinational Readiness Centre in Hohenfels, Germany, met with the JFTC Commander, Major General Pavel Macko, and had a closer look at the training. They were followed by Major General Joerg Vollmer, the Commander of the German Special Operations Division and Major General Aundre F. Piggee, the Commander of the US 21st Theatre Sustainment Command, who visited the Centre on the next day.

"Thank you for your great support in preparing our troops for their challenging mission in Afghanistan. They couldn't have had a better training than provided by your team" – said General Vollmer having seen future members of advisory teams preparing for their work in ISAF. All the JFTC's guests were introduced to the training objectives, methodology and also to the JFTC facilities, infrastructure, equipment and tools used by the Centre while executing one of the most demanding and sophisticated training events. They also met with their fellow citizen soldiers to discuss how the training responded to their needs. During briefings presented by

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representatives of the JFTC Training and Training Support Divisions the visiting Commanders also learnt more about the training centre's overall capabilities and plans for the future.

"This is a wonderful facility and all our soldiers will benefit!" – General Piggee expressed his opinion on what he had experienced at the JFTC.

All the four visits were very interesting for both sides. The JFTC guests found answers to their questions, and discussions between the visitors and the JFTC authorities about possible ways of cooperation will surely bear fruits in the near future.



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