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The Joint Force Training Centre's capabilities and future cooperation were the main topics of the two visits hosted by the Centre recently. On 30 January, Mr. Jan Olsen, the Deputy Director General in the Norwegian Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Colonel Oivind Christensen, the Norwegian Defence Attaché in Poland, met with Major General Pavel Macko, the JFTC Commander and on 31 January and 1 February Major General Bogusław Samol, the new Commander of the Multinational Corps North-East (MNC NE) in Szczecin, Poland, paid his first visit to the JFTC.

The JFTC guests were introduced to the Centre's mission, tasks and role within NATO. Briefings and guided tours around the JFTC compound gave them a better overview of the Centre's capacities and abilities to conduct even very complex and demanding exercises and training events.

As the JFTC and the Multinational Corps North-East will cooperate closely this year during two important and challenging exercises, the "Little Eagle 13" and "Crystal Eagle 13", the information on the Centre's capabilities was especially valuable for General Samol. The JFTC and the MNC NE Commanders discussed issues concerning the two events but they also focused on possible ways of further cooperation. The visit also created a perfect opportunity for the JFTC personnel responsible for the technical part of the exercises to meet with their MNC NE counterparts and to share information regarding preparation for the events.

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