

Slovak Armed Forces Academy Discovers NATO Training - Joint Force Training Centre

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How the Joint Force Training Centre prepares soldiers for future missions and how the Centre conducts more and more challenging exercises – these were the main topics of briefings and discussions during the visit that students of the National Security Course at the Slovak Armed Forces Academy paid to the Centre on 10 October 2012.

Five Slovak Colonels participating in the National Security Course (NSC), led by Professor Pavel Bučka, arrived in Bydgoszcz to learn more about NATO training and to see how the requirements of the Alliance are fulfilled in practice. It was a perfect time to observe the JFTC at full speed, because the Centre was just finishing one of this year's biggest training events – training for the above kandak (i.e. battalion) advisory teams.

The JFTC guests were welcomed by the Centre's Commander, Slovak Major General Pavel Macko. The Commander introduced his fellow countrymen to the Centre's mission and its main focuses. During meetings with representatives of the JFTC's Training and Training Support Divisions the NSC's students were provided with in-depth information regarding particular exercises conducted by the JFTC as well as the equipment, tools and IT systems used in support of the NATO training in Bydgoszcz. They also met with the Commander of the NATO Communication and Information Agency Service Operations Bydgoszcz, Lieutenant Colonel Wojciech Czerwiński, who put some light on the Agency's contribution to the JFTC mission.

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The visit was very fruitful and established very important links between the JFTC staff and Slovak Officers.