



Four battalion level Military Advisory Teams (MAT) and five district Police Advisory Teams (PAT) from Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovenia have just finished preparation for their deployment to Afghanistan. Between 9 and 23 January 2013 the Joint Multinational Readiness Centre (JMRC) in Hohenfels, Germany conducted the Combined Kandak MAT / District PAT Training Event 13-01.

Again the JFTC Command and Control Team coordinated and supported the event.

Altogether more than 170 trainees, almost 300 soldiers from Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Slovakia, who played roles of the ANSF replicators, as well as numerous Subject Matter

Experts (SMEs) worked for the success of the event. For the first time since 2011 they were also supported by ten Afghan National Police representatives with their interpreters, and two SMEs from the COMISAF Advisor and Assistance Team (CAAT) who arrived directly from Afghanistan to reinforce the training with their recent knowledge and information on cultural issues, the Counter-Insurgency and Insider Threat.

This centralized NATO sponsored training aimed at preparing the participants for the mission of advising, teaching and coaching their counterparts from the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police at the tactical level. The trainees were also trained how to act as a liaison between ISAF and the Afghan National Security Forces. Also this time, the training consisted of two phases, theoretical and practical. The Culmination Exercises, executed at the end, summarized the event and examined the MATs' and PATs' members' knowledge and skills gained during the training.

A significant role during the event was played by the JFTC Command and Control Team. Traditionally, the team was responsible for coordinating reception, staging, movement and training, dealing with Real Life Support issues between the Training Audience and the JMRC as well as for coordinating the SME's activities and meetings. The JFTC staff also contributed to the After Action Review and worked on Lessons Learned.





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