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Bundeswehr large-scale exercise "JOINT DERBY 16" to be held in Lower Saxony and Bremen

More than 2,000 soldiers from 12 nations rehearse the deployment of troops between

11 and 22 April 2016

One of the largest Bundeswehr deployment exercises of the past decades will be held from 11 to 22 April 2016 in Lower Saxony and Bremen under the direction of the Joint Support Service. The exercise will focus on the deployment to a fictitious theater of operations following the strategic deployment of troops, vehicles and material.

To this end, the Chief of the Joint Support Service, Lieutenant General Martin Schelleis, has tasked the Multinational Joint Headquarters Ulm, headed by Lieutenant General Richard Roßmanith, with the planning and conduct of the exercise.

During the first week of training, the exercise participants will rehearse the complex tactical and logistic procedures within the scope of a computer-simulated command post exercise at the Bundeswehr Logistics School in Garlstedt and put these procedures with real multinational forces into practice in the second training week.

Coordinated by a Joint Logistic Support Group Headquarters in Garlstedt, more than 2,000 soldiers from 12 nations with some 450 vehicles will conduct maneuvers by land, sea and air between Nordholz, Wunstorf, Emden, Bremerhaven and Bergen.

While Germany will provide the largest contingent of personnel involving about 800 soldiers, among other things from Augustdorf, Delmenhorst and Burg, approximately 350 military personnel from the Netherlands, 250 from Austria, and some 120 soldiers from the Czech Republic will also participate. Other nations such as Luxembourg, Finland, Hungary, Croatia, Romania, Italy, Spain and the United States will also provide specialist personnel and, thus, emphasize at the same time the multinational character of the exercise.

Moreover, the exercise is attracting a great deal of international interest: almost 80 military observers from different nations have already registered for attendance.

"JOINT DERBY 16" smoothly transitions to the subsequent exercise "EUROPEAN SPIRIT" of the European Union Rapid Reaction Force (EU Battle Group) who are going to demonstrate their operational readiness within the scope of a "live firing" exercise.

Representatives of the media are cordially invited to report about the individual exercise sections such as convoy land transports, loading and unloading for airlifts using A 400 M and Transall, and loading and unloading for sea transports using RoRo ships.

We will issue separate press releases and invitations in due time on the individual exercise sections. On 19 April, for example, a Media Day will be organized in Garlstedt, to which we will also send separate invitations.

Additional information can be accessed at [www.streitkraeftebasis.de/jody](http://www.streitkraeftebasis.de/jody) or with the help of the QR code below.

