

Exercise Steadfast JAW 06 - Joint Warfare Centre

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NATO will conduct Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) Exercise Steadfast JAW 06 (SFJW 06) between 9 and 22 November 2006. SFJW 06 will take place at several locations, including Ulsnes, Norway; Ramstein, Germany; Istanbul, Turkey and Northwood, United Kingdom. SFJW 06 is designed to certify the Allied Land Component Command Headquarters Heidelberg (CC-Land Heidelberg), Allied Maritime Component Command Headquarters Northwood (CC-Mar Northwood) and Allied Air Component Command Headquarters Ramstein (CC-Air Ramstein) to assume responsibility of the NATO Response Force (NRF) during the period from January to June 2007.

Participants

Exercise participants also include Partnership for Peace (PfP) and Mediterranean Dialogue nations. Also, special units, such as the NATO Consultation, Command and Control Agency (NC3A) and Multinational Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Defence Battalion will take part in the exercise. The United States will provide the Special Operations Component Command (SOCC) response cell and Poland will provide Psychological Operations Component Command (POCC) response cell in Ulsnes.

The exercise will help to improve these headquarters' CJTF capabilities to plan, prepare and establish command and control arrangements for the conduct of operations in a remote joint operations area under United Nations mandate. The exercise will have four phases:

- Individual and Collective Training
- Crisis Response Planning
- Execution (CPX/CAX)
- Assessment

A fictitious Mada Island

In addition to planning and coordinating the "Steadfast" series of exercises in 2006 (Steadfast Jackpot in May and Steadfast Jaguar in June), the JWC constructed the SFJW 06 exercise scenario based on a fictitious Mada Island in the Atlantic Ocean. SFJW 06 portrays a Non-Article 5 (crisis management, stabilisation operations) scenario under Chapter VII of the United Nations Charter.

Plays a key role

The Exercise Director for SFJW 06 is Air Marshal Peter B. Walker, Director Joint Warfare

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The Joint Warfare Centre in Stavanger, Norway, plays a key role preparing headquarters to operate and succeed in NATO missions and provides a world class exercise and training environment. The aim is to provide challenging and realistic training opportunities and team building for all participating units.