

## Major General Jean Fred Berger hosts French National Day (Bastille Day) Reception - Joint Warfare Centre

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Major General Jean Fred Berger, French Army, Commander Joint Warfare Centre, hosted a reception on 8 July 2011 in celebration of the Bastille Day.

The Joint Warfare Centre celebrated the French National Day, "La Fête Nationale", also known as the "Bastille Day" on 8 July 2011 with a series of events to mark the occasion, including a medal ceremony for four French military personnel in Jatta.

The festivities started with a morning coffee and breakfast, which was organized by the French National Support Element. The French Senior National Representative, Colonel Charles Sevin briefly talked about the seizure of the Bastille on 14 July 1789, an event which is as much a part of world history as it is a milestone of the French history. In his speech, Major General Jean Fred Berger explained the importance of this day for the French people and how it gave birth to the Republic and its ideas of liberty and equality, which, with the contribution of the U.S. revolutionaries at the very end of the 1770s, form the foundation of modern democracy. Major General Berger then expressed his pleasure to celebrate this special day together with his esteemed NATO colleagues in Stavanger.

