

Exercise STEADFAST JUNCTURE 12 - Joint Warfare Centre

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NATO's "STEADFAST JUNCTURE 2012" (SFJE 12) exercise will be conducted from November 1-8, 2012.

The overarching goal of the exercise is to develop command and control interoperability between NATO forces. It also aims to train and assess NATO Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Naples Headquarters ability to command and control NATO Response Force (NRF) 2013 in a complex environment. SFJE 12, which is being staged from various locations, is a Computer Assisted Exercise, with simulated tactical units, based on a fictitious NATO-led Crisis Response Operation scenario. Estonia, as a host nation for the Joint Task Force Headquarters, is providing technical, administrative and facilities support for the operational level headquarters.

The participants of SFJE 12 will be working in seven different locations throughout Europe:

- Amari Air Base, Estonia - Joint Task Force Headquarters, Multi National Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) Group, Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Joint Assessment Team;

- St. Mawgan, Great Britain - Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (Land Component Command), CBRN Battalion;

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- Okehampton, Great Britain - Joint Logistics Support Group;



- Fairford, Great Britain - Joint Force Air Component Headquarters (Air Component Command);

- Toulon, France – French Maritime Forces Component Command (Maritime Component Command);

- Mons, Belgium – Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE);

- Stavanger, Norway - Joint Warfare Centre (Exercise Control).

After the component level training events that took place earlier this year (NOBLE ARDENT 2012, NOBLE LEDGER 2012, NOBLE MARINER 2012), this exercise at the operational level is the next step to the certification of the NRF 2013. This combined joint force package has been

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training for almost one year and will be on stand-by in 2013, ready to quickly respond to a crisis situation anywhere in the world.

The NRF is a highly ready and technologically advanced multinational force made up of land, air, maritime and special forces components that the Alliance can deploy quickly to wherever it is needed.