FALENA I/2026 Concluded: the 185th RRAO Trains for Modern Warfare

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The exercise **"FALENA I/2026"** concluded in recent days, involving the 185th Paratroopers Reconnaissance Target Acquisition Regiment "Folgore" (RRAO) in training a **Special Operations Task Unit (SOTU)** in a **conflict scenario with opposing parties**.

The activity, a **Livex** type, spanned **two weeks** with the aim of refining the planning and execution of **intelligence gathering missions** and **kinetic operations** in a complex operational context. The exercise area covered **Tuscany, Emilia-Romagna, and Lombardy**, confirming a broad and articulated training setup.

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Special Reconnaissance, Fire Support, and Inter-unit Cooperation

During FALENA I/2026, **two Operational Detachments** were employed, tasked with conducting **special reconnaissance** within the adversary's setup and simulating the engagement of enemy air defense systems through the **guidance of long-range missile indirect fire**.

The activity also involved elements from the **33rd Electronic Warfare Regiment**, the **4th Anti-aircraft Artillery Regiment “Peschiera”**, the **Railway Engineers Regiment**, and the **7th Regiment “Vega”**, which provided **A-129** and **NH-90** helicopters. The exercise thus allowed further consolidation of the relationship between **Special Forces, conventional units, and specialist units** of the Army.

During the activity, there was also a visit from **Brigadier General Carmine Vizzuso**, commander of the Army Special Forces, confirming the training value of the exercise.

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The Role of the 185th RRAO in the Army Special Forces System

The **185th RRAO “Folgore”** represents one of the Army's leading units in the field of **special reconnaissance** and **target acquisition**, capabilities that are increasingly relevant in contemporary operational scenarios. FALENA I/2026 confirmed this role, highlighting the regiment's ability to operate in depth, gather information, and contribute to the engagement of high-value targets.

This is a unit that, over time, has also played a significant role in the professional growth of officers destined for top positions, such as **Carmine Masiello and Giovanni Iannucci**. An element that contributes to placing the regiment in a particularly prominent position within the **Army Special Forces**.

In light of this framework, the conclusion of **FALENA I/2026** confirms the centrality of the **185th RRAO** in the development of national operational capabilities and the continuous integration between different components of the military instrument.

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