



Italian Army, training at its peak: special forces, large maneuvers in Teulada, joint forces and international cooperation

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In recent days, the Italian Army has intensified training activities on multiple fronts, demonstrating a level of **operational readiness** and **interoperability** consistent with **high-intensity** scenarios. Following the “Steel Forge 1/2025” of the 183rd Paratroopers Regiment “Nembo” and the “Pegaso 2/2025” of the “Sassari” Brigade, in the last 24 hours the official Army website reported on **new, challenging exercises** involving **Special Forces**, maneuver units, and cooperation with the **Carabinieri Corps** and the **Maltese Armed Forces**. The message is clear: **training realism, advanced technologies, and integration between assets** as effectiveness multipliers.

Special Forces: the “Rangers” showcase capabilities in Verona

At the 85th RAV “Verona”, a **Special Operation Task Unit (SOTU)** from the “Monte Cervino” Battalion of the **4th Paratrooper Alpini Regiment “Ranger”** conducted a high-realism demonstration in the presence of the Army Special Forces Commander, Brig. Gen. **Carmine Vizzuso**.

The **VFI candidates for the Special Forces Branch** observed live techniques, tactics, and procedures (TTP) typical of special operations, during the execution of a **complex tactical act** with state-of-the-art specialist equipment.

Additionally, a **static display** of vehicles, weapons, and equipment expanded the knowledge framework for volunteers in the first weeks of training.

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Close Quarter Battle demonstration by the 4th Paratrooper Alpini Regiment “Ranger” - Copyright Italian Army

Capo Teulada: the “Garibaldi” concludes “Capricorno 3/25 and 4/25” and “Minerva”

At the **Forces Preparation Center (CPF)** in **Capo Teulada**, the exercises “**Capricorno 3/25 and 4/25**” concluded, with a **multi-weapon Battle Group** from the “**Garibaldi**” **Bersaglieri Brigade** engaged in consolidating technical-tactical procedures in a **high-intensity** scenario.

Simultaneously, the Brigade Command conducted the “**Minerva**” exercise, deploying the **Command Post** both in structure and on **VCC M577** and experimenting with **Sat On The Move (SOTM)** systems to replicate C2 zone IT services on the move.

The activities were supported by **advanced simulation systems**, integrated with the C2 “**Imperio**”, allowing for **training realism** and an **analytical evaluation** of the adopted TTPs.

In terms of **complex and integrated defense**, attention to trenches and shelters, anti-maneuver obstacles to slow down armored vehicles, and buried protection positions for friendly vehicles.

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CBRN contaminated environment casualty rescue training in Capo Teulada - Copyright Italian Army

Army-Carabinieri synergy: interoperability on the ground

Also in **Capo Teulada**, the **joint activities** between Army infantry units and the **10th Carabinieri Regiment “Campania”** concluded.

The “Garibaldi” instructors supported the Carabinieri personnel up to the **rifle squad** level, transferring **technical-tactical procedures** and knowledge of the infantry's **operational tools**.

The goal: to strengthen **integration and interoperability** between mobile **Military Police** assets and Army units for future deployments.

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Long weapon shooting range - Copyright Italian Army

Sicily-Malta: exchange of tactics and procedures

At the training base “**Aosta**” in **Piazza Armerina (EN)**, the **62nd Infantry Regiment “Sicilia”** concluded a **joint cycle** with platoons from the **1st and 3rd Regiments** of the **Maltese Armed Forces**.

Three weeks of **theoretical lessons** and **practical activities** on foot and motorized patrolling in **urban and wooded environments**, **CQB/MOUT**, **Military Combat Method (MCM)**, **IED** countermeasures, and **convoy escort**.

The challenging period culminated in the “**Valletta 2025**” exercise, which paced the various modules developed over the three weeks. A further step forward in **operational integration** and mutual professional growth between Italian and Maltese soldiers.

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Night patrol activity during the “Valletta 2025” exercise - Copyright Italian Army

Doctrinal framework: readiness, digitalization, resilience

The common thread of the activities is multi-domain preparation: special forces in capability demonstration, paratroopers in **war scenario training**, brigades engaged in high-intensity environments with **digitalized C2** and **SOTM capabilities**, cooperation with the **Carabinieri Corps** for the Military Police function, and **international partnership with Malta**.

A week that confirms the Army's **determination** to maintain **high operational standards**, **technological adaptability**, and **shared competencies** between units and with allies.

From the **human vector** to the **technological vector**, the line is clear: **shorten decision-making times**, **expand situational awareness**, **strengthen resilience** under stress.

Complex defense returns to the forefront: field works, obstacles, and passive defenses; in parallel, the joint and multinational dimension aligns languages and standards.

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