

Mangusta 2026: Predictive Models and Cybersecurity for Brigata Folgore in Future Warfare

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The “Mangusta” exercise concluded on **November 17, 2026**, at the **Monte Romano** training area. It is the main annual training event organized by Brigata paracadutisti “Folgore”.

The activity involved **more than 400 service members**. Its objective was to assess the ability to operate independently in a multidomain environment marked by high tactical and technological complexity.

The Commander of Brigata Paracadutisti Folgore, Brigadier General **Dario Paduano**, welcomed the Commander of Forze Operative Terrestri, Lieutenant General **Lorenzo D’Addario**.

Along with several department heads from the Stato Maggiore dell’Esercito, D’Addario observed the deployed force. He also attended a demonstration of innovation and experimentation activities conducted by the Folgore brigade.

Predictive models for decision-making

During “Mangusta,” a specific form of maneuver was tested and validated. The approach is intended to minimize casualties in potential high-intensity military operations.

The validation took place in a setting where the use of **predictive models** accelerated the decision-making process. The activity integrated intelligence and ISR, or Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance.

The force package also incorporated **unmanned systems**, electronic warfare, fires, maneuver, engineers, and logistics support.

Units deployed for Mangusta

Units from the **183° reggimento paracadutisti “Nembo”** and the **1° reggimento “Granatieri di Sardegna”** took part in the exercise.

Also present were the **8° reggimento guastatori paracadutisti “Folgore”**, the **184° reparto comando e supporti tattici paracadutisti “Nembo”**, and the **9° reggimento sicurezza cibernetica “Rombo”**.

During the activity, the brigade’s **forward command post** was also deployed in several configurations. The decision was intended to ensure the resilience of command-and-control capabilities.

Brigata Folgore is a major combat formation with high readiness and rapid deployment capabilities, including over long distances. It provides the Italian Army with a force trained and equipped to address emerging operational scenarios.

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