



Noble Blueprint 24, impressive NATO Live Fire Exercise in Bulgaria

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In a time of increasing geopolitical tensions, mainly caused by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the exercise **Noble Blueprint 24** takes on particularly significant meaning. Recently concluded at the **Novo Selo Training Area**, this activity involved over 400 soldiers from the **Multinational Battle Group Bulgaria (MNBG BGR)**, aiming to strengthen interoperability and integration among **NATO** forces.

Under the motto "*Knowing each other before needing each other*", the exercise emphasized the importance of cooperation and mutual understanding among allied nations' units, before circumstances require their actual joint intervention. This proactive approach is crucial in an increasingly uncertain and volatile European security context.

During the training, which included Live Fire Exercises in a high-intensity conventional combat scenario, the national and multinational units of the Battle Group Bulgaria (MNBG BGR) worked to test and refine the planning capabilities of command posts and to effectively integrate the various multinational components. The goal was to confirm and elevate the operational level of

the companies involved in planning and conducting offensive tactical activities.

The exercise offered Italian soldiers and their colleagues from Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Turkey, and the United States the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the procedures and equipment of other Alliance armies, promoting greater standardization and validation of common operational procedures.

In an era marked by global challenges and transnational threats, initiatives like Noble Blueprint 24 not only strengthen NATO's collective defense capabilities but also consolidate the fabric of trust and cooperation that is vital for the security of the entire European continent. These exercises demonstrate the Alliance's ongoing commitment to preparing to respond effectively to any crisis scenario, ensuring that its members are ready to support each other in times of need.