The COVI Commander in Qatar and Bosnia-Herzegovina

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The Operational Commander of the Joint Forces Command (COVI), Army Corps General **Giovanni Maria Iannucci**, already known as Aquila 1, carried out a series of activities in **Qatar** and **Bosnia-Herzegovina** as part of a visit program aimed at consolidating international dialogue and cooperation and updating on the status of ongoing missions in the countries involved.

Doha: DIMDEX and meetings with national personnel

On **January 19**, in **Doha**, General Iannucci participated in the **DIMDEX – Doha International Maritime Defence Exhibition and Conference**, attending the opening ceremony of the exhibition in the presence of the **Emir of the State of Qatar**, **Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani**. On the sidelines of the event, he met with representatives of the main Italian defense companies present at the exhibition.

During the continuation of the visit, at the **Italian Embassy in Doha**, the COVI Commander met with **H.E. the Italian Ambassador Paolo Toschi** and the national personnel employed at the **Combined Air Operations Centre (CAOC) in Al Udeid**, who provided an operational update on ongoing activities, with particular reference to the contribution to countering **Daesh** and maintaining regional stability.

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Sarajevo: updates on EUFOR ALTHEA and political-institutional context

In **Bosnia-Herzegovina**, on **January 20**, the COVI Commander met with Army Corps General **Ludovcic Pinon de Quincy**, Operational Commander of the **EUFOR ALTHEA** mission, with whom he discussed the current security situation in the Balkan area.

During the visit, General Iannucci also met with **H.E. the Italian Ambassador in Sarajevo, Sarah Eti Castellani**, for an update on the political-institutional context of the country and the Italian contribution within the framework of ongoing international initiatives. The COVI Commander then received an operational update from the **Deputy Commander** and the **Italian National Contingent Commander**, Brigadier General **Umberto Incisa di Camerana**, and met with the personnel of the **National Support Element**, confirming the effectiveness of the Italian contribution to international operations.

Change of command at EUFOR ALTHEA

Finally, on **January 21**, the COVI Commander participated in the change of command ceremony of the **EUFOR ALTHEA** mission, which saw the handover between Major General **Florin-Marian Barbu** and Major General **Maurizio Fronda**.

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