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The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package

The Substantial NATO-Georgia Package (SNGP) aims to strengthen Georgia's ability to defend itself and advance its preparations for NATO membership. The package is composed of defence and related security capacity building initiatives. It involves support for all military services and branches, advice and liaison at all levels (strategic, operational, tactical), capacity-building and training activities, and multinational exercises. As of early 2022, all NATO members and two partner countries have provided support to the implementation of the package in the form of expertise and resources.

Military Police (MP)

The Military Police (MP) Initiative is one of 16 interrelated initiatives under the SNGP. Led by Poland and supported by Italy, the Initiative aims to enhance Georgia's Military Police capacity and capabilities in order to achieve a level of compatibility with NATO. A key outcome of the Initiative includes training and equipping five NATO-interoperable MP platoons and battalions to conduct Force Provost Marshal Office functions during operations and exercises as well as meet national peacetime requirements. In 2021, Georgia established a new self-sustainable crowd and riot control capability. It has plans to establish a K-9/military working dogs capability within its MP battalions in 2022. The country is further developing other MP capabilities in close cooperation with the NATO Military Police Centre of Excellence.

With the goal of declaring forces to support NATO Multinational Military Police Battalion missions, Georgia has identified five MP platoons to train and equip to NATO standards. In December 2020, Georgia's MP Department and the NATO Multinational MP Battalion signed a partnership agreement granting Georgia partner status.

In 2021, experts from the NATO Multinational MP Battalion conducted a wide range of assessments of Georgia's MP battalions, including a review of their structure, documentation, training and education, outfit, and infrastructure, with recommendations on areas for sustainment and improvement. In August 2021, a NATO Lessons Learned Course was conducted for Georgia's MP Department by NATO's Military Police Centre of



of Excellence. In October 2021, one of Georgia's Military Police platoons participated in a wide range of intensive training in Minsk Mazowiecki, Poland and was certified by NATO's Multinational MP Battalion as interoperable, thus completing a three-year training cycle by the Georgian MP platoon. Upon completing the certification, Poland donated platoon-size specialised Military Police equipment to the Georgian Military Police Department to better enable it to participate in NATO-led multinational missions. In November 2021, Georgian Military Police were trained and certified as having completed crowd and riot control training organised by Italy.

The Military Police Initiative benefits from the support of NATO's Defence and Security-Related Capacity Building Trust Fund. Within this framework, the Georgian Military Police Platoon has received financial assistance from Italy and in-kind contributions from Poland.

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