

Exercise Trident Juncture 2015

Exercise Trident Juncture 2015 is the biggest and most ambitious NATO exercise in more than a decade. It will be the culmination of a series of dynamic and demanding training events designed to exercise and test troops and commanders.

Aims

Exercise Trident Juncture will train the troops of the NATO Response Force (NRF) and other Allied forces, to increase their readiness to respond to a wide range of challenges. It will ensure that they can work seamlessly together, collaborate with partners and engage in crisis response together with international organisations.

NATO is enhancing its readiness and flexibility in response to a changed security environment and to challenges from the south and the east. Trident Juncture 2015 is part of this effort.

The exercise will test the functions of the Very High Readiness Joint Task Force (VJTF) – or Spearhead Force – ahead of it becoming fully operational next year.

Key facts

Trident Juncture 2015 is the largest NATO exercise since 2002. Air, land, maritime and special forces will be involved.

The exercise runs from 3 October to 6 November 2015. Part One (3-16 October) will test command and control elements of the NRF and showcase NATO's ability to work with external actors. Part Two (21 October – 6 November) will be a live exercise, hosted by Italy, Portugal and Spain.

The commanding officer for the exercise is General Hans-Lothar Domröse, Commander of JFC Brunssum.

International observers, including from Russia, will have access.

Key figures

- Around 36,000 troops from more than 30 nations (27 NATO Allies plus partners).
- More than 230 units, more than 140 aircraft and more than 60 ships.
- More than 12 international organizations, governmental organizations and NGOs will participate, including the European Union, the OSCE, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the African Union.



Exercise scenario

The exercise is based on a fictitious scenario. It portrays a conflict in fictitious East Cerasia, where one nation invades a smaller neighbour and threatens to invade yet another country. The resulting fictitious crisis is caused by competition for resources and has ethnic and religious dimensions. The scenario's implications are global, with impact on maritime navigation and energy security and risks such as terrorism and cyber attacks.

In response, in the fictitious scenario the UN Security Council authorises a NATO International Support Assistance Mission to help protect the threatened states and safeguard freedom of navigation. This Mission will be simulated by the Trident Juncture 2015 exercise.

NATO exercises

[Exercises](#) allow NATO to test procedures and tactics. They help our forces learn to work together more effectively, and identify best practices and areas for improvement.

Exercises vary in scope, duration and form, ranging from live exercises involving thousands of troops to computer-assisted exercises that take place in a classroom. NATO military exercises are planned by NATO's two strategic commands – Allied Command Operations and Allied Command Transformation.

NATO has been conducting military exercises since 1951. All partner countries are able to participate in NATO exercises since 2010 on a regular basis. As part of NATO's commitment to transparency, our schedule of planned exercises is published [online](#).

There will be around 280 NATO and Allied exercises held in 2015.

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Links

Trident Juncture 2015 website: www.tj15.nato.int

Press release: <http://www.jfcbs.nato.int/trident-juncture/media/news/initial-exercise-news-release-trident-juncture-2015-.aspx>

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zevywc1onho>

If you want to DOWNLOAD broadcast-quality video, organised by nation, go here before and during the exercise:

www.nato.int/trident-juncture-2015

For high-resolution stills please go to <https://www.flickr.com/photos/jfcbrunssum>

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