

NATO Fighters' Exercise Takes Place in Baltic Air Space

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Allied Air Command Headquarters in Ramstein today organizes the Baltic Region Training Event V (BRTE V) in the air space of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, informs *LETA*.

It is another NATO event in the Baltic Region Training Event series overseen by Headquarters Allied Air Command Ramstein, designed to offer training opportunities for enhancing interoperability, building capabilities and continuing the integration of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, the Headquarters Allied Air Command informed.

The French Air Force "Mirage 2000C" fighters, which are currently deployed to Siauliai Airbase in Lithuania as Quick Reaction Alert Interceptors, are involved in BRTE V and conduct training of special Air Policing procedures with Polish Air Force "F-16" fighters.

Lithuanian "L-39 Albatross" jet aircraft will also be flying in the event to enhance their air capabilities during training missions with both the Polish and the French fighters.

Integration of regional ground command and control assets includes the involvement of the Control and Reporting Centre at Karmelava in Lithuania and the Control and Reporting Point at Amari in Estonia. BRTE V is controlled by Combined Air Operations Centre Uedem, Germany, and monitored by the Air Operations Centre at HQ AC Ramstein.

BRTE V is the most recent demonstration of NATO solidarity and commitment to its member countries in the Baltic Region. Centered around the mission of Air Policing it is HQ AC Ramstein's contribution to ensuring a consistent standard of security and safety of the skies across its area of responsibility.

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