



Basic

Facts about Nordic Peace 1998

The exercise will be carried out in the spirit of Partnership for Peace (PFP). This is the second Nordic Peace exercise ever. The first one took place in Norway in May 1997 and the next one will be conducted by Finland in 1999. Sweden is now host nation and apart from the Nordic countries the Baltic states are invited to participate.

The Swedish government took, on October 16 last year, the decision to arrange the exercise, and the Swedish Armed Forces, i.e. Commander and Central Joint Command HQ, got the task to plan and conduct the "operation".

Several civil authorities (Governmental Organisations) and humanitarian organisations (International and Non-Governmental Organisations) are participating. The overall aim is to develop the co-operation between the participants in the field of peace support operations. Focus is being put on civil-military co-operation, CIMIC.

Time

September 28 - October 9 1998. September 21-25 the Baltic forces will be "pre-trained".

Location

Training and preparation weeks at Swedish Armed Forces International Command, SWEDINT, in Södertälje (close to the capital Stockholm). The actual live exercise or operation, October 3-9, will take place on the island of Gotland, in the Baltic Sea.

Participants

Eight nations will participate - Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden. Military units, representing all services, from all countries except Iceland, will take part. Furthermore several civil authorities and organisations.

Civil Participants: UNHCR, Red Cross, Save the Children, Amnesty International, The Swedish Fellowship for Reconciliation, The Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, The Swedish Civil Aviation Administration, The Swedish Rescue Services Agency, National Police Board, The Swedish Coast Guard among others. A total of more than 2100 individuals, of which 500 are civilians of which approx. 250 will be acting as role-players.

Vehicles, aircraft and vessels

A total of approx. 200 motorcycles, cars, busses, trucks and combat vehicles
 10 aeroplanes and helicopters
 25 ships and boats

Scenario

Based on a fictitious UN mission (UNMIB) the participating countries will carry out a humanitarian and peace supporting operation in the just as well fictitious country called Betaland (= Gotland). An ethnic conflict has, after a couple of years of internal fighting and hostilities, ended with negotiations and cease-fire. Now peace has to be restored and maintained and there is a great need to support the suffering people. . . . And the setting is supposed to be a far-away republic, far from the Baltic Sea.

Costs

Participating countries/organisations pay their own expenses. Although Sweden economically supports the participation of the units from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs have contributed to the extra costs, in connection with the exercise, taken by the Swedish Armed Forces.

Exercise directing

The planning and preparations so far, has been conducted by the former Commander-in-Chief Central Joint Command, Vice Admiral Dick Börjesson. The new Commander-in-Chief, (from July 1) Lieutenant General Percurt Green is the exercise director and his civilian counterpart will be Mrs Christina Magnuson, chairman of the Swedish Red Cross. Force Commander of the Combined Joint Task Force is the Chief Operations, CJC HQ, Commodore Stefan Engdahl.

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