



# PRESS RELEASE

## Nordic Peace 98

### Sweden to host live exercise with more than 2000 participants

The Swedish Armed Forces will, between September 28 and October 9 this year, arrange a joint and combined field training exercise called Nordic Peace 98. It is the second Nordic Peace exercise to be performed since the start in Norway in 1997. The exercise will focus on civil-military co-operation, CIMIC, and will be carried out "in the spirit of Partnership for Peace".

Prior to the actual operation, that will take place in a fictitious republic Betaland (= the island of Gotland), the units and elements will get their training at the Swedish Armed Forces International Command, SWEDINT, in Södertälje, in the vicinity of the capital Stockholm. The Nordic countries along with the Baltic states are invited to participate in Nordic Peace 98 which among other things aims at showing the determination and capability to train and deploy a joint and multinational (combined) task force and work together with different humanitarian organisations.

More than 2000 people, of which 500 are civilians will participate.

The training events are made up from the humanitarian needs that could be caused by an internal and violent crisis. The military force is deployed to support a number of organisations involved in bringing relevant aid to the suffering people. Bosnia has set an example in this respect.

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The serious conflict between the North Beets and South Beets has come to a cease-fire. A zone of separation between the two parties is established and now real peace has to be restored and maintained. The people will eventually get help. Apart from military units from seven countries, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway and Sweden, personnel representing among others the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), The Red Cross, Save the Children, Amnesty International, The Swedish Fellowship for Reconciliation, The Swedish Peace and Arbitration Society, The Swedish Rescue Services Agency, The Swedish Civil Aviation Administration, The National Police Board, The Swedish Coast Guard will participate.

Exercise director is the Commander-in-Chief Central Joint Command, Lieutenant General Percurt Green.

- It's the first time that Sweden hosts an exercise of this kind. The civilian contribution is large and I do hope that this exercise will be of value for all the participants, says Exercise director Green.
- The focus on civil-military co-operation is, as I see it, extremely interesting, because I think that we have a lot to learn from each other. We are really looking forward to the big event of the year.
- I would also like to stress the fact that the scenario of this operation has no connection at all with the Baltic Sea region. The setting is a fictitious far away republic, concludes General Green.

Assistant exercise director is Mrs Christina Magnuson, chairman of the Swedish Red Cross. Among many others, colleagues of the Swedish minister of defence, Mr Björn von Sydow, are expected to visit the exercise.

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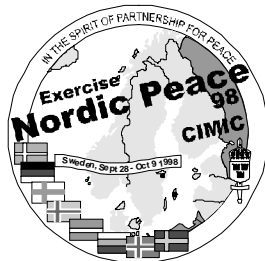
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A Press- and Information Center (PIC) will during the exercise be deployed in Södertälje (Sept 28 – Oct 3) as well as on Gotland (Oct 3 – 9),

Phone: +46 16 34 10 00 (from Sept 28)

Media are invited to cover the exercise. Accreditation form can be obtained from the Central Joint Command HQ or on the Internet (this service effective on our website as from Aug 25). A press conference is planned to take place at SWEDINT, on Monday Sept 28.



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