

Sixth Annual NATO Days in Ukraine Welcomes Transformation and DSACT - ACT

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Kiev, Ukraine welcomed General Bieniek as distinguished visitor for an official country visit on 12 October followed by his speech at the Ukrainian NATO Days closing ceremony.

General Bieniek, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (DSACT) met with the deputy Minister of Defence (Deputy MOD) Mr Volodymyr Morozhovskiy, Chief of Defence (CHOD) General Volodymyr Zamana, Commandant of the National Defence University, Lieutenant General (Retired) Vasyl Telelym, and Head of the NATO Liaison Office Mr Marcin Kozielec.

The gatherings focused on the transformation of the Ukraine Armed Forces (UAF), reformation of Security and Defence Policy and Plans, as well as a constructive practical NATO-Ukrainian cooperation in those areas with added focus on the application of Smart Defence and Connected Forces Initiative.

"NATO ACT-Ukrainian military cooperation is necessary", said DSACT, "We are supportive of Ukraine efforts toward defence reforms and capability development; we are prepared to continue to develop cooperation with Ukraine and assist with the implementation of reforms".

During the visit, the Deputy MOD discussed four important documents, two of which have been signed by the President; The National Security Strategy and the Military Doctrine (both of which have been signed) and the Strategic Defence Bulletin and State Programme of UAF, and

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According to the Deputy MOD, the National Security Strategy addresses the strategic security environment, the internal situation, and strategic goals and tasks for reforms – while the Military Doctrine document addresses political-military characteristics of modern conflict, conflict prevention, as well as the preparation for and use of armed forces in aggression.

The other two unsigned documents currently do not allow Ukraine to determine the future course of its armed forces and defence establishment; however, according to Deputy MOD, that will soon change.

"The State Programme will be approved soon and allow to progress toward reforms and transformation," stated the Deputy MOD. "It is necessary to increase Ukraine's unit interoperability but the responsibility ultimately resides with the Ukraine to make the best possible reforms."

DSACT, following the country visit, attended the closing portion of the sixth annual NATO Days on 13 October. The annual Ukrainian event aims to introduce and familiarize NATO within the Ukrainian Service institutions.

The NATO Days event is planned and coordinated by ACT's Military Cooperation Division with subject matter experts provided by NATO's other strategic command, Allied Command Operations. Every year NATO visits three main Ukrainian Service academies (Army Academy in Lviv, Navy Academy in Sevastopol, Air Force University in Kharkiv) and chooses a fourth one on a rotational basis. This year the Military Institute of Kiev National Taras Shevchenko University was selected.

"Please express our gratitude for the honour and opportunity to host NATO Days annually on Ukraine soil," said the Deputy MOD. "The Ukraine desires to continue this in order to introduce the younger generation of students to NATO business."

