

# CCOPAB

**Brazilian Peace Operations  
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1. On March 2, the Brazilian Peace Operations Joint Training Center (CCOPAB, acronym in Portuguese) celebrated the 12<sup>th</sup> year of its predecessor's creation, Brazilian Army Peacekeeping Operations Training Center (CLOpPaz, acronym in Portuguese).



2. Since March 2, researchers from the Institute of International Relations of the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio, acronym in Portuguese) have visited CCOPAB in order to work on an important partnership between the University and the Joint Training Center. The Doctrine, Assessment, and Coordination and Planning Divisions, the main actors regarding the training of military personnel for peace missions, are going to work along with the researchers for nearly one year.



3. CCOPAB trained more than ten Brazilian Army personnel to be deployed as Staff Officers in individual missions under the aegis of the United Nations. Out of the ten army members who attended the course, one awaits the mobilization to be deployed in South Sudan, in UNMISS; two in Haiti; and the other seven in Lebanon, in UNIFIL.



4. CCOPAB participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Seminar on Military Women, which was held on March 9 and 10, in Bogota, Colombia. The aim of the Seminar was to discuss the challenges faced by military women and their multiple tasks in the Armed Forces, as well as to enhance the value of the participation of their homeland, strengthen their capacities and develop the military spirit.



5. From March 13 to 17, CCOPAB carried out the training of members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade (Mountain), which will be available for the United Nations Peacekeeping Capabilities Readiness System (UNPCRS).





6. In order to strengthen the cooperation bonds with international institutions, CCOPAB designated one of its members as instructor in the UN Military Experts on Mission Course, which was held in the Peace Support Training Center (PSTC), from March 14 to April 13. The PSTC, military unit that belongs to the Canadian Army, is based in Kingston-Ontario, Canada. It is in charge of training Canadian and foreign military personnel for peace missions.



7. Aiming at approaching relevant topics regarding integration between civilians and military personnel in UN peace missions, CCOPAB carried out the Civil-Military Coordination Course (CIMIC). The Course was held from March 20 to 24 and it counted on the participation of military members of the Brazilian Armed Forces, Auxiliary Forces, Friendly Nations military personnel – from the USA and Spain – as well as members of the academia who work with CIMIC activities.



8. Between March 20 and 31, CCOPAB carried out the Course on Logistics and Reimbursement in UN PKOs. The goal of the two week theoretical and practical course was to train officers and NCOs of the Brazilian Armed Forces to work with matters concerning management and logistics of UN peace missions.



9. The Military Translators and Interpreters Course (ETIMil, acronym in Portuguese), held at CCOPAB from March 27 to 31, aimed at training military personnel to work as translators and interpreters in MINUSTAH. The Course leads the students to develop their intellectual capabilities, emotional control and oral and written skills as they are exposed to situations similar to the ones that occur in Haiti.



10. Between March 27 to April 7, the Mobile Training Teams (MTTs) from CCOPAB were in Manaus –Amazonas and Porto Velho-Rondônia in order to prepare Brazilian Air Force units that will be available for the United Nations Peacekeeping Capabilities Readiness System (UNPCRS).



11. Between February 6 to March 31, CCOPAB participated in the 7<sup>th</sup> Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD-3), held at the Demining International Center of the Spanish Army Engineer Academy in Hoyo de Manzanares. Captain Henrique Siniciato Terra Garbino, CCOPAB's instructor, stood out among other trainees during the course by getting the highest grades of all.





12. CCOPAB was present in the 5th Latin America Aerospace and Defence (LAAD) seminar, which was held from 4 to 7 of April, at Riocentro in Rio de Janeiro. On April 5, CCOPAB's commander, colonel Ramires, delivered a lecture on "Peace Operations: the evolution of the Armed Forces in new operations".



13. On April 17, CCOPAB started the second phase of the Military Experts on Mission Course. This phase lasts four weeks and aims at training military personnel to communicate in English, making use of general and peace missions related vocabulary, functional grammar, technical writing and conversation focused on the activities the United Nations Military Observers and Staff Officers carry out.



14. The Advanced Pre-deployment Field Exercise (EAOP, acronym in Portuguese), held from April 17 to 28 in Caçapava – São Paulo and carried out by CCOPAB, assessed the operational efficiency of the 26<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Battalion in a multidimensional peace mission context. The Exercise made simulations similar to the ones that currently occur in Haiti. The 26<sup>th</sup> BRABAT will be the last contingent to be deployed to MINUSTAH.



## 15. MINUSTAH News

(Source: UN News Center and Ministry of Defense)

- March 13 – After visiting Haiti, UN experts recommend more aid should be sent to the victims of hurricane Matthew.
- April 13 – United Nations Security Council decides that MINUSTAH gets to an end in October and approves a replacement with a follow-up peacekeeping mission.

### **Performed Activities in the period**

- *Military Translators and Interpreters Course/1<sup>st</sup> Phase – February 20 to March 17;*
- *Reconnaissance trip to Haiti – March 06 to 10;*
- *Civil-Military Coordination Course/1<sup>st</sup> Phase – March 06 to 17;*
- *Mobile Training Team – March 13 to 30;*
- *Civil-Military Coordination Course/2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – March 20 to 24;*
- *Course on Logistics and Reimbursement in UN PKOs – March 20 to 31;*
- *Protection of Civilians Course – April 03 to 07;*
- *Military Experts on Mission Course/1<sup>st</sup> Phase – April 03 to 13;*
- *Pre-deployment Basic Field Exercise (EBOP-BRABAT) – April 10 to 14;*
- *Pre-deployment Advanced Field Exercise (EAOP-BRABAT) – April 17 to 28;*
- *Military Experts on Mission Course/2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – April 17 to May 12;*
- *Pre-deployment Basic Field Exercise (EBOP-BRAENGCOY) – April 24 to 28;*
- *Pre-deployment Advanced Field Exercise (EAOP-Marines Company) – April 24 to 28.*

### **Schedule for May and June of 2017**

- *Military Experts on Mission Course/ 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase – April 17 to May 12;*
- *Pre-deployment Advanced Field Exercise (EAOP-BRAENGCOY) – May 01 to 05;*
- *Military Experts on Mission Course/ 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase – May 15 to June 09;*
- *Assessment Trip – June 12 to 16;*
- *CCOPAB's Seminar – June 13;*
- *Ministry of Defense Meeting on UNIFIL/MTF – June 19 to 23;*
- *Journalist in Conflict Area Course – June 19 to 23;*
- *DPKO Recruitment and Preparation Course – June 26 to 30;*
- *Humanitarian Demining Course – June 26 to July 14;*
- *Mobile Training Team – June 26 to July 14.*



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