

NEWSLETTER nr 005 **March, April and May 2015**

1. From [March 26 to April 10](#), the pre-deployment advanced field exercise on the Ocean Patrol Vessel (NaPaOc, acronym in Portuguese) Apa was carried out. Apa is the ship designated to be the flagship of the Maritime Task Force in UNIFIL.



CCOPAB was in charge of the theoretical instructions and the maritime interdiction operational exercises (MIO), which represent the main mission of the Brazilian Navy ships in the maritime operational area in Lebanon. The twelve MIO exercises carried out with the NaPaOc Apa (P-121) allowed the teams, who man the bridge as well as the Combat Operations Center, to get familiarized with the rules of engagement and the mission mandate.



2. From [April 13 to 24](#), in Rio de Janeiro, the pre-deployment advanced field exercise (EAOP, acronym in Portuguese) of the troop being prepared for the Brazilian Battalion (BRABAT) was carried out. This troop will be part of the 22nd Brazilian Contingent for the Stabilization Mission in Haiti.



At the end of the exercise, through processes specially created to assess the troop to be deployed in a Peace Mission, BRABAT 22 was [certified](#) as 100% apt to be employed in MINUSTAH.



3. From [April 26 to 30](#), in Natal (RN), the pre-deployment advanced field exercise (EAOP, acronym in Portuguese) of the Brazilian Engineering Company (BRAENGCOY) was carried out. This troop will be part of the 22nd Brazilian Contingent for the Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

During this week of exercises, [BRAENGCOY](#) carried out activities which simulated the mission scenario in Haiti, such as the activation of the Contingency Plan in case of a natural disaster, MEDEVAC and social-civic activities.



4. MINUSTAH News

(source: [UN News Centre](#))

- [May 08](#) – Announcement of the new Deputy Special Representative for MINUSTAH.
- [April 14](#) – UN condemns the death of a Chilean peacekeeper.
- [March 18](#) – Elections in Haiti.

5. Article produced by CCOPAB

- **Training civilians to work in unstable environments** ([Portuguese/English](#))

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Activities carried out in this period

- Civil-Military Coordination Course ([CIMIC](#)) - 09 to 13 March;
- Company Commanders and Platoon Leaders Course (EPCOSUPEL - acronym in Portuguese) - 09 to 13 March
- UN Military Observer/Staff Officer/Police Officer Courses (EPMP - Distance learning phase) - 23 March to 02 April;
- Pre-deployment Advanced Field Exercise ([EAOP – Infantry](#)) - 13 to 24 April;
- DPKO Recruitment and Preparation Course (EPEC - DPKO) - 16 to 20 September;
- Pre-deployment Advanced Field Exercise ([EAOP - Engineering](#)) - 26 to 30 April;
- UN Military Observer/Staff Officer/Police Officer Courses ([EPMP](#)) - 04 to 29 May;
- Executive Committee Meeting for the Annual Conference of the Conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers (IAPTC), in [Brasília](#) - 18 to 21 May; and
- MTF/UNIFIL Commander and Staff Course ([EPCO - FTM](#)) - 25 to 29 May.

Agenda for June and July

- Mobile Training Team of CCOPAB in Colombia, having the support of the Brazilian Ministry of Defense - 08 to 19 June;
- CCOPAB Anniversary - 15 June;
- Media Advisor and Journalist in Conflict Areas Course (EPJAIAC - acronym in Portuguese) - 29 June to 03 July;
- Military Translators and Interpreters Course (ETIMIL - acronym in Portuguese) - 06 to 31 July (distance) and 03 to 07 August (face-to-face);
- Protection of Civilians Course - 13 to 17 July; and
- DPKO Recruitment and Preparation Course (EPEC - DPKO) - 20 to 24 July;



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