



EUROPEAN UNION  
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## ~BACKGROUND~

15 October 2007

### **EU Military Operation in Eastern Chad and North Eastern Central African Republic (EUFOR TCHAD/RCA)**

*On 15 October 2007, the Council adopted a joint action on operation EUFOR TCHAD/RCA. Below are some features of this future operation.*

The EU has decided to conduct a bridging military operation in Eastern Chad and North Eastern Central African Republic (EUFOR TCHAD/RCA) in the framework of the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP).

In deciding to conduct this operations the EU is stepping up its longstanding action in support of efforts to tackle the crisis in Darfur as part of a regional approach to that crisis.

This operation will be conducted with the agreement of the Chadian and Central African governments.

In its resolution 1778 (2007) of 25 September 2007, the UN Security Council approved the establishment of a UN Mission in Chad and the Central African Republic (MINURCAT) and authorised the EU to deploy forces in these countries for a period of 12 months from the declaration of Initial Operating Capability.

EUFOR TCHAD/RCA will be an interim operation designed to support the multi-dimensional United Nations presence in the East of Chad and in the North-East of the CAR in order to improve security in those regions. More specifically, the EU operation will have the following objectives:

- To contribute to protecting civilians in danger, particularly refugees and displaced persons;
- To facilitate the delivery of humanitarian aid and the free movement of humanitarian personnel by helping to improve security in the area of operations;
- To contribute to protecting UN personnel, facilities, installations and equipment and to ensuring the security and freedom of movement of its staff and UN and associated personnel.

**P R E S S**

The operation will cover a period of one year.

Lt General Patrick NASH (Ireland) has been appointed EU Operation Commander. Brigadier General Jean-Philippe GANASCIA has been appointed EU Force Commander.

The EU Operational Headquarters will be located at Mont Valérien (France).

The EU military operation will have an appropriate mandate allowing the use of armed force if necessary. It will be independent, impartial and neutral.

The financial reference amount for the common costs of the military operation will be EUR 99.2 million.

The establishment of EUFOR TCHAD/RCA forms part of a comprehensive package of enhanced EU commitment to a solution to the crisis in Darfur. All EU instruments – diplomatic, political and financial – will be mobilised in support of this effort. The main components, all interlinked, will comprise:

- increased support for African Union (AU) and UN efforts to revitalise the political process with a view to finding a lasting solution;
- speeding up establishment of the hybrid AU-UN operation in Darfur. Until then, support for the AU Mission in Sudan/Darfur (AMIS);
- increased mobilisation to finance humanitarian aid, but also to secure humanitarian access.

In this regard, the European Commission will contribute more than EUR 50 million to this joint UN-EU initiative in Eastern Chad and the North East of the Central African Republic. The Commission will support, with up to EUR 10 million from the Instrument for Stability, the UN police mission which will have the task of assisting in maintaining law and order in refugee camps and surrounding concentrations of internally displaced persons near the Darfur border.

The EC will also finance substantial rehabilitation and reconstruction work in the zones of return for the displaced persons with EUR 13 million in 2008 from the 9th European Development Fund (EDF) for development actions such as reconstruction, mediation and administrative capacity building that are necessary to improve security in the areas covered by the UN-EU mission, which will be extended through fresh funding under the 10th EDF (2008-2013). Humanitarian assistance to the vulnerable people affected by the ongoing crisis in Chad will continue in 2008 at its current level (i.e. in 2007 over EUR 30 million in Chad and EUR 4 million in CAR, covering the north of the country).

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## CVs

Lieutenant General Patrick (Pat) NASH  
**Operation Commander EUFOR TCHAD/RCA**

**Nationality**  
Irish

### **Education**

Lieutenant General Nash received his secondary education at CBS Limerick. He is a graduate of the Irish Defence Forces Command and Staff School and he has completed a United Nations Senior Management Course in Stockholm and New York.

### **Professional experience**

**Home Service:** Lieutenant General Pat Nash was commissioned into the Cavalry Corps in Sept 1966. From commissioning up until 1994 he spent most of his service in the Southern Command, holding both command and staff appointments in a number of Cavalry and Infantry Units. On promotion to Colonel in June 2000 he was appointed Director of Defence Forces Administration, responsible for the planning and implantation of Defence Forces Personnel Administration programmes, Defence Forces Financial planning and Defence Forces Logistics planning.

He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in Jan 2002 and appointed to the position of General Officer Commanding, First Southern Brigade. The First Southern is one the Defence Force's three territorial Brigades. On 03 December 2005 Lieutenant General Nash took up the appointment as Deputy Chief Operations, has responsibility for Defence Forces Operations including overseas operations, Defence Forces Training and Reserve Forces and Military Intelligence.

**Overseas Service:** Lieutenant General Nash has a wide range of overseas experiences primarily with United Nations Forces, but also with the European Union Monitoring Mission in the Western Balkans. He has served as a Troop Commander in United Nations Force in Cyprus in 1967. He was a Company Commander with the 54 Irish Infantry Battalion, United Nations Interim Force (UNIFIL) in Lebanon in 1983 and Operations Officer with the 71 Irish Infantry Battalion UNIFIL in 1992. In 1996 he served as a Staff Officer at the Headquarters of the European Union Monitoring Mission in the Western Balkans. In 1999 he commanded the 85 Irish Infantry Battalion in UNIFIL (Lebanon).

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Brigadier General Jean-Philippe GANASCIA (France)  
Deputy Commander, French Joint Force and Training HQ

### **Force Commander EUFOR TCHAD/RCA**

Brigadier General GANASCIA was born on 18 July 1953. He attended Saint Cyr Military Academy from 1975-1977 and completed special to arm training at the Engineer School at Angers in 1978 after which, he took command of an Engineer platoon. He has served with Parachute and Foreign Legion Units and commanded a Foreign Legion Engineer Regiment.

He has held staff appointments in Regiment, Division, Corps, Land Command and MOD level in the intelligence, operations and training fields.

He has participated in operations in the Lebanon, in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Kosovo.

He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on 1 September 2006.

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