**THE FORCE COMMANDER MNJTF INAUGURATES THE JOINT INTEGRATED OPERATIONS PLANNING COURSE**

*“THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM REQUIRES GLOBAL APPROACH* ....” as the Force Commander MNJTF declared the Joint Integrated Operations Planning Course open

The Force Commander (FC) Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF), Major General Abdul Khalifah Ibrahim made the statement during the opening ceremony of the Joint Integrated Operations Planning Course, which took place in N'Djamena, Chad from 27 September – 1 October 2021. Speaking at the event, the FC said, “*It has been established that the fight against terrorism in general requires a global approach, integrating various skills held by both civilians and the military*.” According to him, “…*the fight against the Boko Haram/ISWAP insurgents cannot be considered as the sole prerogative of the military, whose actions alone cannot solve the problem, hence the need for a multi-dimensional approach to tackle it*.”

General Ibrahim noted that the course was designed to reinforce the MNJTF planning and leadership capacities towards the achievement of the desired end state. He therefore emphasized the need for the various stakeholders to work together towards isolating and clearing the terrorists from the Lake Chad Basin area in order to restore security and stability in the region.

Highlighting the uniqueness of the training, which brings together civilian and military representatives from six African countries (Benin, Cameroon, Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Senegal) and the United Kingdom, the FC opined that, the outcome of the course would surely improve participants’ knowledge through better understanding of the crisis management process. The FC expressed gratitude to the coordinating partner, Operation TURUS and appreciated the efforts made by the partnership system set up by the British Armed Forces to provide multi forum support to the countries of West and Central Africa. While urging the participants to make concerted effort to gain maximum benefit from the training, he also stressed the need for discipline, interest and commitment as essential elements for knowledge acquisition.

**MNJTF SENIOR MILITARY LEADERSHIP ATTENDS ORIENTATION COURSE IN AFRICAN UNION HEADQUARTERS ADDIS ABABA**

The Senior Military Leadership (SML) of MNJTF comprising the Force Commander Major General Abdul Khalifah Ibrahim (Nigeria), Deputy Force Commander Brigadier General Abdou Harouna Assoumane (Niger) and Chief of Staff Colonel Nana Paulin Njomo (Cameroon) attended an orientation training workshop at the AU Headquarters in Addis Ababa from 20 – 22 September 2021. Activities during the 2-day event included briefings on AU Crisis Response Mechanism, African Peace and Security Architecture, role of African Standby Force (ASF), AU financial support to MNJTF and status of ongoing implementation of the AU additional support to MNJTF among others.

The main purpose of the orientation course was to introduce the SML of MNJTF to the AU system and values, as well as improve the synergy between the AU and the MNJTF. During the briefings, the AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security Commission, Ambassador Bankole Adeoye commended the efforts of MNJTF leadership and urged them to further improve the stability of the Lake Chad Basin Region. He described the MNJTF as a unique attempt at tackling the security challenges in its operational planning environment, which must not be allowed to fail. The FC used the opportunity to visit and interact with the Nigerian mission in Addis Ababa. The event was hitch-free.

**COURTESY VISITS TO HQ MNJTF**

In another development, on Wednesday 29 September 2021 at the MNJTF HQ in N’Djamena Chad, the FC received the Defence Adviser of the Republic of France to Chad, Col Greigore Madelen in his office. Deliberations were on areas of mutual cooperation in helping to stabilize the LCBCAlso, the Commander of the Chadian Special Forces Bde, Maj Gen Abdulrahman Yusuf Mery paid a courtesy visit to the FC in the Headquarters MNJTF. Issues of training, joint operations and intelligence sharing were discussed. The visits were hitch free and witnessed by the Deputy Force Commander MNJTF Brig Gen Abdou Harouna Assoumane and other senior officers.

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