



HEADQUARTERS ALLIED AIR COMMAND

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The participants

Allied participation in Ramstein Flag 2024

Over 140 Allied fighter and enabler aircraft along with Maritime, Land and Special Operation forces will execute integral components of Joint Air Power during RAFL24. Participating Nations will be operating from bases in Greece's West Peloponnese, Andravida Air Base will be the primary operating base. Some aircraft assets will fly from their mother bases across Europe to participate in the exercise. There are 12 Allied Nations taking part in RAFL24 with fighters, support aircraft, SBAMD units, personnel and observers and advisors.

NATO members Canada France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States will participate. Assets will include fighter aircraft and supporting aircraft along with land and maritime assets.

Aircraft participating in RAFL24 include; F-35, Mirage, Rafale, F-16, Eurofighter, JAS-39 Gripen, MQ-9, Rivet Joint, E3, E7, C130, A400.

Allied assets will operate from a number of airbases in Greece's West Peloponnese with Andravida acting as the primary air base. The missions will include both day and night sorties therefore the exercise will offer robust training opportunities for Allied Forces and plenty to see for our aviation enthusiasts

NATO units are supporting of RAFL24

NATO AWACS aircraft from Geilenkirchen, Germany, will be based at their Forward Operating Base at Aktion/Preveza Air Base in the northwest of Greece. The AWACS aircraft will provide Command and Control during the exercise in a complex IAMD and C- A2AD scenario. The crew from 17 NATO nations will serve as airborne battlespace managers and play a crucial role in coordinating Allied aircraft.

Under Allied Air Command, **NATO's Combined Air Operations Centre (CAOC) at Torrejón**, northeast of Madrid, Spain has the primary mission to plan, direct, coordinate, monitor, analyse and report on the operations of Air Policing means assigned to it in peace time. The unit's area of responsibility comprises southern European NATO airspace. It is responsible for some of NATO's special Air Policing arrangements, such as Air Policing over Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Slovenia.

During Ramstein Flag, it oversees and coordinates exercise air activities with the Hellenic Air Force Control and Reporting Centre. The flying programme has been pre-planned; an Air Tasking Order – featuring all flight activities and aircraft – has been prepared for every day of the RAFL 24 exercise.

Within the framework of the deployment exercise Ramstein Dust 2024, **NATO's Deployable Air Command and Control Centre (DACCC)**, is planning to deploy its core Deployable Air Control Centre Recognised Air Picture Production Centre Sensor Fusion Post (DARS) functionalities to Andravida Air Base, Greece to support exercise Ramstein Flag 2024.

DARS will play a critical role in providing reliable and secure tactical control between airborne and ground-based assets. DARS personnel develop a number of core air capabilities, including the DARS function as a tactical mobile control and surveillance centre that can be rapidly deployed in support of NATO air operations. During the execution phase from 23 Sep to 11 Oct 2024, the DARS will be integrated into RAFL 24 and the NATO Integrated Air and Missile Defence System (NATINAMDS) for testing purposes. The DARS staff will execute up to five days of NATINAMDS participation to foster future rapid integration into the NATO/GRC Air Defence System to locally augment or enhance the IAMD Posture.

Exercise Ramstein Dust 2024 (RADU 24) is a tactical level exercise, contributing to RAFL 24 LIVEX to enhance the operational capabilities of DARS and to enhance individual skills of DARS Battle Management, Aircraft Control, Surveillance/Identification and Intelligence personnel with regard to combat/mission readiness within the overall framework of NATO Air C2.