



# NATO TIGER MEET NTM 2011

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50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## THE WORD OF THE DAY

CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE FRENCH AIR FORCE

*Sir, you are here today on Cambrai Air-base. Could you tell us about The Nato Tiger Meet 2011?*

The TIGER MEET Exercise is an inheritance from a long tradition. With the years passing, its operational objective has reached its climax by having numerous combined air forces working together, creating a coalition of friendship. Thanks to this highly operational exercise, our Air Forces are able to participate in complex operations such as the ones taking place in Afghanistan or Libya.

*Since March, 19th, France has deployed its troops for the Unified Protector. Was there any consequence as far as the disposition of the exercise is concerned?*

Yes indeed, the Air Forces deployed over Libya have been reconsidered on their disposition aspect. The French Air Force has nonetheless decided to maintain the Nato Tiger Meet 2011 for its real benefit and its high value-added. This year in particular, we are going to focus on the L16 Communication Link which is an extraordinary tool. Furthermore, it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the exercise, so there



was a strong will to pay tribute to all the people having taken part in the exercise. Those are the two important objective of this Nato Tiger Meet 2011.

## ON THE FRONT COVER

THE FIRST SORTIES OF THE TIGER



Tuesday, May, 10th, Cambrai airbase is seething with excitement. This is the first day of action of the Nato Tiger Meet 2011. Training operational missions will be carried out for eight days.



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# THE WORD OF THE EXPERT

## THE "JE NE SAIS QUOI" OF THE TIGER MEET



**W**hat makes the Nato Tiger Meet such a unique event? This is the question we asked to Major Boris Pomirou, the deputy of the 1/12 "Cambresis" Squadron Chief of Operations. In the exercise, he organizes and carries out the scenarios in the White Cell.

Besides some similarities, you can tell the Tiger Meet from the other combined exercises taking place in Europe, for its intense activities and its particularly high rhythm. Indeed, numerous COMAO (COMposite Air Operations), which are devices for different aircraft intended to carry out complex missions with various objectives. They are scheduled every afternoon for experienced and battle-hardened pilots for the duration of the

exercise. In the morning, younger pilots are able to get a more basic training in order to improve their education.

According to Major Pomirou, the social and relational dimension is the utmost essential. Pilots know each other and meet each year. They do not need any time to adapt to each other, they can work together right away. Despite the fact that operational procedures are the same, each nation has its track. "No matter where they come from, F16 pilots share the same approach to the missions", the French pilot reckons.

Again this year, Nato Tiger Meet benefits from the great diversity of the 17 nations' skills while keeping a homogeneous achievement of the missions.

## THE NUMBER OF THE DAY

# 142

is the number of the tents pitched on the former German taxiway to host 900 participants.

## IN THE TIGER'S EYE



A piercing eyed tiger takes over the controls of a Czech Gripen from the 221<sup>st</sup> Squadron.

## AGENDA

- 11 MAY**  
1500 SPOTTERS
- 12 MAY**  
LOCAL MEDIA DAY
- 13 MAY**  
CEREMONY  
OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> TIGER MEET



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