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Dear readers,

Welcome to the May edition of our magazine. For me personally, this issue carries a touch of bittersweet reflection as it coincides with the end of my tour. It's been an enriching journey, filled with learning and connection, and I'm truly grateful for the experiences shared.

NMI continuously conduct organisational advisory activities with our counterparts in the Government of Iraq and its Security Institutions. Within these pages, you'll discover a collection of new articles crafted with care and insight. This magazine represent a joint contribution of all of us, tries to capture the mission's efforts and progress to assist the Iraqi institutions on their way to a brighter future. It is also an extension of that commitment, offering a space for exploration and understanding.

Ultimately, this magazine is for you, our valued readers. Your engagement, your curiosity, and your feedback are what drive us forward. We deeply appreciate your continued contribution to this community. Therefore, we continue to encourage you to actively participate in our work by developing and sharing your suggestions and ideas. Only through joint effort and work we can improve and enrich the content of our magazine. So I invite all of you to continue your passionate work, reading, and when possible, contributing, not only to this printed product but also to our digital output.

Enjoy the magazine and be sure to remind your contacts to become followers on our various social media platforms. NMI usernames/tags can be found on the back cover of each issue of The Mission magazine.

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Iraqi Simulation familiarization visit of Simulation institutions in Rome, Italy

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SPCB in collaboration with PSE Division offered the opportunity for three members of Iraqi Armed Forces to participate in a familiarization visit to Simulation institutions around Rome, Italy during 07 to 11 April 2025. This visit was an opportunity for Iraqi MoD simulation specialists to engage with aspects of training and exercise development, concepts and project development in the field of simulation and explore NATO and Italian Army Virtual, Constructive and Live simulation systems.





The objective was to gain oversight of constructive and virtual simulation for planning, preparing and executing war-gaming, CPX/CAX to enhance the decision-making abilities of officers in complex situations and the Staff in planning-orders production-C2 procedures. A secondary objective was to expand awareness of live simulation for planning, preparing and executing force on force combat training exercises. In addition, participants sought to implement the knowledge and experiences gained to enable the Iraqi armed forces to draft and approve a common simulation strategy.

The visit included three Simulation Centres. The NATO Modelling & Simulation (M&S) CoE in Rome, the Italian Army Combat Training Centre (CTC) in Monte Romano and the Italian Army Command for Evaluation and Innovation (COMVIE) in Civitavecchia. The first day was devoted to travel from Baghdad to Rome. On the second day, the Delegation had a complete overlook on M&S structure, organization and tasks. The efforts of the four contributing nations (US, CZ, GER, ITA) cover four pillars, Lessons Learned, Training and Education, Modelling and Simulation, and Concept Development and Experimentation. The third day was spent at CTC. The delegation was briefed about infrastructure, materials and organization. This CTC allows units up to Battalion size to perform Live simulation training in force on force combat scenarios suited to the training objectives. All the tasks and features of the Centre's sections were analyzed in detail and the delegation had hands on experience of the materials employed by the CTC. The fourth day was a visit to COMVIE. COMVIE briefed its role in the Italian Army through a detailed presentation on the infrastructure, institution, curriculum, training, procedures and materials used to enable Constructive simulation, to perform CPX/CAX to evaluate the Italian Army Units in Training.

The visit successfully achieved its objectives. The Iraqi delegation expressed interest in further development in NATO and bilateral initiatives for Education, Training and Procurement in the simulation field; they will report to the chain of command with ideas to develop their own Simulation strategy.



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