

Air Force



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Warm-up

Work in pairs

- What is the role of the Air Force in the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic?
- What is the main task of the Czech Air Force?
- Who is the Air Force in the Czech republic subordinated to?
- What is the structure of the Czech Air Force?
- How is the Czech Air Force equipped?
- How does it cooperate with NATO?

Read the text.

Air Force

The primary mission of the air force is to support sovereignty of the national airspace. The main parts of the air force usually are tactical, rotary-wing and military transport air force. It may include air defence missile elements and command, control, communication and reconnaissance and warning units.

The air force consists of support and command elements, and combat elements – air bases and surface-to-air missile units.

The air force also performs peacetime tasks falling under national responsibility such as military SAR (search and rescue) operations, transportation of government officials, etc. To provide required capabilities allowing forces to be airlifted to their assigned area of operation in a timely manner and to be sustained there an air force should have transport aircraft of an adequate capacity. In this respect, it is necessary to resolve the issue of their operation. An air force not having a large-capacity transport aircraft relies on the good will of the allies or needs to hire a commercial company for strategic airlift operations.

In peacetime, the air force is to be able to ensure the following:

- Participation in NATINADS (NATO Integrated Air Defence System);
- Air defence of important objects and areas on the territory of the state;
- Airlift of personnel and material;

- Transport of government officials and constitutional representatives;
- Search and rescue service;
- Military air rescue service in benefit of the integrated rescue system;
- Air reconnaissance;
- Air traffic control of the air force and its coordination with the civilian air traffic control;
- Topographic air photography and reconnaissance of the territory.

During a crisis the air force should be able to react rapidly to the arising situation and use its assigned forces and means to perform its missions within the allied system as well as to perform its national tasks.

Now answer the following questions:

- 1 What is the primary mission of the air force?
- 2 Who is the air force in your county subordinated to?
- 3 What does the term „military SAR operation“ mean?
- 4 What will the air force be able to ensure in peacetime?
- 5 What does the acronym NATINADS stand for?
- 6 What will the air force do during a crisis?
- 7 Do you know where some of the Czech air force bases are situated?

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1) *Matching exercise: Match the following words with their definitions:*

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| 1) mission | a) exploratory military survey of enemy territory |
| 2) sovereignty | b) a system of transporting cargo or passengers by aircraft usually to or from an otherwise inaccessible area |
| 3) to achieve | c) to examine (a place or a person) carefully and thoroughly to try to find something |
| 4) to ensure | d) to get sb out of a dangerous or unpleasant situation |
| 5) reconnaissance | e) the power that a country has to govern itself or another country or state |
| 6) to search | f) to improve or make more efficient |
| 7) extent | g) military duty or purpose for which people are sent somewhere |
| 8) to upgrade | h) to succeed in doing or causing something to happen, usually after a lot of effort |
| 9) to rescue | i) to make certain that something happens |
| 10) airlift | j) the space, amount or degree to which a thing extends |

Fill the gaps in the text. Use the appropriate forms of the words from the previous exercise:

- 1 The pilot flew over enemy lines in a _____ mission.
- 2 Despite all the events, crewmembers were able to fulfil the dangerous _____ and escape from the enemy territory.
- 3 The recovery of a pilot after an injection depends on the _____ of his back injuries.
- 4 The air force started a new program to help the air force personnel _____ their technical knowledge and skills.
- 5 The seriously wounded soldier was eventually _____ by a helicopter.
- 6 The air force maintains the _____ and rescue service to assist aircrews that get into difficulty.
- 7 Mercy _____ International is the non-profit humanitarian aid organization that acquires, warehouses and transports emergency relief supplies throughout the world to victims of natural or manmade disasters.
- 8 The aircraft can _____ the speed of 1,900 km ph.
- 9 The primary mission of national air force is to protect the country's _____ by employing air power when required.
- 10 The doctors must _____ that pilots are medically fit to fly and that the risk to human life is minimized.

a) Give the opposites

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| 1) possible | 4) passive |
| 2) important | 5) peacetime |
| 3) adequate | 6) capable |

b) Turn the following adjectives into nouns and then into verbs

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| 1) integrated | 4) assigned |
| 2) desirable | 5) required |
| 3) existing | |

Fill the gaps in the text. Use the following words.

CASA flies in the Sinai

deserts deployment accomplished routes task personnel
prepared provide expanded aboard

The Czech Republic 1_____ its participation in the Multinational Force and Observers mission in the Sinai by deploying CASA C-295M transport aircraft with 13 flying and ground 2_____ as of 4 November 2013.

"Our major 3_____ will be flying monitoring 4_____ over Egyptian-Israeli border with international observers 5_____ to find out the situation down there. Besides that, we will 6_____ transport of personnel and material between assigned destinations," Lt Col M. Laniak, commander of the contingent and pilot, says before departure from the Prague-Kbely military airport. "The mission has its specifics compared to European flying over towns, forests and cultivated fields, but we are well 7_____ and ready to get new experience," Laniak says. The crews had already made some lesson-flights right over Sinai 8_____. It is the ever first CASA aircraft operational 9_____ on a foreign mission.

The Czech personnel will rotate in four-month tours of duty, and the mission is planned to be 10_____ by the end of 2014.

Thanks for your attention.



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