

## INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

**OPORA****Armed Forces of the Czech Republic**

The professional Czech army is a decisive part of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic (ACR), which, according to the Czech Law No. 219/1999 Dig., referred to as the Defence Law, is comprised also of the Military Office of President of the Republic and the Castle Guard.

The primary mission of ACR is to ensure the military defence of the country against aggression and to meet commitments derived from international obligations and treaties of the Czech Republic on collective defence. It is also set to fulfil tasks within peacekeeping operations in regions of instability or conflicts, and to implement rescue and humanitarian missions both on the national territory and abroad.

In its effort to become a NATO member country, the Czech Republic joined in 1994 the Partnership for Peace Programme (PfP). It enabled the Czech military to absorb NATO procedures in defence planning and implementation of force build-up, tailored to Alliance standards and overall goals. The Czech Republic successfully completed its accession talks and began a NATO member country, together with Hungary and Poland, on 12 March 1999, the day, which has been observed as the Day of Accession to NATO in the Czech Republic since.

The Czech military is engaged in the integrated NATO military structure, contributing to defence, operations and civil crisis management planning. It takes part in the procedural and organizational aspects of nuclear consultations, participates in joint exercises, and actively commits its troops for NATO-led multinational operations.

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The ACR is also engaged in the EU military structure, as the Czech Republic became a EU member country on 1 May 2004. The Czech military participates in joint exercises and operations.

The supreme commander of the Armed Forces of the Czech Republic is President of the Republic Vaclav Klaus, while the highest military commander is Chief of the General Staff of ACR General Vlastimil Pícek.

The ACR is formed by Joint Forces, and Support Forces.

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***Read the statements and decide whether they are true or false.***

- 1 The first goal of ACR is to guarantee the military defence of the country.
2. The ACR is responsible for rescue and humanitarian missions on the national territory.
3. The Czech Republic joined NATO in 1994
4. PfP allowed the Czech military to master NATO procedures.
5. The Czech military takes part in joint exercises.

***Find the verbs to these nouns in the text.***

1 implementation, 2 fulfilment, 3 engagement, 4 participation, 5 commitment, 6 exercise, 7 form, 8 engagement.

***Complete the following sentences with a correct preposition.***

to 3x;            from            in 3x

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2 The primary mission of ACR is to ensure the military defence of the country against aggression and to meet commitments derived \_\_\_\_\_ international obligations.

3 The Czech military is engaged \_\_\_\_\_ the integrated NATO military structure, contributing \_\_\_\_\_ defence, operations and civil crisis management planning.

4 It takes part \_\_\_\_\_ the procedural and organizational aspects of nuclear consultations, participates \_\_\_\_\_ joint exercises, and actively commits its troops for NATO-led multinational operations.

***Match the words with the definitions.***

to comprise	to have as parts or members, or to be those parts or members
treaty	written agreement between two or more countries
obligation	a moral or legal requirement; duty
to tailor	to make or prepare something following particular instructions
accession	the act of entering upon or attaining to an office, right, condition, etc.
instability	uncertainty caused by the possibility of a sudden change

***Fill the gaps in the following text.***

**conscription   abandoned   fundamental garrisons   capabilities   forces**  
**modernization   launched   career**

**2005-First year of fully professional army**

After 140 years of \_\_\_\_\_ service system being exercised in the historical Czech lands, the country \_\_\_\_\_ this practice. From the beginning of 2005 it has been building a \_\_\_\_\_ soldier system. It is part of a \_\_\_\_\_ reform of the Czech military that was \_\_\_\_\_ in 2002 which also involved downsizing, organizational changes, \_\_\_\_\_ of equipment and reshaping the locations of \_\_\_\_\_ and sites within the republic. In 2006, the military achieved initial operational capabilities and stabilization of. The full operational \_\_\_\_\_ are set to be reached before the end of 2012.

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*Find/Translate the following collocations in the text.*

1 nasadit jednotky	commit troops
2 osvojit si postupy	absorb procedures
3 prvotní poslání	primary mission
4 zajistit obranu	ensure defence
5 vrchní velitel	supreme commander
6 přispět k plánování	contribute to planning
7 plnit úkoly	fulfil tasks
8 mezinárodní závazky	international obligations
9 splnit závazky	to meet commitments
10 společné cvičení	joint exercise