

News Release



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EXERCISE NOBLE MARINER 2012 LAUNCHED IN TOULON, FRANCE

24 September 2012

From 24 September to 7 October 2012, NATO will conduct a major naval exercise code-named Noble Mariner 12 (NOMR12) in the Mediterranean Sea.

NOMR12 plays an important part in the certification process of the NATO Response Force (NRF). This year, the objective is to certify the capacity of France to lead the maritime component of NRF.

Task Force (TF) 445 and all its units will deploy to the exercise zone and evolve in a crisis scenario involving a multi-threat environment. NOMR12 will allow to train the staff of participating units in all types of warfare, highlighting the expeditionary nature of NRF deployments.

Allied Maritime Command Northwood will oversee both the preparation and conduct of this exercise.

Rear Admiral Philippe Coindreau (French Navy), **FRMARFOR** Commander, will assume command of TF 445.

The successful completion of this exercise will allow FRMARFOR to assume command of the maritime component of the NRF for the whole of 2013.

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Timeline:

- **24 Sept:** All naval units arrive in Toulon, France. Commanders Conference onboard FS Tonerre.
- **25 Sept:** Pre-Sail Conference
- **28 Sept to 3 Oct:** Serial Exercises Phase
- **4 Oct to 7 Oct:** Crisis Scenario Phase
- **7 Oct:** End of exercise. All naval units return Toulon.

Additional information:

A comprehensive media kit and pictures of the exercise can be downloaded from MC Northwood's website:

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