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Bases for the discussion of the Doctrine of Defense and Security

In an act held on September 6, the Minister of Defense, Rubén Saavedra Soto, handed over to the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, the bases for discussion of the Security and Defense Doctrine of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, as an instrument that contributes to the knowledge and understanding of the fundamentals, the state vision, structure, projection and the resources assigned to the Defense Sector for the fulfillment of its institutional mission.

The publication presented by the Ministry of Defense, presents the essential components of the Security and Defense System, as well as Defense policies, based on the principles established by the Political Constitution of the State, which declare Bolivia as a pacifist State that promotes peace but reserves the right of its legitimate defense, and in this perspective said policies are aimed at guaranteeing the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and the safeguarding of the interests of the State, also as an important task, it encourages the active participation of the entire society , for the achievement of the objectives of Security and Defense.

Within this framework, the new vision of State Security and Defense establishes primary and collective responsibilities, through a strategic process that consolidates a Security and Defense System, committed to all State bodies, society as a whole and the Armed Forces. Armed forces as the axis and engine of state sovereignty.

The objective of this publication is to generate public discussion, citizen participation and the intellectual contribution of all Bolivians, civilians and soldiers, in relation to the essential components of the Security and Defense System, which act on the stage of the State and reflect transparency in defense spending.

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Ministry of Defense renders public accounts to Bolivian society

In order to comply with the provisions on Social Control, established within the framework of the Political Constitution of the State, Supreme Decree 214 and the Transparency in Public Management program, the Ministry of Defense rendered public accounts to the social movements and civil society in general.

In the meeting with the social organizations, the Minister of Defense, Rubén Saavedra, the Vice Ministers of Defense and Development Cooperation and Civil Defense participated, in addition to the Military High Command, an opportunity in which the level of execution of the Institutional POA for the 2010 administration, results and level of execution of the projects carried out by the Defense sector.

As a second task of Accountability, the Vice Minister of Civil Defense, Hernán Tuco, reported on the existing regulations for the prevention and care of disasters and emergencies, as well as the institutional context for emergency care in the periods 2006-2010. (drought 2008-2010; El Niño Phenomenon 2009-2010, Fires 2010).

The Vice Ministry of Civil Defense also explained the prevention, rehabilitation and reconstruction actions as well as the economic resources available for emergency care.

Social organizations making use of their right to participation and social control, issued their criteria on the quality, sufficiency and timeliness of the goods and services that Civil Defense provides to the population in case of disasters and emergencies. In the same way, recommendations were formulated to contribute to the better performance of the POA 2010.

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Educational Unit of the Army released two new blocks

The Defense Minister, Rubén Saavedra, handed over the first phase of construction of the new infrastructure that will be destined to the Army Educational Unit, the same one that is executed by the Spanish company Grentidem SA, which has erected a modern commercial complex in the area of Irpavi in La Paz, called Megacenter La Paz.

Each one of the blocks contains modern and appropriate infrastructure for the administrative staff, teachers and students who attend the Army Educational Unit, which currently operates in the facilities of the Army Military College.

The administrative block consists of 28 rooms built on an area of 810 m2. and the block corresponding to secondary school has 32 rooms built on an area of 1,773 m2, an infrastructure that had an investment cost of $700,000.

In time to discover the plaque and hand over the keys to the construction to the Commander of the Army, the Minister of Defense urged the beneficiaries; teaching staff and students in the Educational Unit of the Army, taking care of the new infrastructure and making the most of its comfortable environments for the education of children and adolescents.

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EMSE of Tarata launched a modern infrastructure

The Military School of Sergeants of the Army "Maximiliano Paredes" (EMSE) located in the town of Tarata, Cochabamba, benefited from the delivery of four modern facilities, built in the first phase of that complex. The President of the Plurinational State Evo Morales Ayma, accompanied by the Minister of Defense, Rubén Saavedra, military and municipal authorities of the region, delivered the modern infrastructure, on September 4, which was financed with resources from the "Evo Cumple" Program. .

On that occasion, the President highlighted his satisfaction in delivering the new infrastructure, which will serve for the sergeants to continue their preparation, so that, together with the officers of the Armed Forces, they have all the capacity to defend the Homeland, the integration, natural resources and promote the development of Bolivia.

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Defense promotes border development projects

The Ministry of Defense, through the General Directorate of Border Security Zones, promotes the holding of seminar workshops in municipalities of the border regions to strengthen the development of technical capacities in municipal officials.

From September 15 to 17, in the city of Trinidad, the III Workshop Seminar for the "Elaboration and Evaluation of Development Projects for Border Municipalities of Beni" was held, in which around 300 officials from all the municipalities of the region participated.

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The Ministry of Defense, for this type of event, makes technical personnel from the ministries involved in the subject available to the participants, so that they can teach how to prepare development projects, complying with the established regulations.

The General Director of Border Security Zones, Gen. Mario Antezana, in time to inaugurate the event, explained that the borders of the State are the most sensitive points of our sovereignty, which is why "territorial integrity, the preservation of natural resources and the development of border areas are defined in our Political Constitution of the State as a duty of the State", on whose mandate the defense sector works promoting development projects

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Evaluation of border posts

Taking into account that it is a fundamental duty of the Armed Forces, the defense, security and control of the border areas of Bolivia, the General Directorate of Border Security Zones developed the I Workshop Seminar "Evaluation and Border Security. Strategic Situation of the Border Posts and Port Captaincies", whose objective is to evaluate and plan the creation or reduction of the same and the logistical equipment of the new military posts on the borders as well as the respective equipment of the same to make their performance effective. in the important mission that the military entity develops in those regions.

In this meeting, the commanders of the military units of the Armed Forces, naval districts, air brigades, commands of small units stationed in the Beni Garrison participated.

Navy will create new units to improve strategic coverage

With the objective of establishing and consolidating the presence of the State, with territorial sovereignty, the Bolivian Navy, in coordination with the General Directorate of Border Security Zones, projects the creation of new border units and transfer of some units to improve their strategic coverage.

These are at least 17 units that will be installed in different regions of the country, particularly in the border areas with lake influx, such as the department of Pando, Beni, Santa Cruz, Tarija and the north of La Paz.

For this purpose, the Bolivian Navy is planning the displacement of some military units to the new port captaincies and naval bases that will be created.

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Bolivian Navy quantifies natural resources of the Madre de Dios River

With the objective of promoting the development of border security zones, the Bolivian Navy carried out a population census and quantification of the existing natural resources in the adjacent populations of the Madre de Dios River.

The First Naval District "Beni" executed the Census Operations Plan, in the Naval Madre de Dios strategic axis, in coordination with the Agency for the Development of Macroregions and Border Zones (ADEMAF)

On board two trucks transporting two speedboats, fuel and equipment, the commission of census takers began the task entrusted by the government entity, after receiving training days on this work, by representatives of ADEMAF.

Binational search, rescue and rescue exercise

Lake Titicaca was the scene of the Second Search, Rescue and Rescue Exercise aboard patrol boats of the Navy of the Republic of Peru and the Bolivian Navy. These joint exercises were carried out within the framework of the agreements signed between the Third Naval Zone of the Peruvian Navy and the Fourth Naval District "Titicaca", held at the IX Meeting of Border Commands.

The registered drill was carried out one mile from the town of Huatajata, where specialists in submersion in the water from the Altitude Diving Instruction Center (CIBA) participated. The activity was attended by the Vice Minister of Civil Defense, Hernán Tuco Ayma and representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Peru.

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Inauguration of the LPG filling plant

The Bolivian Navy transported 120,000 kilograms of natural gas to the town of Guayanamerín, through the Naval Ichilo Mamoré strategic axis, so that the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Packaging Plant can proceed to package and market this essential product in the surrounding towns .

Until now, liquefied gas was transported in bottles, by road, which raised the cost of production. As a result of the agreement signed between YPFB and the Bolivian Navy, the “Transnaval” Services Operating Unit. He will take care of the transportation.
The inauguration ceremony of the Engarrafadora Plant was attended by the President of YPFB, Carlos Villegas, the Director of the Agency for the Development of Macroregions and Borders (ADEMAF), Juan Ramón Quintana and authorities of the Military High Command.

Defense deactivates disused explosives

In order to protect the safety of Armed Forces personnel and discard obsolete material, the 6th “Independence” Marine Infantry Battalion, stationed in the town of Chua, detonated and destroyed different types of war grenades.
The demolition of this war equipment was carried out with personnel specialized in handling explosives from the Ministry of Defense and the Bolivian Navy.

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Defense decorated the Ambassador of Brazil for his cooperation in the face of natural disasters in Bolivia

The Minister of Defense, Rubén Saavedra, conferred the "Marshal Andrés de Santa Cruz" decoration in the rank Grand Official of the Order, to the Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Frederico Cezar de Araujo, for all the support provided to the Plurinational State of Bolivia and particularly the Ministry of Defense and the Armed Forces.

In compliance with Ministerial Resolution No. 0654 dated September 8 of this year, the Ministry of Defense granted the highest distinction to the Brazilian diplomat in gratitude for his disinterested collaboration in dealing with emergencies caused by the presence of adverse natural phenomena. that affected several regions of the country. This diplomatic delegation promised to donate equipment and tools for an approximate value of $500,000 to control forest fires.

In turn, the Vice Minister of Civil Defense, Hernán Tuco Ayma, delivered a present, consisting of a red poncho and a scarf with native motifs, clothing representative of the highland region of our country, in recognition of the collaboration of the Government Brazilian to the emergency due to the fires.

For his part, Araujo, in time to express his gratitude for the award, reiterated his Government's permanent commitment to support in natural disasters as well as in the normal course of relations established in terms of Defense and Armed Forces that develop between both countries. .

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