

## Philippine Embassy Discusses Defense Cooperation with Jordan Armed Forces

Increased defense cooperation between the Philippines and Jordan took center stage at the joint coordination meeting, hosted by the Philippine Embassy in Amman, between the National Security Council (NSC) of the Philippines and the Jordan Armed Forces (JAF).

Both sides exchanged views on positive developments in the two countries' defense relations. The Philippines highlighted the importance of learning from each other's experiences and knowledge, particularly in the field of counterterrorism and preventing and countering violent extremism.

The officials also identified joint activities that may be undertaken to further strengthen the two countries' partnership under the auspices of the signed Memorandum of Understanding on Defense Cooperation between the Philippines and Jordan.

In attendance were delegates of the NSC from the Philippines headed by Deputy Director-General Rufino S. Lopez, Jr. together with Assistant Director-General Renia Corocoto, Dr. Rodelene Tan, and Mr. Philip Vincent Alegre. The Jordanian side was represented by COL Basma Al Zoebi, LTC Hamzah Al-Rababbah, LTC Eman Al Smadi, and 1LT Khaled Bani Hamdan.

The meeting was presided by His Excellency Ambassador Akmad Atlah Sakkam, assisted by Second Secretary Julius de Guzman, Third Secretary and Vice Consul Angeli Payumo, and Third Secretary and Vice Consul Sheila Andales. END





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