

Multinational Stand-by High Readiness



Brigade for United Nations operations

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To:
SHIRBRIG Non Permanent members
Former SHIRBRIG members

Dear all,

SHIRBRIG disbandment 30 June 2009 - information to SHIRBRIG current and former members.

At the 33 Steering Committee meeting 18 – 20 November 2008, it was decided to close all SHIRBRIG activities and to disband the Planning Element (PLANELM) by 30 June 2009. COMSHIRBRIG was requested to take over administrative lead on behalf of the Steering Committee (SC) for the remaining period. On 25 March 2009, I was appointed as COMSHIRBRIG.

From the first initiative in 1994, the formal start of SHIRBRIG in 1997 and up to date it has been an interesting journey. SHIRBRIG has participated in UNMEE in Ethiopia and Eritrea, UNAMIS and UNMIS in Sudan. Furthermore planning support has been given to Ivory Coast, UNMIL, Darfur Planning Team, AMISOM and MINURCAT.

By assisting EASBRIG and ECOWAS since 2003, the Planelm has developed a program for African Capacity building (ACB). In November 2008, SHIRBRIG Planelm gave assistance to the EASBRIG CPX. Furthermore, officers from the PLANELM supported the CIMIC Exercise in Nairobi in April / May this year. If requested our ACB support will continue up to the closing date. Besides ongoing ACB activities the SHIRBRIG Planelm will be busy up to closing date with transmitting material, documents and experience to member states and partners, including the United Nations.

Wherever SHIRBRIG has been involved, our work is known for its professionalism and quality. This was and still is due to highly qualified staff officers and NCO`s, permanents as well as non permanents.

As Commander of a unit with this reputation, it is an honour for me to thank you for your contribution. SHIRBRIG will be history, but all of us can be proud to have belonged to this unit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kurt Mosgaard".

Kurt Mosgaard
Major General
Chairman / Commander

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The closing ceremony of SHIRBRIG will take place 30 June 2009. Please find the letter of invitation on WWW.SHIRBRIG.DK. Due to financial limitations only political level, former Commanders and former Chief of Staffs have been invited. However, you are all welcome for this short ceremony on own cost.

For participation, please report NLT 10 June to e-mail address:
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