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Exercises on the defense of Norway

To create security for Norway and the safety of the population, we rely on practicing with our allies. Therefore, in the autumn of 2018, Norway will be host country for NATO's biggest exercise, Trident Juncture. At the same time, a national health exercise will be held in Kristiansund on Monday 29 October.

NATO is the world's largest military alliance and forms the foundation of the defense of Norway. If there is a major conflict, the countries in the alliance are dependent on standing together. Therefore, the basic principle in NATO is "One for all, all for one".

For the Armed Forces, it is to practice to defend Norway the most important thing we do. In order to have good quality soldiers and equipment, we must practice and train regularly. Equally important is to practice with our allies to ensure that cooperation between countries works as well as possible.

Greatest military exercise since the 1980s

Exercise Trident Juncture is the NATO Alliance's biggest exercise, a so-called high-profile exercise, and will be held in Norway in October-November 2018. About 50,000 troops from over 30 countries will practice Norway in this period.

For Norway, this will be the biggest exercise since the 1980s, which in turn will cause many Norwegians to notice that NATO is practicing in this period.

The counties Trøndelag, Møre og Romsdal, Østfold, Oppland and Hedmark are affected to the greatest extent.

The whole of Norway is practicing

The exercise will also be a test for the reintroduced total defense, which is the overall effort of the nation in crisis and war - military and civilian.

If a serious situation arises, civil society and the Armed Forces are mutually dependent. The sum of the country's civil and military resources, working together to prevent and deal with crises, armed conflicts and war, we call the total defense.

In a crisis or conflict, a number of civilian professions and industries may be affected. These include health care, transport and logistics, agriculture, food industry, media and construction - and these are also to be trained and tested during Trident Juncture.

Exercise in Møre og Romsdal

A large part of the main activity during the exercise Trident Juncture will take place in Møre og Romsdal. Especially from Åndalsnes in the south, to Oppland in the east and north to Trøndelag, the exercise will be marked significantly. In these areas there will be visible military forces practicing from September to November.

During the period, more military columns will be transported on a daily basis. Sometimes there can be heavy load on the road network, which can lead to reduced accessibility and delays in the county of Møre og Romsdal. In particular, there will be a great military presence in and around Molde, Åndalsnes, Rindal, Sunndalsøra and Kristiansund. There must be a fair amount of noise in these areas.

What does this mean to us in Kristiansund?

Kristiansund has a limited role in Trident Juncture. About 2000 Italian soldiers fly in via Kvernberget, then transported to Oppdal and Trøndelag. Nevertheless, some military activity will be, especially in connection with the National Health Practice October 29th.

There will also be an increase in the military presence in Kristiansund during the last part of October and the first part of November. You will see military personnel and military vehicles / vessels and aircraft. During the national health exercise, you will also be able to see military patrols and so-called roadside checkpoints.

The concentration around the exercise will be in the area of Vestbase-Kvernberget and the area of Innlandsbrua-Sykehuset-Storhaugen. At Vestbase there will be explosions and shots from the exercise community.

If you have questions about exercise Trident Juncture or National Health Practice, please contact the service center in Kristiansund Municipality. The address is Vågeveien 4 and the telephone number is 71574000.

