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ORION 2026 Exercice

As part of ORION 2026 Exercise, the French Ministry of the Armed Forces wishes to inform media representatives of the cancellation of the Media Day initially scheduled for 27 April 2026 in the Champagne region.

ORION 2026 is a major, high-intensity military exercise involving land and air forces engaged in a division-level operation designed to train forces to operate in complex, contested and multi-domain environments. The exercise mobilizes a wide range of capabilities across the full chain of command, including combat, support and logistics components.

In light of ongoing operational requirements, and in order to ensure the proper conduct and overall coherence of the exercise, it has been decided to cancel this specific media event.

French Ministry of the Armed Forces remains fully committed to providing meaningful insight into ORION 2026 and will continue to engage with national and international media throughout the exercise. Alternative media opportunities may be proposed at a later stage.

Media representatives who had registered or initiated the accreditation process for this Media Day will be contacted directly by the Media Relations Office.

The Ministry would like to thank all media organisations for their understanding, flexibility and continued interest in this major exercise, which represents a key milestone in France's

preparation for high-intensity operations.

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