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On Inspection in Sector 1

All is well in the west: The Argentinean contingent, under the command of Lt Col Ricardo Fresta, hosted Force Commander Major General Kristin Lund for her regular inspections on 12 May. There are 295 troops in Sector one, most from Argentina, with 14 personnel from Chile, 14 from Paraguay and 1 from Brazil. Sector 1 headquarters are based in San Martin Camp in Skouriotissa. The Force Commander's Inspections provide her with the opportunity to check on the troops' compliance with operational and training requirements. Speaking with peacekeepers out in the Sectors is also the best way for Maj Gen Lund to get to know their capacities, and the situation on the ground. Sector 1 faces particular challenges because of its mountainous terrain at the base of the Troodos. Maintenance of patrol tracks in the area is an ongoing and critical task that ensures that peacekeepers can traverse this area of the buffer zone in safety. With the weather heating up, fires can also be a major issue in Sector 1, and across all parts of the buffer zone.



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