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Château St. Gerlach welcomes Ministers of Defence

At the 10th and 11th of June Château St. Gerlach was a military area for a couple of days. The Defence Ministers from nations involved in front-line fighting in the South of Afghanistan (United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Denmark, Estonia, Rumania, Australia and The Netherlands) were at Château St. Gerlach to speak about the situation in the South of Afghanistan. They were accompanied by their highest military advisors.

During the meeting the Dutch Defence was responsible for the security of the château. Around the country estate strong safety measures were taken to guarantee the safety of the conference.

Château St. Gerlach was honoured to welcome the Defence Ministers. All employees did their utmost best to give them a warm welcome. Dutch Defence Minister Eimert van Middelkoop stated that he was proud to be a host in such a beautiful surrounding. He received a lot of compliments of his colleague Defense Ministers. Yesterday evening he and Robert Gates visited the monumental Gerlachus church at Château St. Gerlach. They were very impressed of the beauty of this church that dates from the 17th century. Van Middelkoop: “The hospitality of Château St. Gerlach created a relaxing sphere. This was very important for the chemistry between the countries, which also stimulated the confidence in the ISAF”.

It is not the first time Château St. Gerlach welcomes dignitaries. The country estate earlier welcomed former President of the United States George W. Bush in 2005 and hosted the NATO top in 1997 and several Ministerial Conferences during the Dutch European Chairmanship (like the Gymnich top).

Picture: NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer and the 8 Defence Ministers in front of Château St. Gerlach.
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