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Dear reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of the KFOR Chronicle. This past month has been exceptionally eventful, highlighted by the significant visit from the North Atlantic Council (NAC) and NATO Secretary General Mark RUTTE.

In this issue, we provide an in-depth review of the NAC meeting held at Camp Film City, showcasing its successful outcomes. The KFOR HQ J4 provides valuable insights into the diverse array of roles that contribute to our mission.

From the field, RC-West's OF-2 Gennaro ANGRISANO shares a compelling discussion on the principle of impartiality and its vital significance for the KFOR mission. This edition also spotlights the critical role of the Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear (CBRN) teams in enhancing our operational effectiveness.

RC-East reports on the engineers' vital work at Camp Vrelo, underscoring its importance to the overall success of KFOR. Additionally, we highlight the significance of physical endurance through the recent Norwegian Foot March conducted at Camp Bondsteel.

The KTRBN welcomes its 32nd rotation, reflecting on their recent achievements in attaining Full Mission Capability (FMC) during rigorous exercises. The MSU also shares highlights from the recent Change of Command Ceremony (CoC).

Lastly, we take a moment to celebrate the dedication of our personnel through photographs from recent Medal Parades and Change of Command ceremonies, as well as showcasing the International Military Specific Test (MST) competition hosted by the Austrian Contingent at Camp Film City (CFC).

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North Atlantic Council Meeting:



On the 11 of March 2025 in Camp Film City, KFOR HQ, The North Atlantic Council (NAC) convened for a significant meeting that underscored NATO's commitment to collective defence, security cooperation, and strategic challenges faced by member states. As the principal decision-making body of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the NAC plays a crucial role in shaping the alliance's policies and responses to evolving geopolitical dynamics.

The Secretary General, H.E. Mark RUTTE, led the visit of the North Atlantic Council and troop contributing partners to the NATO-led KFOR mission and the NATO Advisory and Liaison Team (NALT). Together with the NATO Deputy Secretary General, Ms Radmila SHEKERINSKA, and the Chair of NATO's Military Committee, Admiral Giuseppe CAVO DRAGONE, they met with the leadership and personnel of KFOR and the NALT. They also had an exchange of views with the Heads of Mission of the European Union, the EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo (EULEX), the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of Mission of UNMIK, and the Acting

Head of Mission of the OSCE. Furthermore, the Secretary General met with representatives of the Institutions in Kosovo, for bilateral discussions.

Major General Enrico BARDUANI, COM KFOR, welcomed the NAC, along with NATO Secretary General H.E. Mark RUTTE and NATO Deputy Secretary General Ms. Radmila SHEKERINSKA, during their visit to KFOR.

During the visit, COM KFOR Major General BARDUANI shared his views on the current security situation across the region and emphasized KFOR's efforts to ensure a safe and secure environment for all people living in Kosovo, as well as to support the EU-facilitated dialogue between Pristina and Belgrade.

COM KFOR Major General BARDUANI also engaged with ambassadors from KFOR troop-contributing nations, expressing gratitude for their steadfast support of the NATO-led KFOR mission and the overall security of the region. During his visit the Secretary General, H.E. Mark RUTTE stated "NATO has supported peace and

A Vital Step for NATO's Future



stability in the Western Balkans region for thirty years; our commitment remains strong today, spearheaded by KFOR, which is our longest and currently largest mission. Under the excellent leadership of Major General Enrico BARDUANI, our KFOR troops work relentlessly to ensure a safe and secure environment for all people and communities living in Kosovo, in line with KFOR's long-standing UN mandate; and the NATO Advisory and Liaison Team continues to support the security organisations in Kosovo, through capacity-building, education and training coordination; a secure Western Balkans region means more security across the whole Euro-Atlantic area," Secretary General RUTTE said. "NATO will continue to play its part, in close coordination with the Kosovo Police and the EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo, in our respective roles as security responders," he added.

"The solution leading to long-lasting peace is political; NATO will continue to fully support the normalisation of relations between Belgrade and Pristina, led by the European Union; this is the only way to solve pending issues, and secure

a stable future, ensuring that the rights of all communities are respected and safeguarded; to move the Dialogue forward, both sides must show flexibility, make the necessary compromises, and focus on the long-term gains," he pointed out.

In a letter distributed to all KFOR units after the event, COM KFOR Major General BARDUANI expressed his genuine appreciation for the dedication of all KFOR personnel. He wrote "I wish to express my sincerest commendation for the outstanding work carried out in the planning, organization, and execution of all activities related to this institutional visit, which was met with enthusiasm and appreciation by all attending authorities. The event was a great success only due to your collective dedication, professionalism, and scrupulous attention to detail, and for that, I am truly grateful".

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The Principle of Impartiality



One of the key principles of the NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR) mission is certainly impartiality. Kosovo is marked by a multitude of ethnicities and religions. KFOR soldiers are tasked with ensuring the safety of everyone without any distinction. This aspect of the operation requires attention and judgment, but above all, it necessitates a level of professional maturity that must guide the behavior of soldiers during their duties in peacekeeping operations.

This means that soldiers must protect all Kosovo citizens, regardless of their ethnicity, religion, or political affiliation. In practice, this involves maintaining a neutral stance in all situations

and ensuring that security measures are applied equally to all communities. Whether patrolling urban or rural areas, the soldiers' actions are focused on maintaining peace without facilitating one group over another.

The principle of impartiality is fundamental in Kosovo, where the legacy of the 1999 conflict still influences local dynamics. By acting impartially, KFOR ensures that all communities feel secure and that no group feels threatened or marginalized. The soldiers are trained to manage delicate situations with professionalism, often engaging in dialogue with local leaders to promote understanding and cooperation.

: a soldier's point of view



"During our patrols," says OR 4 Luigi RUSSO, a patrol leader of Sierra Coy of Regional Command West (RC-W), "we notice that the main feature of the area in which we operate is heterogeneity. The most evident sign of this ethnic multiplicity is that you can see mosques and monasteries just a few meters apart. These are fascinating details that capture our attention but constantly remind us of our task: the protection of everyone, regardless of religious belief or ethnicity."

The effectiveness of KFOR's mission is largely due to this commitment to impartiality. It fosters trust among the local population and helps maintain a delicate balance in a post-conflict society. As Kosovo continues its path toward stability, the soldiers of RC-W play an essential role in ensuring that peace remains intact while adhering strictly to the principle of impartiality.

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T.I.M. Inspections: a



In the KFOR organization, some very highly specialized units work hard out of the spotlight, giving their significant contribution to the mission. This is the case for CBRN teams, which are part of the support units.

The CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear) teams of KFOR play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and security of the country by responding to potential threats involving hazardous materials. These teams are specially trained to detect, identify, and neutralize CBRN threats, providing both prevention and response capabilities in the event of emergencies or attacks.

One of the significant activities carried out by KFOR's CBRN teams in Kosovo is the inspection of Toxic Industrial Materials (TIM). TIM refers to chemicals and materials commonly used in various industries that can pose severe risks if improperly stored, handled, or transported. These materials can become very destructive if involved in the event of an industrial accident, which is why their monitoring and control are vital.

The CBRN teams perform regular inspections of facilities and factories where TIM might be stored or transported. During these inspections, soldiers assess the safety measures in place, check for any possible risks of leakage or contamination,

CBRN Team's Job



and ensure compliance with international safety standards. The goal is to prevent the misuse of these materials and to identify any vulnerabilities. These activities are conducted in close coordination with local authorities and the Kosovo Security Forces (KSF). In particular, they aim to support the Ministry of Environment and Territorial Planning (MESP) in order to maintain a clear status of industrial sites.

"During the last TIM inspection we performed," says OR 5 Marco PIZZOLO, "we worked side by side with Finnish and KSF. This allows us to share procedures and experiences, improving results. The coordination with local authorities and KSF

is crucial for us. We aim to provide them with the skills to independently manage these activities." Through their ongoing efforts in inspecting and safeguarding TIM, KFOR's CBRN teams contribute significantly to the peacekeeping mission, ensuring a safer environment for both military personnel and civilians in Kosovo.

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“Significant Carabinieri Ceremo



On the 5 of March, at the Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU) – KFOR base in Pristina, headquarters of the MSU, the ceremony for the change of command of the Regiment took place. The multinational unit, led by Italy, operates throughout Kosovo and holds exclusive jurisdiction over the Mitrovica area, within which is the “Austerlitz” bridge, constantly guarded by the Carabinieri of the MSU and a symbol of the division between the Serbian and Albanian ethnicities. The outgoing commander, Colonel Massimo ROSATI, after completing his mandate of over a year, handed over command to Colonel Alberto SANTINI, who takes over the leadership of the MSU Regiment of the NATO KFOR mission called “Joint Enterprise.”

Italian Major General Enrico BARDUANI, COM KFOR, who presided over the passing of the NATO flag, congratulated Colonel ROSATI for

the extraordinary work carried out in guarding one of the most sensitive areas of Kosovo, the Mitrovica Bridge, reiterating what he had said on the occasion of the change of other contingents: that the presence of the MSU is not only a sign of military commitment but also a message of solidarity and hope for all communities in Kosovo.

The ceremony, which was attended by numerous authorities from both Kosovo and Italy, also saw the participation of all the commanders of the contingents operating under KFOR’s command, including: the Italian Ambassador to Kosovo, Dr. Antonello DE RIU; Major General Antonio JANNECE, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Carabinieri; and General Marco PUCCIATTI, Head of the Military Police and Stability Office of the Carabinieri General Command. During a meeting held alongside the ceremony, the two senior Carabinieri representatives expressed words of

ny at the MSU Base in Pristina.”



appreciation and esteem for the work carried out by the MSU Regiment in an operational theater that is still fragile and characterized by strong tensions and instability. Colonel ROSATI was able to provide a leadership marked by efficiency and dynamism, without neglecting the human side of being a Carabiniere, striving to ensure "SOCIAL REASSURANCE" for the entire Kosovar population, just as the Carabiniere do in Italy through local Carabiniere stations.

During his speech, Colonel ROSATI thanked the men and women of the MSU who have served this year, engaging daily in surveillance, patrolling, intelligence gathering, and providing assistance to the population in the Mitrovica area and throughout Kosovo, ensuring their professional presence in every circumstance, reassuring and neutral, to guarantee the population's safety. In extending his best wishes for a successful

tenure to Colonel Alberto SANTINI, the outgoing Commander of the MSU Regiment reiterated the importance of the contribution of the Unit's personnel, who, as part of KFOR and in full respect of the international mandate, have ensured the maintenance of a safe environment and the freedom of movement for all communities in Kosovo for the past 25 years, regardless of ethnicity or religion, in accordance with UN Resolution 1244 of 1999.

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KFOR Engineers Initiate Im



For many years multiple Ally and partner nations assigned to the KFOR mission have maintained a presence in Kosovo with the mission of serving the local population and providing a safe and secure environment for all communities living in Kosovo.

The KP and KFOR forces train together occasionally, including some large-scale training exercises. The partnership also allows both organizations to utilize the KP training base near Pristina, Kosovo, known as Camp Vrelo. Recently, the KFOR engineering team has initiated three base-level engineering projects at Camp Vrelo as part of a Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) initiative. They are renovating an obstacle course, improving and expanding the weapons range, and preparing an area for storage space that will be utilized in the future.

OF-3 Bobby BACA, is the KFOR Regional Command-East (RC-E), Brigade Engineer

and Force Protection Chief. He directed the modernization project for Camp Vrelo, viewing it as an opportunity that could benefit the KP, KFOR, and ultimately, all the communities living in Kosovo. "We train on Camp Vrelo regularly and this project has the potential to improve the facilities that are used to train the Kosovo Police force, increasing their capabilities in the future" said BACA.

OF-3 BACA gives praise to the RC-E engineers who have initiated the project and developed a plan of action. The multinational engineers working on the project include Finnish, German, U.S., and Swiss soldiers from the Joint Logistics Supply Group (JLSG). All nations bring their own specialties, equipment, and expertise to the multi-layered project.

The Finnish Combat Engineer Platoon Commander, OF-1 JUUSO, considers it a privilege to work alongside multinational Allies

Improvements to Camp Vrelo



and partners. He explains his platoon is a diverse asset to both KFOR engineers and the KFOR Manoeuvre Battalion.

"The Camp Vrelo project is a great example of how KFOR and local authorities have great cooperation for a common goal," said JUUSO. "A new obstacle course and shooting range will offer a very efficient and safe environment to practice different military skills. As a relatively new NATO-member, it is a great opportunity to see how our Allies can work with our beautiful branch of engineers."

Camp Vrelo hosts large-scale training exercises with KP, KFOR and the European Union Rule of Law Mission (EULEX). These field exercises include Golden Sabre, Silver Sabre and Rapid Action. The events are important for interoperability between nations, understanding each organization's standard operational procedures, resources and capabilities.

OR-6 Marco MISCHON is an engineer and team leader with the German contingent assigned to the Camp Vrelo engineer project. He says there are many advantages to working with the other nations' engineering teams and emphasized the need to assist the KP with their obstacle course.

Additionally, the KP allows KFOR to utilize the location for more military-specific events. The KFOR RC-E Manoeuvre Battalion, will be hosting a Best Squad Competition on Camp Vrelo in April, 2025. The competition is a fun and challenging squad-level event that will test soldiers on the necessary physical and mental skills that are vital for the battlefield.

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The 32nd Rotation of the



The 32nd rotation of the Hungarian Defence Forces (HDF) KFOR successfully completed the Full Mission Capability (FMC) exercise on March 14, 2025. By passing this exercise, the soldiers demonstrated their preparedness and suitability for executing mission tasks, which require them to be in constant readiness and effectively manage various crisis situations.

During the FMC exercise, special emphasis was placed on assessing the readiness status, the execution of Crowd and Riot Control (CRC) tasks, and the application of Firephobia training. The exercise was organized and conducted by an expert decision-making committee that continuously monitored the performance of the Soldiers. The evaluation criteria included the

Soldiers' situational awareness, professional preparedness, reaction time, and problem-solving skills, as unexpected events could occur, just as in real mission situations.

The successful completion of the FMC exercise was supported by the KFOR Tactical Reserve Battalion's (KTRBN) Manoeuvre Companies, the Multinational Specialized Unit (MSU), the Tactical Psyops Team (TPT), and the Joint Logistic Support Group's (JLSG) Movement Support Detachment (MSD). During the exercise, the soldiers were tasked with managing a gradually escalating crowd situation while minimizing personal injuries and material damage. The exercise involved a simulated crowd that initially engaged in verbal provocation, then became increasingly aggressive

Hungarian Defence Forces



and resorted to radical means such as Molotov cocktails. The soldiers applied their knowledge gained from Firephobia training to handle the dangerous situation.

As tensions escalated further, the soldiers with CRC tasks had to adopt a more forceful approach. In accordance with the KFOR regulations, first with verbal means. Since the effectiveness of this was low, therefore, tear gas grenades and paintball weapons were deployed, proving to be effective tools in controlling the crowd while prioritizing personnel protection. The disciplined and determined actions of the soldiers contributed to successfully maintaining control over the situation, ultimately leading to a peaceful resolution.

Based on the results observed during the exercise and the soldiers' performance, it is evident that the 32nd rotation of the HDF KFOR is well-prepared for mission service. Their performance during the test confirms that Hungarian soldiers are capable of effectively responding to various challenges and ensuring the successful execution of peacekeeping operations at a high level. The successful FMC exercise also signifies that the unit is ready to carry out its upcoming tasks and cooperate with international partners.

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Camp Bondsteel Hosts th



Multinational soldiers gathered to participate in the Norwegian Foot March at Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, on Mar. 9, 2025. The Norwegian Foot March (NFM), is a 30K endurance march that was first held for soldiers in Norway in 1915. Initially, the strategic goal of the march was to ensure that large numbers of troops could travel long distances swiftly and be prepared for combat.

A U.S. Army Soldier assigned to Regional Command-East worked with the Norwegian embassy in order to organize the event. U.S. Army OF-2 Christian DUPLESSIE, successfully coordinated and marketed the NFM. "The NFM is an amazing event from its history to its sheer difficulty," said DUPLESSIE. "Plus with Camp Bondsteel being a multinational duty station it was important to continue building on our international relationships."

The soldiers must be dressed in their military-issued uniform and carry 11kg throughout the race in order to fulfill the requirements of the

NFM. The participants' bags are weighed before and after the event to ensure compliance. There are several other parameters to hosting a proper NFM including, distance markers every 5 km along the route, a minimum of three hydration stations, and the start and finish of the race must be the same height above sea level.

A bronze, silver, or gold badge is presented to participants who complete the NFM in their required time limit based on age and gender. First timers will only receive a bronze badge upon successful completion, silver is presented to those who have completed the march 2 to 4 times, and a gold badge is presented to those who have successfully completed the march five or more times.

Over 100 participants, representing several nations lined up to weigh their bags on the morning of the event. There were registered competitors from Poland, Germany, Switzerland, Finland, U.S. and Latvia. OR-7 Tobias REIS, a German team leader with the KFOR Manoeuvre

The Norwegian Foot March



Battalion, said the route was very difficult but he enjoyed the mountainous scenery along the way. "I enjoyed marching alongside the other nations," said REIS. "I could see the beautiful mountains with every lap coming around the ranges."

The consensus among most NFM participants was that the route on Camp Bondsteel was very challenging and strenuous. However, some view the physical challenges as an opportunity for physical and mental growth. U.S. Army OF-1 Ariana MARKS, was the second place finisher at 3 hours and 16 minutes. She is a long distance runner and loves to take part in many of the endurance fitness events held at Camp Bondsteel. She appreciated all of the volunteers that showed up to help with the event. Additionally, she valued the motivation they provided during the tough course.

"Getting to complete the March with such a diverse group of soldiers was a unique and fun experience," said MARKS. "In the Army, it's good to get comfortable being uncomfortable. I think completing challenging endurance events is one of the best ways to build mental resilience. If you can ruck 18.6 miles over the rolling hills of Camp Bondsteel, you can feel confident in your ability to tolerate other forms of adversity in your day-to-day-life."

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The J4 Branch Motto i



Amateurs talk tactics; professionals talk logistics. Or so the old adage goes! The J4 Branch, KFOR HQ enables, plans, and coordinates logistical responsibilities for KFOR in the Area of Operations (AO). The J4 Branch motto is "we support y'all", a reflection of what is at the fore of the minds of those employed in the J4 Branch at all times as we strive to complete our logistical endeavors, supporting all the soldiers of KFOR.

Under the direction of D COS Sp, the J4 Branch is commanded by Lt Col Maik KLEBS from the German Army. Though its outputs may seem large, J4 is quite a small branch, consisting of only six officers and one civilian, with one staff officer position vacant. These officers hail from Germany, Romania, Turkiye, USA, and Ireland, with an international civilian from Belgium based in Camp Petrovec, North Macedonia. Together, they bring with them a broad wealth of domestic military experience and overseas deployments and cumulatively, the seven members of J4 Branch have an astonishing 172 years of service.

The J4 Branch is divided into several specialist fields, each with distinct responsibilities. A brief synopsis of which is described below:

J4 Head: With over two decades of Bundeswehr logistics experience, the J4 Head provides clear guidance and direction to the branch. He ensures the senior leadership at KFOR HQ is informed of all key logistical matters and delivers briefings to new personnel and during Key Leader Training.

J4 Plans Officer: The Branch Deputy Head, facilitates agreements between troop contributing nations (TCN), host nation support, and private contractors. He plans the deployment of over the horizon reserve forces (OTHR), overseeing Reception Staging and Onward Movement (RSOM) on arrival, and Rearward Movement Staging and Dispatch (RMSD) for their return. His careful planning ensures deployments and redeployments happen seamlessly.

s “We Support Y’all”



Theatre Asset Management Section (TAMS): Oversees KFOR’s “blue fleet.” This role involves maintaining the fleet, processing vehicle write-offs at the end of their service life, and coordinating the regeneration of new vehicles in line with mission requirements.

Real Estate Staff Officer: Provides advice and guidance regarding real estate that KFOR occupies in Kosovo. He maintains the real estate database, establishes land ownership and ensures leases for lands occupied are paid annually.

Movement and Transport Staff Officer: Coordinates and advises TCNs for deployments and maintains and deconflicts all road, air, and rail movement throughout the AO.

Logistics Ops Analyst: Collects and prepares data from subordinate units to provide KFOR HQ with a comprehensive logistics overview.

KFOR Liaison Officer Skopje: Conducts customs inspections for KFOR TCNs and works closely with North Macedonian authorities. He ensures

freedom of movement for KFOR troops and OTHR transiting North Macedonia.

The J4 Branch collaborate daily with JLSG, HSG and the logistics officers of RC-West, RC-East and MSU. The monthly logistics synchronisation meeting, organised and chaired by the J4 Head brings together all the key logistics staff of KFOR and ensures an excellent flow of information and idea sharing between logistics staff and is a forum for resolving logistical issues.

Though the battle rhythm of J4 Branch is intense, it is a hugely rewarding place to work and provides its staff with an opportunity to see all the units and locations where KFOR troops are deployed. This garners J4 Branch with a real sense of the pulse of KFOR, which we need to have in order to support y’all!

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On the 6 March, COM KFOR Major General Enrico BARDUANI met with the Minister of Defence of Montenegro, His Excellency Dragan KRAPOVIC, and the Chief of General Staff of the Army of Montenegro, Brigadier General Zoran LAZAREVIC, in Podgorica.



U.S. soldiers assigned to RC-East, teamed up with members of the Kosovo Police for Combat Lifesavers Training at Camp Vrelo.



OF-5 Daragh O'BRIEN HSG Commander presented an Appreciation Certificate to OR-9 Zvonimir IVANCIC for his commendable actions on February 27. His efforts in extinguishing a fire caused by an electrical heater prevented a potentially serious incident in his accommodation block.



U.S. Army General Christopher DONAHUE, Commanding General of U.S Army Europe and Africa, visited soldiers of Regional Command East at Camp Bondsteel and Camp Nothing Hill.

Austrian Contingent: International MST



On March 8th, the Austrian Contingent at Camp Film City hosted an International Military Specific Test (MST). The event was divided into two phases. The first phase included a soldier's course featuring four test stations designed to assess fundamental military skills. The second phase involved a 3.2 km rush march, where participants carried their weapons and a load of 25 kg. Congratulations to everyone who participated in and organized this event.

Transfer of Authority and Medal Parade



Soldier of the month

OR-4 Raul GONZALEZ-RICO, while serving as a driver in the vicinity of gate 12, displayed remarkable resilience and skill when faced with adversity.

In a high-pressure situation, he expertly reversed his vehicle through treacherous, muddy terrain along a cliff's edge. His unwavering composure and ability to effectively respond to coaching under stress were critical in preventing both the loss of life and equipment. SPC GONZALEZ-RICO consistently makes a positive impact on those around him; he has proactively taken the initiative to design and lead group physical training sessions, fostering teamwork and fortifying esprit de corps within his unit.

His leadership, dedication, and contributions have significantly elevated the effectiveness of his platoon and company, and the overall success of the KFOR mission.



NCO of the month

OR-8 Manfredi Maria MATTOZZI, in his role as responsible for RC-West's Geo Intel Support Cell, has consistently contributed to the improvement of his product expertise to support the unit's intel-driven operations. He has conducted analytical and thematic studies in partnership with the assessment branch, providing up-to-date situational reports and fusion products that have effectively guided both kinetic and non-kinetic operations. This support was particularly appreciated during the last election period. In particular, being the only figure capable of carrying out these tasks, even though he was affected by health problems, he remained constantly present and available in his office, despite being advised to rest due to his non-optimal conditions.



