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### **Atlantic Centre mission in Cape Verde**

The Atlantic Centre (AC), in the person of its Coordinator, Rear Admiral Noronha Bragança and Navy Captain Luís da Costa Cabral, together with Dr Miguel Olivares from the Maritime Analysis and Operations Centre (Narcotics) MAOC-(N) and Dr Abbas Daher Djama from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), was on a mission to Cape Verde from 25 to 27 June to discuss joint maritime security projects.

With a multifaceted agenda, the AC and its partners met with the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Minister of Justice, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces, the Director of National Defence and the Director of the Cape Verdean Judicial Police. Of the various topics discussed, the highlight was the presentation of the project to set up a VBSS (Visit, Board, Search and Seizure) Training Centre in Cape Verde, within the scope of Maritime Security.

Cape Verde is a founding member of the AC and a trusted partner of both MAOC-(N) and UNODC, deeply committed to maritime security in the Atlantic. The success of these new projects will have a significant impact on the fight against transatlantic insecurity trends.