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The Commander of the Army and general commander of the exercise, Colonel Indrek Sirel, introduced the schedule, objectives, and current course of the training to President Ilves, who is also the highest commander of the national defence.

The Head of State visited the air defence unit, where he was shown the “Mistral” missile complex.

“The Estonian Defence Forces are becoming more and more contemporary and wise, which means that our country is being better protected,” said President Ilves. “I am pleased that even during these difficult times, Estonia’s defence expenditure has remained within the limits that ensure the efficient operability of national defence.”

The Head of State was accompanied at the “Spring Storm 2010” exercise by the Commander of the Defence Forces, Lieutenant Colonel Ants Laaneots.

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