



LUÍS MONSANTO

Major General

Deputy Force Commander of MINUSCA

Major General Luis Monsanto (Portugal) assumed the position as Deputy Force Commander of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) on December 24, 2023.

He succeeded Major General Pedro Soares (Portugal), who completed his assignment in December 2023.

With 39 years of operational experience, MGEN Luis Monsanto has served in various military units and departments within the Portuguese Army and International Organizations, holding positions of significant importance and responsibility

Throughout his distinguished career, MGEN Luis Monsanto has undertaken diverse roles in the areas of Command and Staff as well as Teaching and Advisory. His commanding positions have ranged from Platoon Leader and Battery Commander at the beginning of his career to his latest posting as the Commander of the Madeira Military Region. In addition to these commanding roles, he has served as Artillery Group Commander and Military Academy Student Corps Commander.

Internationally, MGEN Luis Monsanto has held several Staff and Command positions, including serving as Staff Officer in the SFOR II (SARAJEVO) headquarters in 2000, Commander of a National Deployed Force in Afghanistan in 2009, and as a Military Assistant to the EUFOR Commander at the European Rapid and Operational Force headquarters from 2010 to 2012. More recently, between June 2020 and September 2022, he served at the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE) - NATO, as Branch Head of the Strategic Development of Forces (SDF) Division.

MGEN Luis Monsanto was a military teacher of Strategy at the Portuguese Institute of Higher Military Studies, Director of Training at the School of Arms and Deputy of the Force Planning Department of the Planning and Programming Division of the Army General Staff. He also served as the Deputy to H.E. the General Chief of Staff of the Army General Staff, and as the Military Advisor for the Army at the Military House of the Presidency of the Republic of Portugal.

His last appointment was as the Commander of the Madeira Military Region from October 1, 2022 to December 19, 2023.

MGEN Luis Monsanto was born on January 1, 1967, in São Tomé e Príncipe (Portugal). He is married and has one son.