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NATO's annual nuclear deterrence exercise, Steadfast Noon, will be hosted by the Netherlands this year.

About Steadfast Noon

- It is an **annual nuclear exercise by NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)**.
- It is an important test for the alliance's nuclear deterrent.
- It is **hosted by a different NATO country each year**.
- The **2025 edition** of the exercise is being hosted by the **Netherlands**, with **Volkel Air Base** serving as the **main operating site**.
 - **Bases** at Kleine Brogel in **Belgium**, Lakenheath in **Britain**, and Skrydstrup in **Denmark** will also be involved.
 - Those nations, as well as **Finland, Poland, the United States, and Germany**, are among the **participants**.

- It will involve around 70 aircraft from **14 allied nations**, including both **conventional and dual-capable aircraft**.
 - Dual-capable aircraft refers to aircraft that can deliver both conventional and nuclear weapons, which includes Germany's Tornado, as well as the American and Dutch F-35 jets.
- The exercise **won't use any actual nuclear weapons**.
- **Pilots and aircraft involved** in the exercise are **certified for the nuclear mission**, but no weapons are loaded or flown.
- **France isn't participating** in the exercise, as the country **keeps its nuclear forces separate from NATO's command-and-control structure** and decision-making process.

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