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## Philip VI presides over the main events of the Day of the Spanish Armed Forces

### In Madrid

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**USPA NEWS** - King Philip VI, accompanied by Queen Letizia, presided Saturday in Madrid the act of tribute to those who gave their lives for Spain and subsequent military parade which have been the main celebrations of the Day of the Spanish Armed Forces.

Kings arrived in Madrid's Plaza of Loyalty and after receiving official honors by a company of the Royal Guard and greet the authorities who completed them, the King laid a wreath at the monument to the fallen. This was followed by a parade walk by a battalion consisting of a company of the Royal Guard and mixed with other sections of the three Armies and the Civil Guard. The formation flew over the Eagle Patrol Air Force.

Subsequently, the Kings went to the Royal Palace where they hosted a reception to representatives of the Ministry of Defense and the Armed Forces. The main events of the Day of the Spanish Armed Forces were preceded by a solemn flag-raising in the Plaza de Colón in Madrid, chaired by the Chief of Staff of Defense (JEMAD in its Spanish acronym), Admiral Fernando Garcia Sanchez, attended by the heads of Staff of the Army, Air and Navy, as well as the director general of the Civil Guard.

The main events held in Madrid put an end to a week of activities to mark the Day of the Armed Forces in Spain. There have been a total of 274 both sporting and cultural events and open days and swear flag, among others. This was the first time that Philip VI presided as King the events of the Spanish Armed Forces Day. Last year, these events were held in the impasse between the abdication of the previous monarch, Juan Carlos I, and the coronation of Philip VI, and were chaired by King father. In addition, this year the inspected the troops was recovered, which had been suspended in previous years by problems of mobility Juan Carlos I.

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