National Gendarmerie of Comoros

Year of creation: 1978

Ministry of affiliation: Department of Defense

Status of the leader: military

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Website : <u>https://www.facebook.com/GendarmerieComores/?locale=fr_FR</u>

History of the Institution

On July 6th, 1975, the President of the Council of Government, Ahmed Abdallah, declared the independence of the Comoros, which became an Islamic Federal Republic. The National Gendarmerie of the Comoros was created in 1978. The decree n° 83022/PR focus on the organization and functioning of the gendarmerie internal service.

In 1991, this corps merged with the Comorian forces of Defense (CFD), which became the National Army of Development (NAD) in 1996. In 1997, the corps equipped itself with specialized formations such as the High Personalities Security Group (HPSG), the "*garde site*" and the motorized brigade.

In 2011, the Comorian Gendarmerie structures are reorganized. Before independence, the French Gendarmerie present in the Comoros was under the authority of the detachment of Madagascar.

Organisation

Under the tutelage of the Department of Defense of the Presidency of the Comoros Union.

Territorial organisation

- A command of the gendarmerie.
- A group at the level of each large island (Grande-Comores, Anjouan, Mohéli). Each includes mobile and departmental gendarmerie forces.





Specialised formations

- The National Gendarmerie Intervention Platoon (NGIP).
- The Air Transport Gendarmerie Brigade (ATGB).
- The Criminal investigation Brigade.
- The Harbour Brigade (HB).
- Road Brigade (RB).



Missions

- Judicial police.
- Administrative police.
- Military police.



Human resources

Overall headcount.

The corps has 1,030 men and women. Women have been recruited since 1991. There are no conscripts. Officers are recruited directly or semi-directly, while non-commissioned officers are recruited by competition pathway. The personnel is partly housed in barracks according to the assignments.

Training Organizations

The National School of the Armed Forces and Gendarmerie (NSAFG), located in Vwadju, is intended to non-commissioned officers. Officers are trained in friendly countries.

Links with the French Gendarmerie

Cooperation

The Comoros Gendarmerie maintains privileged relations with France, in particular with the command of the Reunion Island Gendarmerie and the southern Indian Ocean Gendarmerie defense and security zone. As such, it benefits every year from technical cooperation actions for the training of motorcyclists and investigators, but also in the field of specialized intervention and public order and security.

The gendarmerie of the Comoros belongs to the Organization of African Gendarmeries (OGA).

