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Public Service Announcement

Operation Nanook increases military presence

Start Date: February 20, 2026
End Date: March 13, 2026
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Nunavut emergency management (NEM) is advising residents that Operation Nanook, the Canadian Armed Forces' annual northern training, is underway in several Nunavut communities until March 13, 2026.

During this period, elements of Joint Task Force (North) will establish a temporary headquarters at the Canadian High Arctic Research Station and utilize designated locations in and around Cambridge Bay.

Military and Canadian Ranger presence are also expected in Arviat, Chesterfield Inlet, Gjoa Haven, Kugaaruk, Naujaat, Rankin Inlet and Whale Cove.

Activities may include:

- Long-range patrols by Canadian Rangers and Canadian Army personnel.
- Over-snow vehicle movements.
- Live-fire artillery training in controlled areas.
- Under-ice dive operations conducted offshore.
- Increased air traffic, including military aircraft operating at the airport.

Residents may observe a temporary increase in aircraft activity and limited noise in designated training areas. All activities will occur in controlled locations.

These activities are routine and are intended to strengthen coordination, build partnerships and maintain readiness in Arctic environments.

For more information about Operation Nanook, please visit the Government of Canada's website.

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