

Press Release: Elite French National Police force the RAID & CerbAir collaborate on airspace security operations over G7 2019 Summit

Biarritz, 26 August 2019 – The RAID, an elite unit of the French National Police and CerbAir, a leading European manufacturer of anti-drone solutions (C-UAS), recently joined forces to secure lower altitude airspace over the security zone where the G7 Summit was held in Biarritz, France from 24 – 26 August.

Beginning in May 2019, the RAID began employing CerbAir’s C-UAS solutions, with notable success during the 75th annual D-Day Commemorations that took place in Normandy in June 2019. The positive feedback from that deployment led to a new collaboration to protect airspace over the G7 2019 Summit.

During the event, downtown Biarritz was on complete lockdown and the majority of the seaside resort was placed under heavy surveillance due to the presence of President Macron of France, the heads of state of the other member countries of the G7, as well as numerous delegates, journalists and technical personnel. The French president had already promised that security would be ratcheted up to “very stringent” and even “unheard of” levels due to the expected presence of several “violent groups” bent on disrupting the Summit.

In order to ensure the near total ban on aviation activity over and around Biarritz, the RAID deployed solutions developed by CerbAir to detect drones and their pilots as well as an electronic countermeasure produced by CerbAir partner MC2 that allows security administrators to instantly neutralize hostile drones. The RAID also deployed CerbAir’s man portable solution (“Manpack”) which houses an entire C-UAS arsenal (detection, localization and neutralization of drone threats) in an easy-to-transport backpack. CerbAir’s radio frequency sensors detected several devices operating within the security perimeter (instantly identified as “friendly” drones), allowing the Summit to progress peacefully and without aerial disturbances.

“C-UAS (“drones”) and the threat posed by careless or hostile operators are now a permanent part of the security landscape. The RAID was quick to recognize this evolution and reacted to complete its arsenal by establishing a partnership with CerbAir, our supplier of specialized drone detection and neutralization technology. The successful aerial security operations during the G7 Summit strengthens our confidence in CerbAir’s ability to perform favorably under demanding conditions, thus freeing our agents to carry out their assigned missions.” **RAID officer**

“Recent drone-related disturbances over important events and institutions are a clear indicator that anti-drone solutions are becoming a necessary piece of security operations on the ground. We are honored to continue our partnership with the RAID and do our part to contribute to national security.” – **Thomas Gueudet, Director of Business Development, CerbAir**

About the RAID: Founded in 1985, the RAID is an elite unit of the French National Police forces. It is deployed notably in crisis situations, such as hostage situations, standoffs or the arrest of highly dangerous suspects, as well as contributing to anti-terrorism operations where it specializes in the detention of groups or individuals intent on carrying out terrorist attacks on French national territory. To learn more (*link in French*): <http://le.raid.free.fr/index.htm>

About CerbAir: CerbAir is the French leader in drone detection and neutralization solutions. CerbAir's DroneWatch unites adaptable drone detection hardware with software piloted by proprietary algorithms that allow security teams to detect, characterize and neutralize hostile drones and to located their pilots from the moment the drone remote control is activated. CerbAir has won the trust of major corporate and institutional actors, including several national Defense and Interior ministries and has recently partnered with the elite French National Police Unit, the RAID. To learn more: www.cerbair.com

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