



### **The INCM took part in celebrations to commemorate the Bicentenary of the Lines of Torres Vedras in Vila Franca de Xira**

As part of the ceremony held to inaugurate the Forte da Casa Interpretation Centre, held this Thursday the 4th of November, the INCM released the book "French Invasions - 200 Years - Myths, Stories and Protagonists". The book was written by Rui Cardoso, who was on hand to present his work. The event was held at the Vila Franca de Xira Town Hall.

Also present was the President of the INCM, Estêvão de Moura, who used his speech to talk about the importance of the publication of this work, an indispensable resource for learning about lesser-known aspects associated with the involvement of the population and anonymous citizens during the entire period of the French invasions. He also mentioned that the Banco de Portugal would be putting a collectable coin into circulation on the 11th of November to commemorate the bicentenary of the Lines of Torres Vedras.

Afterwards, those present at the event were invited by the President of the Vila Franca de Xira Local Government to attend the inauguration of the Interpretation Centre at the Forte da Casa Defensive Lines, with a guided visit to Fort 38. Present at this ceremony were the President of the Portuguese Parliament, Jaime Gama, the Secretary of State for National Defence and Maritime Affairs, Marcos Perestrelo, and the Army Chief of Staff, General José Luís Pinto Ramalho.

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