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At an event held at the General Headquarters of the Canary Islands

The Army honours ENAIRE "for its constant support and collaboration"

- Marcial Gómez, an air traffic controller at ENAIRE, receives the Army's Military Merit Cross
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The chief controller at the Tenerife North Airport control tower, Marcial Gómez Uribe, has been awarded the Military Merit Cross with white band by the Army. The award was presented in January "*for his constant support and collaboration with the Army*".

The ceremony to present the decoration, which took place on Wednesday at the General Headquarters in the Canary Islands, in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, was presided over by Carlos Palacios Zaforteza, Commanding Officer of the Army's Canary Islands Command (Mcana). The General presented the Military Merit Cross to the ENAIRE air traffic controller at an event that had to be postponed twice due to the coronavirus pandemic.

This citation is presented to individuals who are not in the Army but who, for various reasons, are deemed to be worthy of the award. In the case of ENAIRE's air traffic controller, it was specifically presented for his "unconditional support for the 6th Helicopter Battalion, and for facilitating the performance of the unit's operational missions at all times".

For Marcial Gómez, "receiving this award is recognition of the work that we do every day at ENAIRE to control airspace with the highest levels of safety, efficiency and effectiveness". According to the air traffic controller, "we communicate and coordinate constantly with the Army, which has bestowed

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The presentation of the Military Merit Cross recognises the vocation and sense of public service of ENAIRE as Spain's air navigation manager, and of the Ministry of Transport, Mobility and the Urban Agenda (MITMA) to which it belongs.