

## **Operation Telic – UK Forces in Iraq**

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### British Army

HQ 3(UK) Armored Division also forms the core of Multi National Division [South East] in Iraq, with several national contingents under command.

At the current time, the main combat units include:

- Equivalent of reduced strength MBT regiment [squadrons from different regiments]
- 1 IFV battalion
- 2 APC battalions
- 2 infantry battalions
- 1 artillery regiment
- 1 engineer regiment
- 2 MP regiments

The infantry battalions were sent in September 2003 to reinforce the UK contingent: from two combat brigades during Gulf II it had been reduced to one, and a worsening security situation in its AOR required the dispatch of extra troops.

These two battalions will be withdrawn by year's end and replaced with a single battalion, 2 Parachute Regiment.

### 3(UK) Armoured Division

[To be incrementally replaced with an HQ MNDSE]

- Headquarters and 3rd Division Signal Regiment
- 3 Regiment, Royal Military Police
- 3 Close Support Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps
- 3 Close Support Medical Regiment, Royal Army Medical Corps
- 5 Battalion, Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers
- Elements from:
  - 5 Regiment Royal Artillery
  - 7 Signal Regiment
  - 14 Signal Regiment
  - 30 Signal Regiment (strategic communications)
  - 4 General Support Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps
  - 4 General Support Medical Regiment, Royal Army Medical Corps
  - East of England Regiment [Volunteers]
  - Tyne-Tees Regiment (Volunteers)

19 Mechanised Brigade:

[To be replaced by 20 Armored Brigade]

- Headquarters and Signal Squadron
- 1st Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment (Saxon armoured personnel carriers)
- 1st Battalion, King's Own Scottish Borderers (Saxon armoured personnel carriers)
- 1st Battalion, The King's Regiment (Warrior infantry fighting vehicles)
- 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry [withdrawing]
- 1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets [withdrawing]
- 40 Regiment Royal Artillery
- 38 Engineer Regiment
- Elements from:
  - The Light Dragoons
  - 2nd Royal Tank Regiment
  - Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)

National Support Element:

- 101 Logistics Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron
- 27 Transport Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps
- 9 Supply Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps
- 168 Pioneer Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps
- 4 Regiment, Royal Military Police
- 33 Field Hospital
- Elements from:
  - 17 Port & Maritime Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps
  - 29 Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps
  - 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps
  - 1 Postal & Courier Service Group

Other Units:

- 4 Regiment Army Air Corps
- 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal)
- 39 Engineer Regiment (Air Support)
- 42 Engineer Regiment (Geographic)
- Military Works Force

Royal Navy

- HMS *Sutherland* (Type 23 frigate)
- HMS *Kent* (Type 23 frigate)
- RFA *Diligence* (repair ship)
- RFA *Brambleleaf* (fleet oiler)

## Royal Air Force

- Tornado GR4 bomber/reconnaissance (from 2 and 13 Sqns)
- VC-10 tanker/transport (from 10 and 101 Sqns)
- Tristar tanker/transport (from 216 Sqn)
- C-17 (from 99 Sqn)
- C-130 (from 24, 30, 47 and 70 Sqns)
- Nimrod MR (from 120, 201 and 206 Sqn)
- CH-47 (from 7, 18 and 27 Sqns)
- HS-125 transport (from 32 (The Royal) Squadron)

RAF Regiment units provide ground defense for the force, while air surveillance and coordination is provided by 1 ACC, equipped with the Type 101 deployable radar system, from RAF Boulmer