

Operation Telic 3 (Dec 2003 to May 2004) (8,500 troops)

Headquarters Multi-National Division (South East)

Commander Maj Gen Andrew Stewart

Det 16 Signals Regiment

Det 30 Signal Regiment (strategic communications)

20 Armoured Brigade – Basra Palace

Commanders Brig David Rutherford-Jones/Nick Carter

20 Armoured Brigade Headquarters and 200 Signals Squadron

- TA Force Protection Company, Rifle Volunteers
- 35 Engineer Regiment, incl elements of Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia) (2 CS Coy, 2 Engr Supp Coy, Engr Sqn, New Zealand Engineer Squadron)
- 4/73 Battery, 5 Regiment RA (Brigade Surveillance Company)
- C Coy, 1 RRW (Warrior)
- Joint EOD Group (Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment and 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal))

Basra City South Battlegroup - Basra Ba'ath Party HQ

1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales

- A & B Coy, 1 RRW (Warrior)
- SP Coy, 1 RRW
- 16 Battery, 26 Regiment RA

Basra City North Battlegroup - Shatt al Arab Hotel

Queen's Royal Hussars

- C & B Squadron, QRH (CR2/ Land Rover)
- D Coy, 1 LI (Warrior)
- Recce Pl, 1 RS

Task Force Maysan - TF Maysan/Camp Abu Naji

1st Battalion, The Light Infantry

- C Squadron, 9/12 Lancers (CVR(T))
- B Squadron, QRH (CR2/ Land Rover)
- A & B Coy, 1LI (Warrior)
- SP Coy, 1 LI
- B Coy, A&SH (Land Rover)

Basra Rural South Battlegroup – Zubayr/al Faw

26 Regiment Royal Artillery

- A Squadron, 9/12 Lancers (CVR(T))
- 159 Battery, 26 Regiment RA (Land Rover)
- 17 Battery, 26 Regiment RA (Land Rover)
- A Coy, 1 RS
- C Coy, 1 RRW

Basra Rural North Battlegroup - Al-Qurnah

Danish Contingent (DANCON)

- Infantry Company

- Armoured Cavalry Squadron

Divisional Troops

Surge Battlegroup (Nov 03 to April 04)

2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment/1st Battalion, Royal Highland Fusiliers

Surge Battlegroup

1st Battalion, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

Elements of 1 Regiment, Royal Military Police

57 Battery, 32 Regiment RA (Phoenix UAV)

Troop, 14 (EW) Signals Regiment

Royal Navy Training Team (Umm Qasr)

110 Provost Company RMP

Czech MP Company (al Amarah/Shuibah Logistic Base/Zubayr Police Academy)

Czech 7th Field Hospital (Basra Military Hospital site)

Joint Helicopter Force (Iraq) – Basra International Airport

Elements of 21st Signal Regiment (Air Support)

Elements of Tactical Supply Wing

Mobile Air Operations Team (MOAT)

1310 Flight RAF (5x Chinook HC.2)

845 NAS (5 x Sea King HC.4)

1563 Flight RAF (6 x Puma HC.1)

669 and then followed by 664 Squadron Army Air Corps on four month tours (5 x Lynx AH.7, 7 x Gazelle AH.1)

Basra Air Station

Air Port of Disembarkation (APOD) Ops Wing

2 Squadron, RAF Regiment

Nimrod Detachment (2 x Nimrod MR2, with crews from 120, 201, 206 Squadrons rotating every two months)

32 (Royal) Squadron Detachment (2 x BAe 125)

LTW Detachment (3 x C130J, with 24, 30, 70 and Squadrons rotating every two months)

Ali Al Salem Airbase, Kuwait

3 Squadron, RAF Regiment

LTW Detachment (2 x C130J, with 24, 30, 70 and Squadrons rotating every two months) (moving to Basra)

UK Medical Group – Shaibah Logistic Base

22 Field Hospital

Elements of 5 General Support Medical Regiment, Royal Army Medical Corps

National Support Element – Shaibah Logistic Base

HQ National Support Element

- HQ NSE Signals Troop, Det 16 Signals Regiment
- TA Force Protection Company (elements 4 PARA, 51 Highland)

- 4 General Support Regiment, (Elements of 10 Transport Regiment, 17 Port & Maritime Regiment, 23 Pioneer Regiment, 24 Regiment, RLC)
- Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)
- Elements 42 Engineer Regiment (Geographic)
- Military Works Force and Specialist Teams Royal Engineers
- Elements 1 Regiment, Royal Military Police
- Divisional Temporary Detention Facility (Shaibah Logistic Base) (open December 2003)

Senior British Military Representative-Iraq (Baghdad)

Baghdad Signals Squadron, Det 16 Signals Regiment

Baghdad Protection Force Company, D Coy, 2 PARA

US Joint Special Operations Command (Baghdad/Balad)

Detachment 264 Signals Squadron

A Squadron (Sept 03 to Jan 04) B Squadron (Feb to May 04), 22 SAS Regiment

7 Squadron RAF (4 x Chinook HC2)

47 Squadron RAF (1 x C-130K)

UK Air Component

UK Command Team at US-run Combined Air Operations Centre at Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar)

Tornado Detachment (TORDET): Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar (6-8 x Tornado GR4, with unidentified squadrons rotating for two month long tours)

VC-10 Detachment: Muharraq International Airport, Bahrain (2 x VC-10 with 10 & 101 Squadron crews rotating every two months)

32 (Royal) Squadron Detachment: Muharraq International Airport, Bahrain (1 x BAe 146, with crews rotating every two months)

UK Naval Component

UK maritime assets supporting the security operation to protect Iraq's off shore oil infra-structure were placed under the tactical control of the US-Navy led Task Force 55. During this period the Type 23 frigates HMS Norfolk and Grafton operated in Northern Arabian Gulf. They were supported by a repair ship and a fleet tanker in the central Gulf, as well as the RAF Nimrod MR2 detachment at Seeb in Oman. UK maritime forces were designated CTF 330 by PJHQ.

Allied Contingents outside Basra City and Maysan Province

Japanese Self Defence Medical and Engineering Group – As Samawah

Netherlands Battlegroup Ground Force – As Samawah, Al Muthanna

Aviation Element – Tallil Airbase (4 x CH-47D, 6 x AH-64D)

Italian Brigade (Nasiriyah)

(including Romanian contingent)

Camp Bucca US-run Theater Internment Facility (Umm Qasr)
Guarded by battalion sized detachment drawn from US Army Military Police
Battalions, US Air Force Security Force Squadrons and US Navy Provisional
Detainee Battalions, as well as Romanian Field Hospital.

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