

## **Operation Telic 4 (May to Nov 2004) (8,900 troops)**

*Headquarters Multi-National Division (South East)*

Commanders: Major General Andrew Stewart (to July 2004), Major General William Rollo (from July 2004)

### **1 Mechanised Brigade - Basra Palace**

Commander Brig Andrew Kennett

1 Mechanised Brigade Headquarters and 215 Signal Squadron

- Honourable Artillery Company (Brigade Surveillance Company)
- 22 Engineer Regiment (2 CS Coy, 2 Engr Supp Coy, 69 Gurkha Engr Sqn, New Zealand Engineer Squadron)
- TA Force Protection Company, Salamanca Company 5 Rifle Volunteers
- Joint EOD Group (Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment and 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal))

### **Basra City Battlegroup – Shatt-al-Arab Hotel**

1st Battalion, 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment

- A & B Company, 1 Cheshire
- SP Coy, 1 Cheshire (Warrior)
- B Coy, 1 PWRR (Saxon)

### **Task Force Maysan – Camp Abu Naji**

1st Battalion, Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment

- C & Y Coy, 1 PWRR (Warrior)
- A Coy, 1 PWRR (Warrior) (from Jul 04)
- A Coy, RWF (Land Rover)
- 1 QRL (CR2/Land Rover)

### **Basra Rural South Battlegroup – Zubayr/al Faw**

1st Battalion, Royal Welch Fusiliers

- B & D Coy 1 RWF (Land Rover)
- SP Coy 1 RWF
- B Company, Household Cavalry Regiment (CVR(T))

### **Basra Rural North Battlegroup - Al-Qurnah**

Danish Contingent (DANCON)

- Infantry Company
- Armoured Cavalry Squadron

### **Deep Operations Battlegroup – Shaibah Logistic Base**

1st Regiment Royal Horse Artillery

- C, B, E Battery 1 RHA (Land Rover)
- A Squadron, HCR (CVR(T))
- D Squadron, QRL (CR2/Land Rover)

### **Divisional Troops**

#### **Division Reserve (Jul to Oct 04)**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Black Watch (Warrior)

### **Surge Battlegroup**

40 Commando RM (Land Rover)

22 Battery, 32 Regiment RA (Phoenix & Desert Hawk UAV)

K Battery, 5 Regiment RA (MAMBA radar)

158 Provost Company RMP

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

Czech 7<sup>th</sup> Field Hospital (Basra Military Hospital site)

TA Force Protection Company, The London Regiment

Troop, 14 (EW) Signals Regiment

Royal Navy Training Team (Umm Qasr)

### **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)

1563 Flight RAF (6 x Puma HC.1)

664 and then followed by 652 Squadrons 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

1 Squadron, RAF Regiment

RAF Police Detachment

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)

### **UK Medical Group – Shaibah Logistic Base**

207/256 Field Hospitals

Close Support Squadron

Elements of 1 General Support Medical Regiment

### **National Support Element – Shaibah Logistic Base**

HQ National Support Element

- HQ NSE Signals Troop, 246 Signals Squadron
- TA Force Protection Company, 220 Battery (V), RA
- 8 Transport Regiment, (including elements of 6 Supply Regiment, 24 Regiment, 29 Regiment, RLC)
- Company, 6 Battalion, REME
- Elements of 1 Regiment, Military Police
- 42 Engineer Regiment (Geographic)
- 63 Military Works Force and Specialist Teams Royal Engineers
- Divisional Temporary Detention Facility (Shaibah Logistic Base)

### **Senior British Military Representative-Iraq (Baghdad)**

Baghdad Signals Squadron, 246 Signal Sqn

Baghdad Protection Force Company, Coy, 1 RHF

**Operation Bracken (attached to US 24<sup>th</sup> MEU, Oct to Dec 2004)**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Black Watch  
A, B, D Company  
B Squadron, Queen's Dragoon Guards  
P Battery, 5 Regiment RA (ASP)  
US ANGLICO Det  
Troop 40 Commando RM  
Mortar Troop, 40 Commando RM  
COP Platoon, 1 WG  
Aviation Det (1 Puma P4, 1 Puma, 1 Lynx)

**US Joint Special Operations Command (Baghdad/Balad)**

Detachment 264 Signals Squadron  
D Squadron (Oct to Jan 05) and G Squadron (Feb to May) 22 SAS Regiment  
Puma Detachment RAF (6 x Puma HC1, with crews from 33 and 230 Squadron rotating)  
657 Squadron Army Air Corps, (2-4 x Lynx AH.7)  
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 9 and 31 Squadrons and two 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 Grafton and Somerset 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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