

**Operation Telic 5 (Nov 2004 to Apr 2005) (8,000 troops)**

***Headquarters Multi-National Division (South East)***

Commander Maj Gen Jonathon Riley

30 Signal Regiment (strategic communications)

**4 Mechanised Brigade – Basra International Airport**

Commanders Brig Paul Gibson/Chris Deverell

HQ 4 Armoured Brigade and 204 Signals Squadron

- 28 Engineer Regiment, including Field Support Squadron, 21 Engineer Regiment
- Joint EOD Group (Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment and 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal))
- COP 1 WG (Brigade Surveillance Company)

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

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment

- PoW Coy 1 WG, (OSB)
- No 2 Coy, 1 WG (SAAH) SSR role

**Security Sector Reform Battlegroup – Shaibah Logistic Base**

4 Regiment RA

**Basra Rural North Battlegroup – Shaibah Logistic Base**

Danish Battalion (DANBATT)

- Infantry Company
- Armoured Cavalry Squadron

**Security Sector Reform Surge Battalion (including Shaibah Log Base Security Coy/DTDF Gd Force/Baghdad Coy)**

40 Commando Royal Marines/2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment

**Election Surge Battalion**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers

**Brigade Operations/ Taskforce Eagle - Al Muthanna**

- Queen's Dragoon Guards
- B Coy 2 PWRR

**Task Force Maysan – Camp Abu Naji**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Welsh Guards

- A Sqn RDG (CR2/Land Rover)
- B Coy, 1 DWR
- LF Coy, 1 WG
- No 3 Coy, 1 WG
- RF Coy, 1 SG
- LF Coy, 1 SG SSR
- B Sqn QDG

## **Divisional Troops**

### **Divisional Reserve**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Scots Guards (Warrior)

### **Div Rear Ops Battlegroup**

Royal Dragoon Guards

- B & C Sqns RDG
- C & Z Coy 2 PWRR

P Battery, 5 Regiment RA (ASP)

18 & 42 Batteries, 32 Regiment RA (Phoenix)

TA Force Protection Company, Normandy Company, East & West Riding Regiment

Royal Navy Training Team (Umm Qasr)

Troop, 14 (EW) Signals Regiment

115 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)

### **Joint Helicopter Force (Iraq) – Basra International Airport**

Elements of 21st Signal Regiment (Air Support)

Elements of Tactical Supply Wing

Mobile Air Operations Team (MOAT)

18/27 Squadron Royal Air Force (Chinook HC.2)

845 & 846 NAS (10 x Sea King HC.4)

652 Squadron Army Air Corps on four month tour (4 x Lynx AH.7)

### **Basra Air Station**

Air Port of Disembarkation (APOD) Ops Wing

HQ 2 Force Protection Wing

- 51 Squadron, RAF Regiment/34 Squadron, RAF Regiment
- TACP, RAF
- 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 (5 x C130J, with 24, 30, 70 and Squadrons rotating every two months)

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

33 Field Hospital

Squadron from General Support Medical Regiment

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

HQ National Support Element Signals Tp, 245 (EW) Signals Sqn

- TA Force Protection Company, 200 Battery 104 (V) Regiment, Royal Artillery
- 8 Transport Regiment (Elements of 6 Supply Regiment, 7 Transport Regiment, 24 Regiment, 29 Regiment, RLC)
- 1 Battalion, REME

- Divisional Temporary Detention Facility (Shaibah Logistic Base)

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

Baghdad Signals Squadron, 245 (EW) Signal Sqn  
Baghdad Protection Force Company, Coy 40 Commando RM

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

Detachment 264 Signals Squadron  
M Squadron SBS (June to Sept), D Squadron (Oct to Jan 05) 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)  
651 Squadron, Army Air Corps (2 x Britten Norman Defender 4000)  
47 Squadron RAF (1 x C-130K)  
Airborne ISTAR support  
Predator UAV (1115 Flight at Creech AFB Nevada and at Balad AB)

### **UK Air Component**

UK Detachment 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, 31 and II 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 Multi-Nationally-led Combined Task Force 58, with command rotating between US, UK and Australian officers. During this period the Type 23 frigates HMS Marlborough and Argyll 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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