

Operation Telic 8 (May to Oct 2006) (7,000 troops)
Headquarters Multi-National Division (South East)
Commander Maj Gen Richard Shirreff

20 Armoured Brigade – Basra International Airport

Commander Brig James Everard

HQ 20 Armoured Brigade and 200 Signals Squadron

- Bn HQ 2nd Battalion, Royal Regiment Fusiliers (PJOC) (from Sept into Op Telic 9)
- 33 Engineer Regiment
- 35 Engineer Regiment
- C Coy, 2 R Anglian (Brigade Operations Company (SLB/Airport))
- Honourable Artillery Company & Recce Platoon 1 DDLI, elms D Coy 2 R Anglians (mid tour) (Brigade Surveillance Company)
- Joint EOD Group (Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment and 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal))

Basra City Battlegroup – Shatt al Arab Hotel (until June)

1st Battalion, The Light Infantry

- D Coy, 1 LI (Warrior)
- B Coy, 1 LI (Warrior) (OSB)
- A Sqn QRH (Snatch)
- 17 Battery 26 Regt RA (Snatch) (BP)
- Romanian (UN) infantry company (Basra Palace)

Basra North City Battlegroup Shatt al Arab Hotel (from June)

1st Battalion, The Light Infantry

- B Coy, 2 R Anglian (Snatch)
- D Coy, 1 LI (Warrior)
- A Coy, 1 LI (Warrior) (from July)
- D (SP) Coy, 2 R Anglian (until July)

Security Sector Reform Battlegroup – Basra International Airport (until June)

2nd Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment

- A Coy, 2 R Anglian (Snatch) (BP)
- B Coy, 2 R Anglian (Snatch) (SAAH)
- Bn HQ 2 R Anglian (52 IA Bde M2M) (COB, Camp Sa'ad)

Basra South City Battlegroup – Basra Palace (from June)

2nd Battalion, Royal Anglian Regiment

- 2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment Fusiliers (C + FS Coy) (Aug to Feb 07)
- B Coy, 1 LI (Warrior) OSB
- C Coy, 2 PWRR (Warrior) (from July)
- 17 Btty 26 Regt RA (inf)
- A Coy, 1 R Anglian (Warrior)
- Romanian (UN) infantry company (Basra Palace)

Iraqi Army Training Centre - Tallil

No 2 Coy, 1 Gren Guards

Basra Rural South Battlegroup – Shaibah Logistic Base

1st Battalion, The Devon & Dorsetshire Light Infantry

- A Coy, 1 DDLI (Snatch)
- B, 1 DDLI (Snatch) (Basra Palace until July)
- C Coy, 1 DDLI (Snatch) (Umm Qasr)
- C Coy, 2 RRF (from Sept into Op Telic 9)
- FSp Coy, 2 RRF (from Sept into Op Telic 9)

Basra Rural North Battlegroup – Shaibah Logistic Base

DANCON (Danish Contingent)

- Infantry Company
- Armoured Cavalry Squadron
- 58 Battery 12 Regiment RA

Task Force Maysan – Camp Abu Naji/Maysan Province

Queens Royal Hussars

- HQ & C Squadron QRH (LR)
- C Coy PWRR (Warrior) (until Jul)
- A Coy 1 LI (until Jul)
- B Sqn, QDG (from Jul)

Taskforce Eagle - Al Muthanna

1st Queens Dragoon Guards

- RHQ, B + C Squadron (Apr to Jul)

Divisional Troops

Div Rear Ops Battlegroup – Shaibah Logistic Base

1st Battalion, The Grenadier Guards (Apr to Aug)

1st Queens Dragoon Guards RHQ, (Jul to Nov)

- A Sqn QRH (from June)
- D (SP) Coy, 2 R Anglian (except 2 months in mid tour)
- A + B Coy, 2nd Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Apr-May)
- A & B Coys, 2 LI/3 Rifles(Snatch) (arrive Sept)

Divisional Reserve – Shaibah Logistic Base

1st Battalion, The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment,

- A & B Coy PWRR (Warrior),
- B Sqn QRH (CR2)

TA Force Protection Company, Normandy Company, Lancastrian and Cumbrian Volunteers

K Battery, 5 Regiment RA (Cobra)

Troop 14 (EW) Signals Regiment

Royal Navy Training Team (Umm Qasr)

Task Force Spartan, 22 SAS Regiment

110 Provost Company RMP

Czech MP Company (Shaibah 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)

28 Squadron Royal Air Force (Merlin HC.3)

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

847 Naval Air Squadron followed by 669 Squadron Army Air Corps on four month tours (4 x Lynx AH.7)

Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, US Army (8 x AH-64A)

Basra Air Station

Air Port of Disembarkation (APOD) Ops Wing

HQ 1 Force Protection Wing

- 3 Squadron, RAF Regiment
- TACP, RAF
- RAF Police Detachment

UK Medical Group – Shaibah Logistic Base

RAF Field Hospital

?? Close Support Medical Squadron

National Support Element – Shaibah Logistic Base

HQ 102 Logistic Brigade

- HQ National Support Element Signals Tp, 262 Signals Sqn
- 3 Logistic Support Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps (Elements 24 Regiment, 29 Regiment, RLC)
- ? Close Support Logistic Battalion
- ? Works Group
- ? Battalion, REME
- Divisional Temporary Detention Facility (Shaibah Logistic Base)

Senior British Military Representative-Iraq (Baghdad)

Baghdad Signals Squadron, 206 Signals Sqn

Baghdad Protection Force Company, A Sqn QDG (Baghdad Protection Force (from July)Queen's & Inkerman Coys (Baghdad Protection Force Aug-Sept)

US Joint Special Operations Command (Baghdad/Balad)

Detachment 264 & 268 Signals Squadrons

D Squadron, 22 SAS Regiment

Company Group, 1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (Special Force Support Group) on six month rotations

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 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 617, II and 31 Squadrons serving two month long tours)

Hercules Detachment: Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar (4-5 x Hercules, with 24, 30, 70 and Squadrons rotating every two months)

VC-10 Detachment: Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar (2 x VC-10 from 101 Squadron detachments rotating every two months)

32 (Royal) Squadron Detachment: Muharraq International Airport, Bahrain(2 x BAe-125 and 1 x BAe 146, with crews rotating every two months)

Nimrod Detachment: Seeb Airbase, Oman (4 x Nimrod MR2 from 120 and 201 Squadrons and 2 x Tristar from 216 Squadron)

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 158 (previously CTF 58), with command rotating between US, UK and Australian officers. During this period the Type 23 frigates HMS St Albans and HMS Kent operated in Northern Arabian Gulf. The amphibious warfare ship HMS Bulwark with a company of 45 Commando RM, two Lynx HMA.8 helicopters of 815 NAS, as well as boarding teams of 4 and 539 Assault Squadrons RM, embarked operated in the NAG until August 2006. 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 (departs July 2006)

Australian Al Muthanna Task Group
Cavalry Squadron
Infantry Company
Training Team

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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