

Operation Telic 9 (Nov 2006 to May 2007) (7,100 troops)

Headquarters Multi-National Division (South East)

Commander Maj Gen Jonathan Shaw

19 Light Brigade – Basra International Airport

Commander Brig Tim Evans

HQ 19 Light Brigade and 209 Signals Squadron

- 35 Engineer Regiment
- 38 Engineer Regiment
- C Troop 4/73 Battery, 5 Regiment Royal Artillery, L Troop Honourable Artillery Company, QRL Surveillance Troop (Brigade Surveillance Company)
- Joint EOD Group (Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment and 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal))

Basra North City Battlegroup – Shatt al Arab Hotel

1st Battalion, The Staffordshire Regiment

- A & C Coy 1 STAFFS (Warrior)
- C Coy, 2 Rifles (Snatch/Bulldog)

Basra South City Battlegroup – Basra Palace

1st Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets/2nd Battalion, The Rifles

A & B Coy, 2 Rifles (Bulldog)

- B Coy, 1 STAFFS (Warrior)
- C Coy, 2 LANCS
- Romanian (UN) infantry company (Basra Palace)

Basra Rural South Battlegroup/M2M Battlegroup – Shaibah Logistic Base/Basra Airport

1st Battalion, The Yorkshire Regiment (Mastiff)

- A + B Coy, 1 Yorks
- 38 Battery, 40 Regiment Royal Artillery

Task Force Maysan – Maysan Province

Queen's Royal Lancers

- HQ, B, C Sqns

Basra Rural North Battlegroup – Shaibah Logistic Base (Jan 07 moved to Basra Airport)

DANCON (Danish Contingent)

- Infantry Company
- Armoured Cavalry Squadron

(Danish ground force contingent leave Iraq July 2007)

Divisional Troops

Division Reserve

2nd Battalion, The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment

- A & B Coy, 2 Lincs (Warrior)
- C Coy, 1 Yorks (Snatch), E Squadron, 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (CR2/Warrior/Snatch)

Div Rear Ops Battlegroup – Shaibah Logistic Base

HQ Battery, 40 Regiment Royal Artillery (PJCC)

- Bn HQ 2nd Battalion, The Light Infantry/3rd Battalion, The Rifles (PJCC)
- 49 HQ Battery, 40 Regiment Royal Artillery
- 137 Battery, 40 Regiment Royal Artillery (DTDF 2nd half tour)
- 6/36 Battery, 40 Regt RA (PJCC up to Feb)
- A & B Coys, 2 LI/3 Rifles(Snatch)
- H Sqn 1 RTR (Baghdad Protection Unit In Vector/DTDF first half tour)

22 Battery, 32 Regiment RA (Hermes 450 & Desert Hawk)

TA Force Protection Company, The King's and Cheshire Regiment

Troop 14 (EW) Signals Regiment

Royal Navy Training Team (Umm Qasr)

Task Force Spartan, 22 SAS Regiment

US mentoring team, attached to Task 17 Iraqi Special Operations Forces

150 Provost Company RMP

Czech MP Company (Shaibah Logistic Base/Zubayr Police Academy) (until December 2006)

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) (detached to Camp Buerhring, Kuwait, with aircraft moving up to Basra for operations)

845 NAS (8 x Sea King HC.4)

669 followed by 672 Squadrons Army Air Corps on four month tours(4 x Lynx AH.9) Company, 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Regiment, US Army (8 x AH-64A)

Basra Air Station

Air Port of Disembarkation (APOD) Ops Wing

6 Force Protection Wing

- 63 Squadron, RAF Regiment
- TACP, RAF
- P Battery, 5 Regiment Royal Artillery (Cobra)
- 6/36 Battery, 40 Regt RA (105mm Light Gun) (Feb 2006 onwards)
- Czech MP Company (from December 2006)
- RAF Police Detachment

UK Medical Group

33 Field Hospital

24 Close Support Medical Squadron

National Support Element – Shaibah Logistic Base/COB

HQ 101 Logistic Brigade

- HQ National Support Element Signals Tp, 261 Signals Sqn
- ?? Logistic Support Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps (Elements 24 Regiment, 29 Regiment, RLC)

- 19 Combat Service Support Battalion
- ? Works Group
- ? Battalion, REME
- Divisional Temporary Detention Facility (Shaibah Logistic Base)

Senior British Military Representative-Iraq (Baghdad)

Baghdad Signals Squadron, 248 Signals Sqn

Baghdad Protection Force Company, H Sqn 1 RTR

US Joint Special Operations Command (Baghdad/Balad)

Detachment 264 & 268 Signals Squadrons

G 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 9, 13, 13 and 14 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, with command rotating between US, UK and Australian officers. For a four month long period from March 2007 the task force was commanded by Commodore Nick Lambert RN. During this period the Type 23 frigate HMS St Albans and Type 22 frigate HMS Cornwall operated in Northern Arabian Gulf. The RFA Sir Bedievre operated in the NAG as a Mother Ship and Afloat Training Platform for Iraqi Marines. 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

Australian Overwatch Battlegroup – West – Tallil Airbase

Cavalry Squadron
Infantry Company
Training Team

Italian Brigade (Nasiriyah) (withdrew in November 2006)
(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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