

16 Air Assault Brigade will replace 4th Mechanized Brigade in October 2010 as the lead formation of British troops in Helmand province, Defence Secretary Dr Liam Fox has announced today, Wednesday 14 July 2010.

Headquarters 6 (UK) Division will remain as Headquarters Regional Command (South) until November 2010.

The deployment of 16 Air Assault Brigade and accompanying units will not result in any change to the UK's established and enduring conventional force level of 9,500 personnel.

Volunteer and regular members of the Reserve Forces will continue to deploy to Afghanistan as part of this integrated force package, and we expect to issue around 770 call-out notices to fill some 600 posts.

On completion of their mobilisation procedures, the reservists will undertake a period of training and, where applicable, integration with their respective receiving units. The majority will serve on operations for around six months. As part of this commitment, we expect up to 16 members of the Sponsored Reserves to be in theatre at any one time.

Following 16 Air Assault Brigade's six-month deployment it is planned that 3 Commando Brigade will take over as the lead formation of Task Force Helmand.

The forces deploying with 16 Air Assault Brigade include:

Headquarters 6 (UK) Division (who will hand over command of Regional Command (South) to 10 (US) Mountain Division on 1 November 2010) 16 Air Assault Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron (216 (Parachute) Signal Squadron) Elements of 1 Mechanized Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron (215) Headquarters, 102 Logistic Brigade Headquarters, 104 Logistic Support Brigade Elements of 845 Naval Air Squadron Elements of 846 Naval Air Squadron Elements of 847 Naval Air Squadron Elements of 857 Naval Air Squadron Elements of the Royal Naval Regulators Elements of 7th Parachute Regiment Royal Horse Artillery Elements of 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery Elements of The Household Cavalry Regiment Elements of 2nd Royal Tank Regiment Elements of 5th Regiment Royal Artillery Elements of 16th Regiment Royal Artillery Elements of 32nd Regiment Royal Artillery Elements of 39th Regiment Royal Artillery Elements of 47th Regiment Royal Artillery 23 Engineer Regiment (Air Assault) Elements of 22 Engineer Regiment Elements of 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Elements of 36 Engineer Regiment Elements of 39 Engineer Regiment (Air Support) Elements of 42 Engineer Regiment (Geographic) Elements of 170 (Infrastructure Support) Engineer Group Elements of 2nd Signal Regiment Elements of 3rd (UK) Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment Elements of 10 Signal Regiment Elements of 14th Signals Regiment (Electronic Warfare) Elements of 21st Signal Regiment (Air Support) 1st Battalion Irish Guards The Royal Highland Fusiliers, 2nd Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland The

Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, 5th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment Elements of 1 Regiment, Army Air Corps Elements of 3 Regiment, Army Air Corps Elements of 4 Regiment, Army Air Corps Elements of 9 Regiment, Army Air Corps Elements of 9 Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 13 Air Assault Support Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 23 Pioneer Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 24 Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 27 Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 29 Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps 16 Medical Regiment, Royal Army Medical Corps 7 (Air Assault) Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Elements of 104 Force Support Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Elements of 6 Close Support Battalion, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers 156 Provost Company Royal Military Police Elements of 158 Provost Company Royal Military Police Elements of Special Investigations Branch Germany Elements of the Military Provost Staff and Military Provost Staff (Volunteers) Elements of 1st Military Working Dog Regiment Elements of 1 Military Intelligence Brigade Elements of the Military Stabilisation Support Group (MSSG) Elements of The Honourable Artillery Company Elements of 100 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) Elements of 101 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) Elements of 103 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) Elements of 104 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) Elements of 105th Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) Elements of 106 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) Elements of 101 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) (Volunteers) Elements of 51st Highland, 7th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland (Territorial Army) Elements of 2nd Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment (Volunteers) Elements of 4th Battalion The Parachute Regiment (Volunteers) Elements of The London Regiment (Volunteers) Elements of The Welsh Transport Regiment (Volunteers), The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 88 Postal and Courier Regiment (Volunteers), The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 162 Movement Control Regiment (Volunteers), The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 166 Supply Regiment (Volunteers), The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 168 Pioneer Regiment (Volunteers), The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 148 Expeditionary Force Institute Squadron (Volunteers), The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 395 Air Despatch Troop (Volunteers), The Royal Logistic Corps Elements of 101 Force Support Battalion, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Elements of 103 Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Volunteers) 207 Field Hospital (Volunteers), Royal Army Medical Corps 212 Field Hospital (Volunteers), Royal Army Medical Corps Elements of the Joint Medical Command Number 2 Force Protection Wing Headquarters, Royal Air Force Number 7 Force Protection Wing Headquarters, Royal Air Force Elements of Number 2 Royal Air Force Police Wing Elements of Number 3 Royal Air Force Police Wing 15 Squadron, Royal Air Force Regiment 34 Squadron, Royal Air Force Regiment Elements of 51 Squadron Royal Air Force Elements of 101 Squadron Royal Air Force Elements of 39 Squadron Royal Air Force 12 Squadron, Royal Air Force 14 Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 5 (Army Cooperation) Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 18 Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 24 Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 27 Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 28 Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 30 Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 78 Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of the Tactical Supply Wing, Royal Air Force Elements of 1 Air Mobility Wing, Royal Air Force Elements of 1 Air Control Centre, Royal Air Force Elements of 90 Signals Unit, Royal Air Force Elements of 2 (Mechanical Transport) Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 5001

Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 3 Mobile Catering Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of Tactical Medical Wing Elements of 1 (Expeditionary Logistics) Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 93 (Expeditionary Armaments) Squadron Elements of Tactical Imagery Intelligence Wing (TIW)