

By Rt Hon Des Browne MP, Secretary of State for Defence

The next roulement of UK forces in Iraq, known as Operation Telic 13, will take place from November. The Telic 13 force package will see the lead formation, currently 7 Armoured Brigade, replaced by 20 Armoured Brigade.

20 Armoured Brigade will take over the command of UK forces from early December and will provide the majority of the units serving in Iraq. The forces deploying include personnel from the following units:

20th Armoured Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron (200)

The Queen's Royal Hussars (The Queen's Own and Royal Irish)

35 Engineer Regiment

1st Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)

1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

5th Battalion The Rifles

1 Logistic Support Regiment The Royal Logistic Corps

110 Provost Company Royal Military Police

606 Tactical Air Control Party

618 Tactical Air Control Party

Elements of 1st Royal Tank Regiment

Elements of 5th Regiment Royal Artillery

Elements of 16th Regiment Royal Artillery

Elements of 26th Regiment Royal Artillery

Elements of 32nd Regiment Royal Artillery

Elements of 47th Regiment Royal Artillery

Elements of 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal)

Elements of 42 Engineer Regiment (Geographical)

Elements of 170 (Infrastructure Support) Engineer Group

Elements of 2nd Signal Regiment

Elements of 10th Signal Regiment

Elements of 14th Signal Regiment (Electronic Warfare)

Elements of 21st Signal Regiment (Air Support)

Elements of 1 Regiment Army Air Corps

Elements of 9 Regiment Army Air Corps

Elements of 6 Supply Regiment The Royal Logistic Corps

Elements of 9 Supply Regiment The Royal Logistic Corps

Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment The Royal Logistic Corps

Elements of 17 Port and Maritime Regiment The Royal Logistic Corps

Elements of 24 Postal Courier and Movement Regiment The Royal Logistic Corps

Elements of 27 Transport Regiment The Royal Logistic Corps

Elements of 29 Postal Courier and Movement Regiment The Royal Logistic Corps

Elements of 1 Close Support Medical Regiment

Elements of 22 Field Hospital

Elements of 3 Close Support Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

Elements of 101 Force Support Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

Elements of 103 Military Working Dogs Support Unit

Elements of 1 Military Intelligence Brigade

Elements of 156 (North West) Transport Regiment The Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteer)

Elements of 148 Expeditionary Forces Squadron The Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteer)

Elements of 28 Squadron Royal Air Force

Elements of 78 Squadron Royal Air Force

Elements of Tactical Supply Wing

Elements of Joint Helicopter Support Unit

Members of the reserve forces will continue to deploy to Iraq as part of this force package, and we expect to issue around 175 call-out notices in order to fill some 150 posts during Telic 13. Prior to their deployment, and on completion of their mobilisation procedures, the reservists will undertake a period of training and integration with their respective units. For the majority, their deployment to theatre will commence in November and most will serve on operations for six to seven months, although some may have shorter tours. The reservists will predominantly reinforce regular units and will perform a wide range of activities including force protection duties, intelligence and logistic tasks. As part of this commitment, we expect up to 10 members of the sponsored reserves to be in the operational theatre at any one time.

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