

Op Herrick 12 will commence in April 2010.

The Secretary of State for Defence (The Rt Hon Bob Ainsworth) announced on 21st January 2010:

In his Statement to the House on 30 November 2009 (Official Report, column 835), the Prime Minister announced the UK's conventional military forces in Afghanistan comprise 9,500 personnel. That will be maintained with the next roulement of UK forces in Afghanistan, due to take place in April 2010. Headquarters, 6 (UK) Division will remain as Headquarters, Regional Command (South) but the current lead formation in Helmand, 11 (Light) Brigade, will be replaced by 4th Mechanized Brigade, which will command the majority of the units serving in Afghanistan.

The forces deploying include:

Headquarters, 6 (UK) Division
4th Mechanised Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron (204)
Elements of 52 Infantry Brigade Headquarters and Signal Squadron (258)
Headquarters, 101 Logistic Brigade
Headquarters, 102 Logistic Brigade
Elements of 845 Naval Air Squadron
Elements of 846 Naval Air Squadron
Elements of 857 Naval Air Squadron
40 Commando Royal Marines
The Royal Dragoon Guards
The Queen's Royal Lancers
4th Regiment Royal Artillery
21 Engineer Regiment
1st Battalion The Scots Guard
The Royal Scots Borderers, 1st Battalion
The Royal Regiment of Scotland
1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment
1st Battalion The Mercian Regiment
1st Battalion The Royal Gurkha Rifles
3 Medical Regiment
34 Field Hospital
1 Close Support Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
101 Force Support Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
Elements of 3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery
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
Elements of 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal)
Elements of 39 Engineer Regiment (Air Support)
Elements of 42 Engineer Regiment (Geographic)
Elements of 170 (Infrastructure Support) Engineer Group
Elements of 2 Signal Regiment
Elements of 10th Signal Regiment
Elements of 14th Signals Regiment (Electronic Warfare)
Elements of 16 Signal Regiment
Elements of 21st Signal Regiment (Air Support)
Elements of 5th Battalion The Rifles
Elements of 1 Regiment, Army Air Corps
Elements of 4 Regiment, Army Air Corps
Elements of 9 Regiment, Army Air Corps
Elements of 6 Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps
Elements of 7 Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps
Elements of 8 Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps
Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps
Elements of 12 Logistic Support Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps
Elements of 17 Port and Maritime Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps
Elements of 23 Pioneer Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps
Elements of 24 Postal Courier and Movement Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps
Elements of 27 Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps
Elements of 29 Postal Courier and Movement Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps
Elements of 5th Regiment Royal Military Police
101 Provost Company Royal

Military Police 150 Provost Company Royal Military Police Elements of 105 Military Working Dog Support Unit Elements of 1 Military Intelligence Brigade Elements of the Military Stabilisation Support Group Elements of The Honourable Artillery Company Elements of 100 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) Elements of 101 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) Elements of 104 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) Elements of 106 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers) Elements of 101 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) (Volunteers) Elements of 6th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland (Volunteers) Elements of 4th Battalion The Duke Of Lancaster's Regiment (King's, Lancashire and Border) (Volunteers) Elements of The London Regiment (Volunteers) Elements of 150 Transport Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers) Elements of 159 Supply Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers) Elements of 160 Transport Regiment, The Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers) Elements of 148 Expeditionary Force Institute Squadron (Volunteers), The Royal Logistic Corps Number 1 Royal Air Force, Force Protection Wing Headquarters Number 3 Royal Air Force, Force Protection Wing Headquarters Number 4 Royal Air Force, Force Protection Wing Headquarters Number 5 Royal Air Force, Force Protection Wing Headquarters Elements of Number 2 Royal Air Force Police Wing Elements of Number 3 Royal Air Force Police Wing 2 Squadron, Royal Air Force Regiment 51 Squadron, Royal Air Force Regiment Elements of 1 Squadron, Royal Air Force Regiment Elements of 3 Squadron, Royal Air Force Regiment 2 Squadron, Royal Air Force 9 Squadron, Royal Air Force 13 Squadron, Royal Air Force 14 Squadron, Royal Air Force Elements of 5 (Army Co-Operation) 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 Elements of Tactical Medical Wing Elements of 1 (Expeditionary Logistics) Squadron Elements of 93 (Expeditionary Armaments) Squadron Elements of Tactical Imagery Wing

Volunteer and regular members of the reserve forces will continue to deploy to Afghanistan as part of our integrated force package, and we expect to issue around 700 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 six or so months. As part of this commitment, we expect up to 17 members of the sponsored reserves to be in theatre at any one time.

I shall make a further Statement on the units we expect to serve under 4th Mechanized Brigade's planned replacement formation, 16 Air Assault Brigade, nearer the time of their deployment.