

Peace Support Operations

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Overseas Deployments

New Zealand has a history of contributing to international efforts to resolve conflict. The NZ Defence Force is a valued international coalition partner committed to peace and security, and regularly works alongside international partners on operations and exercises throughout the world.

It is in New Zealand's interests to play a leadership role in the South Pacific, acting in concert with our neighbours, helping to maintain stability, enhance regional security capabilities, and promote good governance and economic and social development.

The NZ Defence Force supports a number of major operations around the world including:

- Sustainment of personnel in support of operations in Afghanistan.
- Continuing operations in Timor-Leste in support of the International Stabilisation Force (ISF).
- Continuing operations in the Solomon Islands in support of the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI).
- Sustainment of personnel in support of United Nations missions around the world.

There are currently **621** New Zealand Defence Force personnel deployed on **14** operations and UN missions across **12** countries, including:

Afghanistan (178 personnel)

Antarctica (0 personnel)

Indian Ocean (0 personnel)

Iraq (1 person)

Korea (3 personnel)

Middle East (9 personnel)

Sinai (27 personnel)

Solomon Islands (44 personnel)

Sudan (3 personnel)

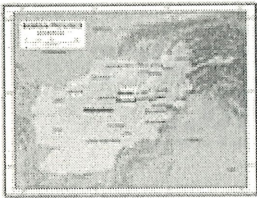
Timor-Leste (79 personnel)

There are **274** Defence Force personnel on other overseas deployments and exercises.

Afghanistan

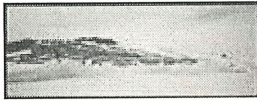
The NZ PRT Bamyan is tasked with maintaining security in Bamyan Province. It does this by

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conducting frequent presence patrols throughout the province. The PRT also supports the provincial and local government by providing advice and assistance to...

Antarctica



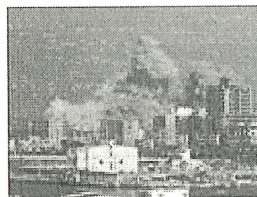
Each year, Antarctic New Zealand request NZDF support for the Antarctic summer season to provide air transport, logistics and personnel support during the summer months.

Iraq



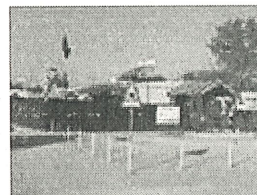
One NZDF Officer is providing liaison between the United Nations Assistance Mission Iraq (UNAMI) and the Multinational Force and Iraqi Security Forces.

Middle East



The UNTSO area of operations covers five Middle Eastern countries including Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt. The UNTSO headquarters is based in Jerusalem, Israel.

Sinai, Egypt



The mission of the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) is to supervise the implementation of the security provisions of the Egyptian-Israel Treaty of Peace. The New Zealand contingent has been a member of the MFO since its inception on 3 August...

Solomon Islands



The Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI) is in the Solomon Islands at the invitation of the Solomon Islands Government. Facilitation of the International Assistance Act 2003, passed unanimously by the Solomon Islands Parliament...

South Korea



Four NZDF officers are deployed to the UN Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC), one of whom is deployed to Yongsan, Seoul as the assistant operations officer in the UNCMAC HQ. This is a six month rotational posting and the incumbent is...

Southern Sudan

On 9 July 2011 South Sudan became the newest country in the world. The birth of the Republic of South Sudan is the culmination of a six-year peace process and a new chapter in a region that has seen little peace in the last 50 years.



Timor Leste



The NZ Defence Force has supported various operations in Timor-Leste since 1999. The Defence Force's current contribution of up to 80 personnel includes a light infantry group, a military observer with the United Nations Mission in Timor-Leste...

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