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Iraq

Defeat-ISIS Coalition in Iraq

The New Zealand Defence Force currently has 50 personnel serving in Iraq. 45 of these personnel are based at Camp Taji.

The majority of New Zealand's personnel are based at the combined New Zealand and Australian Building Partner Capacity (BPC) mission at Taji Military Complex in Iraq. The purpose of the BPC mission is to prepare Iraqi Security Forces units for combat and stabilisation operations. Training includes basic weapons skills, individual and unit military skills to prepare for combat operations as well as other skills like medical support, logistics and training on the laws of armed conflict.



In support of the main deployment to Taji, a number of New Zealand Defence Force personnel are deployed to other roles related to the Defeat-ISIS coalition around the region.

Current Commitment

- 45 personnel at the Taji Military Complex, Iraq;

For more information on Operation Inherent Resolve go to: www.inherentresolve.mil (external link)

Adjustments to the Mission

As part of Cabinet's September 2018 decision to extend the New Zealand Defence Force deployment to Iraq and the region from 30 November 2018 to 30 June 2019, the mandated personnel numbers were reduced to 121 personnel (from 30 November 2018). Cabinet also invited the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Defence to report back to Cabinet before the end of April 2019 on possible options for New Zealand contributions to Iraq from July 2019.

Copies of Cabinet papers and the associated minutes of decisions regarding the Iraq contribution are available on the **Ministry of Defence website**.

Operation Mohua Position Descriptions

This publication provides Position Descriptions for New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel deployed into staff officer roles in the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve (referred to as Operation Mohua), in support of the Building Partner Capacity Mission in Iraq.

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The NZDF does not fill any combat roles. However, as part of operating within the Combined Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, NZDF personnel work with personnel from other countries who do have a combat role. Some of these roles are identified in the position descriptions as "key working relationships".

A glossary is provided to assist with the understanding of military terminology.

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