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**THE UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL CONTINGENT COMMANDER'S DIRECTIVE -  
OPERATION TELIC**

ISSUED BY: Air Marshal B K Burridge CBE - UK National Contingent Commander (UKNCC)

ISSUED TO: UK Maritime Contingent Commander (UKMCC).  
 UK Land Contingent Commander (UKLCC).  
 UK Air Contingent Commander (UKACC).  
 UK Joint Force Logistic Component Commander (UKJFLogCC).  
 Commander British Forces in Cyprus (CBF(Cyprus)).  
 Joint Force Engineer (JFEngr)  
 Commander Joint Force CIS (Comd JFCIS)  
 Commanding Officer Joint NBC Regiment (CO Jt NBC Regt)  
 Chief Joint Helicopter Force (Chf JHF)

## References:

- A. UNSCR 1441 (2002) dated 08 Nov 02.
- B. UNSCR 678 dated 29 Nov 90.
- C. Draft CDS Directive to Jt Comd Op TELIC.
- D. Draft D/PJHQ/5/8135/12/1, Jt Comd's Msn Directive to UK NCC.
- E. Draft D/PJHQ/5/8135/12/1, Op TELIC Reference Document (TRD).
- F. NCC/1104-2-12 dated 20 Feb 03, Op TELIC Instructions Document (TID).
- G. USCINCCENT OPLAN 1003(V) Change 1 dated 24 Jan 02.
- H. D/PJHQ/3/3000/220/5/2 dated 19 Feb 03, Op TELIC: Joint Commander's Directive on Appointment of the National Contingent Commander.
- I. NCC/1104-2-13 dated 21 Feb 03, UKNCC's Directive - Op RESINATE.

**SITUATION**

1. The UK and US governments believe that Iraqi compliance with UNSCRs, including 687 and 1441, can only be achieved if the Coalition maintains a credible threat of force ready to enforce these resolutions. The UN inspection process under the auspices of UNMOVIC continues. Notwithstanding, in accordance with UK strategic intent articulated at Reference C, the preparation and deployment of UK forces for potential operations against Iraq has been authorised and has now commenced. Op RESINATE remains active.

2. **Scope.** Op TELIC is the UK's contribution to US led Coalition operations to rid Iraq of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). This Directive relates to UK forces potentially participating in Phases I through III of COM USCENTCOM's concept articulated at Reference G. It does not encompass direction to UK forces in the aftermath of hostilities other than for support to planning. The Directive is effective on receipt. You are to advise your senior US counterpart of its contents. Should execution of Op TELIC be authorised, Op RESINATE will cease. Interim arrangements for forces assigned to Op RESINATE but brought under my OPCON with effect from this Directive are addressed at Enclosure 2.

3. **TELIC Instructions Document.** This Directive should be read in conjunction with the supporting information and instructions contained in the Op TELIC Instructions Document (TID), which is at Enclosure 1.

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31. PW and Detainees. You have a legal liability to acquaint yourself with the Geneva Conventions and the First Additional Protocol in relation to the taking and handling of PWs (your Legal Advisor, or NCHQ Legal Advisor will provide detailed advice), and you are responsible for ensuring that all members of UK Contingents and Components involved in PW and Detainee handling comply with the Third Geneva Convention and guided by the provisions of JWP 1-10 "Prisoner of War Handling". Further guidance is contained within Section 10 of the TID.

32. Deployment of Civilians. Details of all civilians deploying on Op TELIC are to be passed to J1, NCHQ. The UK Legal and MoD policy view is that they are not to wear military uniform with the exception of NBC IPE, helmet (no cover), and body armour when deemed appropriate by the local commander under his duty of care obligations.

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