

Hundreds of UK troops deploy on Exercise Trident Juncture

On 10 October hundreds of UK troops arrived in The Netherlands as part of an epic 2,500km road move to Norway for Exercise Trident Juncture, NATO's flagship exercise in 2018.

In Norway, UK Armed Forces personnel will contribute to the large-scale and complex exercise which will test NATO's most important founding principle of collective defence in an Article 5 scenario – when an attack on one is an attack on all.

With some 150 aircraft, 40,000 participants and 10,000 vehicles, this is the largest collective defence exercise NATO has seen in over a decade.

Defence Secretary Gavin Williamson commented: *'NATO is the bedrock of defence where Britain plays a leading role. Whenever the call comes, the UK is foremost in stepping up to support our friends and allies across the globe.'*

'This exercise demonstrates the strength of our collective defence. Together we are ready to tackle any threat, from any direction.'

Earlier in the week British Army vehicles and equipment were loaded onto Channel Tunnel trains before arriving in The Netherlands as part of the complex logistical task of transporting a Battlegroup to Norway – a journey that includes road, rail and ferry.

Members of the Royal Logistics Corps are lending their expertise in support of the road move while in Norway soldiers from the Royal Irish Regiment, the Duke of Lancaster's Regiment and supporting units will train together with NATO allies.

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TJ 1

Vehicles are drawn up in the vehicle park before the road move starts. The British Army's 4th Infantry Brigade HQ is deploying to command UK Reconnaissance, Infantry, Combat and Logistic Support units alongside a Danish battlegroup and a Polish Mechanised Infantry Company. - Photo: MoD Crown Copyright 2018 ©

The main British Army units will comprise The Light Dragoons, 1st Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment, 1st Battalion The Duke of Lancaster Regiment and 102 and 104 Logistic Brigade. - Photo: MoD Crown Copyright 2018 ©

TJ 2

A column of British Army support vehicles crossing from Germany to Denmark on their way to Norway as part of Exercise Trident Juncture 18. The column was expected to take four days with rest stops. - Photo: MoD Crown Copyright 2018 ©

TJ 3

A driver from the convoy packet cleans the underneath of the vehicle to decontaminate it before driving to Norway. - Photo: MoD Crown Copyright 2018 ©