

THE ROYAL NAVY

PROVIDING CROSS-GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO SECURITY



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The Royal Navy enables secure access to the sea and uses the global freedom it offers, to contribute to a broad range of activities in support of Other Government Departments around the world. Amidst a future security environment characterised by more uncertainty than we would wish, the wider maritime community is key in providing 'security at sea', and is synonymous with 'security on our streets'.

ROYAL NAVY DELIVERS INTERNATIONAL MARITIME SECURITY

The core combat role, warships are used for developing international partnerships, offering maritime security co-operation, supporting disaster relief operations and providing a scalable global UK presence for diplomatic engagement.

In home waters the Royal Navy works with UK Civil Authorities to protect the territorial integrity of the UK by supporting maritime law enforcement, fishery protection and maritime information coordination.

WITH DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (DFID)

The ability to provide Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief is specifically required to assist the six UK dependent territories in the Caribbean during the hurricane season, but is also used across the globe as in Haiti and Sri Lanka. Royal Navy personnel

draw on their core war fighting skills (such as engineering, emergency kitchens, first aid and medical, damage repairs, fire fighting) to provide disaster relief and humanitarian assistance. Based at sea, so there is no need to draw on a damaged infrastructure ashore.



Members of the Royal Navy and royal Marines assist in Haiti

WITH FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (FCO)

International maritime security cooperation -

The Ministry of Defence supports the FCO in its efforts to prevent conflict and creates the conditions required for effective state building and economic development. The Royal Navy delivers international maritime security to enable the free, safe and lawful use of the seas furthermore the FCO has drawn on the Royal Navy to conduct large scale evacuations, as in Lebanon in 2006 and Libya in 2011.

Global UK presence for diplomatic engagement - Royal Navy diplomatic deployments to diverse areas of the globe, are coordinated with the FCO and promotes UK interests to the required effect without additional



Type 23 Frigate patrols an oil supply platform in the Gulf

cost. These international engagement opportunities include developing bi-lateral working relationships, training local maritime forces, reaffirming freedom of navigation in contested waters and conducting key leadership engagement.

The Royal Navy works closely with many governments around the world to help build confidence prevent conflict and strengthen security. Effective cooperation of this type can avoid the need for external military intervention in areas of potential instability. The Royal Navy is always there in support and as a key enabler within the tactical and logistical chain.

WITH HOME OFFICE (HO)

Protect the territorial integrity of UK home waters

The Royal Navy is the only UK government agency with the ability to continuously patrol the UK's waters and support or host the wider Government agencies who may require to operate there. The Royal Navy works closely with the Serious Organised Crime Agency and UK Border Agency to protect the territorial integrity of the UK from the threats of terrorism and drug smuggling. The Royal Navy plays a central role in the provision of counter-terrorist maritime Special Forces to the HO which has the lead responsibility for law enforcement in home waters out to the 12 mile territorial limit. The Royal Navy also provides security for our offshore energy installations.



HMS Monmouth contributes to maintaining the integrity of UK waters

WITH MARITIME MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION (MMO)

Providing fishery protection in British waters

Responsible to the MMO, the Royal Navy's Fishery Protection Squadron comprises 3 River Class Offshore

Patrol Vessels which operate in UK waters. In the 2008/09 contract year the squadron conducted 1102 inspections of fishing vessels and detected 231 infringements of UK and EU fisheries legislation which resulted in penalties varying from warnings, fines and the detention of fishing vessels in UK ports.



The Royal Navy's Fishery Protection Squadron - 3 River Class Offshore Patrol Vessels

WITH CABINET OFFICE

Co-ordinate UK maritime surveillance information

A Cabinet Office led, but cross-government agreement has seen the formation of a National Maritime Information Centre. The National Maritime Information Centre has been set up to bring together representatives of the Department for Transport, Marine Management Organisation, Ministry of Defence, Home Office, Foreign Commonwealth Office, and Department of Energy and Climate Change into one location to ensure the full range of maritime security challenges can be tackled in partnership across government.

The Royal Navy's command and control infrastructure will be a key enabler for the National Maritime Information Centre.