

IED

IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

COUNTERING THE THREAT

It's a hot July day in Darwin and the strain of the past month is etched on Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston's face. Houston is in Darwin to attend the funeral of 2 Commando Regiment operator Private Scott Palmer when he is forced to hold yet another media conference. He eyeballs the assembled cameras and announces the IED-inflicted death of 6RAR's Private Nathan Bewes.

Sapper Brenton Keemik and Aussie search for weapons. Pic Sergeant Mick Davis



IED pressure plate.



Royal New Zealand Navy Chief Petty Officer Buzz-B Tomoana on an IED exercise. Pic Able Seaman Brenton Freind



Uncovered IED explosives in palm oil containers.



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Warrant Officer Class Two Jeramie Faint in an EOD-9 bomb suit exploits an IED find in Mirabad Province. Pic Corporal Rachel Ingram



Petty Officer Lane Patterson exploits a possible IED find in Mirabad Province. Pic Corporal Rachel Ingram

