

New Zealand Defence Force Operations and Missions Overseas



1. **AFGHANISTAN** The NZDF has been actively involved in Afghanistan since 2003. Although the Provincial Reconstruction Team was withdrawn in April 2013, a small number of personnel are providing training assistance and capacity building through the UK-led Afghan National Army Officer Academy.

2. **ANTARCTICA** The NZDF contributes to the New Zealand Government's continuing involvement in Antarctica through the Antarctic Treaty system. The NZDF involvement consists of providing air transport, logistics support and specialist personnel skills, and is coordinated through collaboration with Antarctica New Zealand and its partner-nations in the Ross Sea region.

3. **MIDDLE EAST** The NZDF maintains a small team providing operational support to forces operating in the Middle East region. A RNZAF C-130 Hercules aircraft is currently deployed to support New Zealand, Australian and coalition operations in the Middle East until December 2016. Officers are stationed in headquarters in Qatar, Kuwait and Bahrain. NZDF personnel are also embarked on UK and Australian Navy ships and in shore-based roles to assist allied nations that are conducting counter-piracy patrols in the Arabian Gulf and Horn of Africa maritime operating areas.

4. **IRAQ** Since April 2015, around 100 personnel have been deployed alongside the Australian Defence Force to train Iraqi Security Forces so they can better counter the threat posed by ISIL (Daesh) and deter its further advances. The mission, originally for two years, has been extended by the government to November 2018.

5. **ISRAEL, LEBANON** The NZDF has been providing UN Observers to the United Nations Truce and Supervisory Organisation since 1954. These personnel patrol the area of operations and monitor ceasefires and military activity within the region.

6. **REPUBLIC OF KOREA** The NZDF provides staff support to the operational, liaison and corridor control functions of the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission in Korea.

7. **SINAI PENINSULA** The NZDF has participated in the Multinational Force and Observers since it was established in 1982 to ensure compliance with the commitments of the 1979 Treaty of Peace between Egypt and Israel. New Zealand contributes a transport section, a training and advisory team, a number of key staff positions and two engineers to the MFO.

8. **SOUTH SUDAN** The NZDF provides Military Observers and Staff Officer assistance to the United Nations Mission in the Republic of South Sudan.

9. **TIMOR-LESTE** The NZDF has been supporting various operations through the United Nations Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) since 1999. Although New Zealand's military and police participation in UNMIT concluded on 31 December 2012, NZDF's engagement continues through the five Technical Advisors attached to the Timor-Leste Defence Force.

10. **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** A NZDF National Planning Element and operational support has been based at the United States Central Command in Florida since 2003. They perform liaison and planning functions.