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Dear Mr Zacchi,

Thank you for your email of 3rd November 2020 requesting the following information:

'Could you advise (for all services or MoD services) the units/commands (or links where I could find this information) for the current overseas postings:

- 1) *British Forces Gibraltar*
- 2) *British Forces South Atlantic Islands*
- 3) *British Forces Cyprus*
- 4) *British Forces Belize*
- 5) *British Forces Brunei*
- 6) *British Forces British Indian Ocean Territories*
- 7) *British Army Training Unit Suffield*
- 8) *British Army Training Unit Kenya*
- 9) *British Army Training and Support Unit Belize*
- 10) *Kabul Protection Unit*
- 11) *NATO Enhanced Forward Presence (if any permanent deployed units)*

I understand as per protection, some of this information might be exempt, so in that cause you could re-direct me to where I might be able to find some of this information?'

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held and detailed in Annex A.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website at <https://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

Location	Unit/Command
British Forces Gibraltar	<p>The 4 principle Units and Commands operating out of British Forces Gibraltar are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAF Gibraltar https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-gibraltar/ • HM Naval Base (including the Royal Navy Gibraltar Squadron https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/operations/mediterranean-and-black-sea/gibraltar-squadron) and https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/qhm-gibraltar • Gibraltar Defence Police (akin to the Ministry of Defence Police in the UK). • Royal Gibraltar Regiment https://www.army.mod.uk/deployments/gibraltar/
British Forces South Atlantic Islands	<p>British Forces South Atlantic Islands is a tri-service organisation containing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roulement Infantry Company (currently the Grenadier Guards) and the Resident Rapier Battery https://www.army.mod.uk/deployments/south-atlantic-islands • Falkland Islands Patrol Vessel - https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/operations/south-atlantic • 905 Expeditionary Air Wing https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-mount-pleasant
British Forces Cyprus	<p>British Forces Cyprus (BFC) is made up of 5 main sites: Episkopi, RAF Akrotiri, Dhekelia, Troodos and Ayios Nikolaos.</p> <p>Royal Air Force Akrotiri - https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-akrotiri/</p> <p>Akrotiri Station:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyprus Operations Support Unit HQ • Defence Fire and Rescue Management Organisation (DFRMO) (Akrotiri) <p>Base Support Wing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chaplaincy • Personnel Management Squadron • Personnel Support Flight • Safety, Health, Environment & Fire • Estate Management Squadron • Security Flight <p>Engineering Wing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering Operations • Engineering Wing Administration • Joint Engineering Squadron Air • Joint Engineering Squadron CS • Standards & Training • Total Safety • Quality & Continuous Improvement Team <p>Logistics Wing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Mobility Force

- Joint Logistics Squadron
- Joint Movements Squadron
- Mechanical Transport
- Movements Operations

Operations Wing:

- 84 Squadron
- Air Operations
- Air Safety
- Air Traffic Control
- Ground Operations
- Intelligence Cell
- MET Office

Stations

<https://www.army.mod.uk/deployments/cyprus/>

Dhekelia Station:

- Dhekelia Station (Resident Infantry Battalion: 1PWRR)
- DFRMO (Dhekelia)
- Joint Services Adventure Training Wing (Cyprus)

Episkopi & Troodos:

- Episkopi & Troodos Station (Resident Infantry Battalion: 2 Yorks)
- Administration Support Unit
- DFRMO (Episkopi)
- DFRMO (Troodos)
- Housing Community Support Office
- Military Training Wing
- Security

BFC also has a number of Lodger units:

- British High Commission
- Cyprus Joint Police Unit
- Cyprus Joint Security Unit
- Defence Fire Risk Management Organisation
- HQ BRITCON
- Defence Digital Cyprus
- Programme Management Office
- Joint Education & Training Service
- Joint Services Health Unit
- Joint Service Signal Unit (Cyprus)
- SSAFA - the Armed Forces Charity
- 1 Military Working Dogs

Other BFC Branches:

- Security Force Police
- Command Legal
- Commercial
- HQ BFC/SBAA DBS Wellbeing
- Estates
- HIVE Information Service
- Medical Group
- RAF Legal
- Safety, Health & Environment
- Programme Management Office

In addition to the Lodger units are Sovereign Base Areas Administration (SBAA) units (<https://www.sbaadministration.org/>):

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBAA Administration • SBA Police HQ • Attorney General & Legal Advisors • Akrotiri Area Office • SBAA Court • Dhekelia Area Office • Environmental • Fiscal • Customs and Immigration
British Forces Belize	British Army Training and Support Unit Belize (BATSUB) is based in Price Barracks, which is also the home to the Belize Defence Force. https://www.army.mod.uk/deployments/belize/
British Forces Brunei	The Brunei Garrison is part of the Army's Regional Command and has a resident infantry battalion that is either 1 st or 2 nd Battalion Royal Gurkha Rifles on a 2-year rotation (currently 2 RGR) and 7 Flight Army Air Corps. There is also a jungle warfare school which is part of the Army's Land Warfare Centre. https://www.army.mod.uk/deployments/brunei/
British Forces British Indian Ocean Territories	British Indian Ocean Territory is primarily a Naval Unit. It is home to the Combined Task Force (Navy). https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/news-and-latest-activity/operations/indian-ocean/ctf-150
British Army Training Unit Suffield	British Army Training Unit Suffield (BATUS) is part of the Army's Land Warfare Centre. https://www.army.mod.uk/deployments/canada/
British Army Training Unit Kenya	British Army Training Unit Kenya (BATUK) is part of the Army's Land Warfare Centre. https://www.army.mod.uk/deployments/africa/
British Army Training and Support Unit Belize	British Army Training and Support Unit Belize (BATSUB) is part of the Army's Land Warfare Centre. https://www.army.mod.uk/deployments/belize/
Kabul Protection Unit	There are no permanently deployed units in this location, they rotate in and out.
NATO Enhanced Forward Presence (if any permanent deployed units)	There are no permanently deployed units in this location, they rotate in and out https://www.army.mod.uk/deployments/baltics/