31 May 2007


Dear ,

Request for Information

Thank you for your enquiry dated 10 May 2007 regarding UK Forces in Bosnia which is considered to be a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. I am responding on behalf of the information holders.

You asked:

Details of UK units from September 2005 to May 2007

Details of the Codename of Operations from October 1999 to date

I can confirm that the UK name for operations in Bosnia has been Op OCULUS since 25 November 2004. Previous to this the codename for operations in Bosnia was Op PALANTINE.

Please see the following information regarding units deployed on Operation OCULUS since September 2005:

1 Royal Gurkha Regiment 28 September to 28 March 2006
1 Green Howards Regiment, who were renamed during their tour to Yorkshire Regiment 28 March to September 2006

1 Welsh Guards 28 September to 24 March 2007

23 Pioneer Regt provided force protection to non-formed unit personnel Post 24 March until June 2007

Further information regarding UK Forces in Bosnia can be found on the MOD website by following the link below: http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/FactSheets/OperationsFactsheets/BosniaBackgroundBriefing.htm

I hope the information provided has been useful, however, if you are unhappy with this response or wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail: Info-XD@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within two calendar months of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you are still unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,