

AFCU PRAYER ALERT June 2025

Current Military Initiatives and Operations

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Military personnel are set to benefit from new AI capabilities following the UK's largest ever multi-domain AI trial, bringing together land, sea and air equipment. Building on previous trials, this ground breaking trial involved the collaboration of around 200 scientists, military personnel, industry representatives and international partners to develop critical AI systems for automatic target detection and recognition. Once again recognising the critical importance of military readiness in an era of heightened global uncertainty.

British firepower deployed on NATO's eastern flank in show of force with deployment to Finland.

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Exercise Northern Strike will see the UK Armed Forces join thousands of personnel from Finland and Sweden, NATO's two newest Allies. The show of force and firepower reinforces the Alliance's readiness, capability, and commitment to defend every inch of NATO territory.

Exercise Northern Strike is part of a wider operation to secure NATO's eastern flank; Operation RAZOREDGE. RAZOREDGE is made up of 13 exercises involving 13 NATO allies across 6 countries. The UK has contributed assets across air, land and sea with over 6,000 UK personnel taking part alongside 16,500 allied troops.

Prayer points:

- Please pray for the ongoing technological testing and developments which are being conducted to improve our military capabilities and readiness to respond to situations arising in our turbulent world.
- Please pray for good multinational working relationships for the various joint operations taking place on NATO's Eastern Flank as they continue to bring a show of force across the region.
- Please pray for all Christians in the Military who are currently involved in these operations and for all Military Chaplains who are supporting these deployed personnel.
- At a time when an increased number of military personnel are away from home, please pray for military marriages to remain strong and for good communication with loved ones back home.
 Please especially pray for children missing their parents and possibly feeling anxious or sad.