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Life in the Military – continued response to ongoing threats

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During a virtual summit of Defence Ministers in May involving over 40 nations involved in the Multinational Military Mission, the Defence Secretary reaffirmed the UK's leadership of this initiative. He confirmed that the UK will deploy autonomous mine hunting equipment and cutting-edge counter drone systems, along with Typhoon jets and HMS Dragon (already on her way to the Middle East). RFA Lyme Bay continues to be upgraded by the Royal Navy to add new cutting-edge uncrewed equipment, if required for operations in the Strait of Hormuz in the future.

This defensive mission, which will become operational when conditions allow, is backed by £115m new funding for mine-hunting drones and counter-drone systems as part of a future defensive mission to secure freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz. The multinational plan is strictly defensive in nature and is designed to restore confidence for commercial shipping along the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical trade routes through which a fifth of the world's oil passes.

The UK already has existing defensive operations in the region, with over 1000 UK military personnel deployed across the region, including counter-drone teams and fast jet squadrons, which have played an important role in protecting British nationals and our partners in the region.

Prayer points:

- Please pray for all those service personnel currently deployed in the Middle East region or on their way towards it. Please pray that each one will be sheltered under God's wings of protection as they seek to defend and protect this vital trade route.
- Please pray for all personnel developing and learning how to use this new equipment to the best effect, so that, as and when conditions allow, it will provide a very effective deterrent against further aggression and hostility.
- Please pray for all our military leaders to know how best to respond in this time of increased tension around the globe. Please especially pray for them to be granted quality rest periods and restorative sleep as they serve in an ongoing period of heightened stress and tension.