AFCU PRAYER ALERT
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Life in the Military – Support for Saudi Arabia

The UK will provide additional defensive military support to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, given escalating Houthi attacks in the region.

Operational update 20 October – UK military support to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia - GOV.UK

The UK will fly defensive counter air missions to support the protection of Saudi cities and critical national infrastructure against aerial attack, using RAF Typhoon fighter jets. These aircraft will operate in a defensive role and will not conduct offensive strikes against the Houthis. It follows Houthi attacks on the Saudi capital Riyadh, as well as on energy sites on the country's coast.

This support builds on the UK's existing defensive military contribution to Saudi Arabia, including the deployment of air defence equipment to protect against missiles and drone attacks and an extension of air-to-air refuelling support for Saudi defensive air operations including to degrade Houthi military targets in Yemen that threaten the Saudi and Yemeni people.

The Houthis' attempts to destabilise the region and undermine the security and stability of the Middle East are unacceptable and it is in the UK's national economic and security interest that they do not succeed. Escalating violence in the Gulf can have a serious impact at home in the UK - driving up the cost of living, disrupting energy supplies and costs to British businesses.

Prayer points:

- Please pray for the continued effective collaboration between Saudi and UK militaries as they continue to work closely together to provide an effective defense against Houthi attacks.
- Please pray for the Lord to grant them wise insight and good intelligence to enable them to protect the Saudi and Yemeni people from attack and defend vital infrastructure.
- Please continue to pray for God's protection for all military personnel at this time of heightened tension, especially for those who are flying into areas of conflict and hostility.
- Please pray for God to comfort and sustain the families of those who are deployed in this location.
- Please pray for our Lord to strengthen the resilience and stamina of all those involved in this ongoing defensive operation and to grant them periods of restorative rest.