

- **Demining organisations are unable to gain access to / transport their demining equipment into the UK Area of Operations.**
 - The problems experienced by Danish Christian Aid (DCA) with the transport of explosives have been resolved by the UK JFEODC. DCA can now fly explosives directly into IRAQ.
 - Minetec International (a commercial demining company) arrived in the UK Area of Operations on 23 May 03 and have been allocated real estate.
 - A communications network to co-ordinate the activities of the military and civilian EOD teams has been established.

- **The UK is not doing its best to address the mine/UXO problem in its Area of Operations.**
 - At present the UK has in the region of 200 personnel (approx 1% of the total in-theatre force) involved in the clearance of UXO. In addition a significant number of Royal Engineer assets are involved in the marking and fencing of bomblet strike and mined areas (a coalition-wide operation).
 - During the post conflict phase around 800 EOD tasks have been carried out. During these over 100,000 items of UXO and munitions have been destroyed. Bulk demolitions (where individual items are not counted) raise this figure to an estimated 250,000 items.
 - Mine/UXO awareness training. The UK has made a significant effort to educate the local population of the dangers of mines and UXO. The Theatre Mine Risk Education (MRE) plan has been developed with the support of UNICEF and the ICRC. A poster and leaflet campaign has been carried out, headteachers in BASRAH have been briefed and military teams are delivering Mine/UXO awareness training to Primary and secondary schools on a daily basis using material approved by the ICRC.

- **Security of ordnance sites.**
 - There are around 200 sites in the UK Area Of Responsibility and it is impossible to secure all of these. Some measures (such as burying ordnance) have been taken to prevent public access. Unfortunately, despite these preventative measures, some civilians, fully aware of the dangers, are determined to break in and open up the ammunition.
 - A dedicated operation is being conducted by EOD teams throughout the Area of Operations in an attempt to dispose of and reduce the amount of ammunition in ammunition compounds.

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