

# THE ADF'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE GLOBAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

## AN OVERVIEW OF OPERATIONS

### *The War on Terror*

#### **Operation CATALYST**

Operation CATALYST is the ADF contribution to the whole-of-government effort to rehabilitate Iraq. The operation commenced in July 2003 and is ongoing.

#### **Operation SLIPPER**

Operation SLIPPER is the ADF's contribution to the global campaign against terrorism and included operations in Afghanistan. The operation commenced in October 2001 and is ongoing.

#### **Operation FALCONER – March-July 2003**

ADF offensive operations against Iraq as part of the coalition led by the United States to remove the threat posed by Iraq to global security.

#### **Operation BASTILLE – September 2002-March 2003**

Operation BASTILLE was the codename for the ADF operation to deploy force elements and prepare for possible combat operations in Iraq. The preparation was for supporting United Nations disarmament efforts by contributing to the pressure on Iraq to comply with its international obligations to end its program of weapons of mass destruction.

#### **Operation PALATE – March 2003-June 2004**

Following the ADF's significant and successful role in Afghanistan, as part of the international coalition against terrorism, the ADF deployed a military liaison officer to the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

### ***Contributing to the Whole of Government Approach to Unauthorised Arrivals***

#### **Operation RELEX II**

This is the ADF contribution to the whole of Government effort to detect, intercept and deter vessels carrying unauthorised arrivals from entering Australia through the North-West maritime approaches.

#### **Operation CRANBERRY**

Operation CRANBERRY is an established operation that maintains ADF situational awareness and the capacity to respond to identified threats in Northern Australia. The operation also integrates military surveillance and response capabilities with civil surveillance operations in the area. The operation commenced in August 1997.

#### **Operation GABERDINE – June 2001-June 2004**

Operation GABERDINE was the name for Defence logistic support to the Department for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs as part of the whole of Government approach to manage unauthorised boat arrivals.

### ***Southern Ocean Fisheries Patrols***

#### **Operation MISTRAL**

The ADF support to the Australian Fisheries Management Agency and Australian Customs Service civil charter vessel patrols to enforce Australian sovereign rights and fisheries laws in the Southern Oceans. The operation commenced in August 1998 and is ongoing.

*The following operations relate to specific actions undertaken as part of ADF support to fisheries law enforcement in the Southern Ocean:*

#### **Operation CELESTA – January-February 2004**

Operation CELESTA was the codename allocated to the conduct of a surface fisheries patrol to the Heard Island and McDonald Island Exclusive Economic Zone in support of the enforcement of Australian sovereignty. One foreign fishing vessel was apprehended in 2004. The operation commenced in August 2001 and is ongoing.

#### **Operation GEMSBOK – August-September 2003**

Operation GEMSBOK was the codename for the ADF's contribution to support the Australian Customs Service operation engaged in the hot pursuit in August/September 2003, of the Uruguayan flagged fishing vessel VIARSA 1 suspected of fishing illegally

in the Heard Island and McDonald Island Exclusive Economic Zone.

An ADF steaming party boarded the apprehended VIARSA 1 off Cape Town and brought the vessel to Fremantle.

#### **Operation SUTTON – January-February 2002**

Operation SUTTON was the codename allocated to the conduct of a surface fisheries patrol to the Heard Island and McDonald Island Exclusive Economic Zone in support of the enforcement of Australian sovereignty in January/February 2002. Two foreign fishing vessels were apprehended.

#### **Operation TEEBONE – April-June 2001**

Operation TEEBONE was the code name allocated to the ADF's support to the Australian Fisheries Management Authority led and South African assisted apprehension of the Togo-registered FFV South Tomi in the Southern Oceans April/May 2001.

The operation included the boarding and apprehension of the vessel off Cape Town, and escort to Fremantle.

#### **Operation STANHOPE – February-March 1998**

Operation STANHOPE was the codename allocated to the conduct of a surface fisheries patrol to the Heard Island and McDonald Island Exclusive Economic Zone in support of the enforcement of Australian sovereignty in February/March 1998. One foreign fishing vessel was apprehended.

#### **Operation DIRK – October 1997**

Operation DIRK was the codename allocated to the conduct of a surface fisheries patrol to the Heard Island and McDonald Island Exclusive Economic Zone in support of the enforcement of Australian sovereignty in October 1997. Two foreign fishing vessels were apprehended.

### ***Contributing to Domestic Security***

Through the Attorney General's Department's Protective Security Coordination Centre, the ADF can assist other Government agencies, including State and Territory Governments, for a whole-of-government response to domestic security.

#### **Operation MIATA – October 2003**

ADF support to the President of the United States visit to Australia in October 2003.

#### **Operation FLUENT – October 2003**

ADF support to the President of the People's Republic of China visit to Australia in October 2003.

#### **Operation GUARDIAN II – November 2001-March 2002**

Operation GUARDIAN II was the ADF operation to provide support to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 02) in Brisbane in March 2002.

#### **Operation CENTENARY – September 2000-November 2001**

Operation CENTENARY was the name given to ADF support for the Centenary of Federation celebrations in 2001.

#### **Operation TARTAN – April 2003**

Operation TARTAN provided ADF support to the Coastwatch-led apprehension of the MV PONG SU off the New South Wales coast in April 2003.

#### **Operation SCRUMMAGE – October-November 2003**

ADF support to the Rugby World Cup held at venues throughout Australia.

#### **Operation GOLD – December 1998-January 2001**

ADF support to the Sydney Olympic Games.

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## ***Nation-building in East Timor***

### **Operation SPIRE**

Operation SPIRE is the codename allocated to the ongoing ADF contribution to the United Nations Mission in Support of East Timor follow-on mission to enhance the security and stability of East Timor.

### **Operation CITADEL – February 2002-May 2004**

Operation CITADEL was the codename allocated to the ADF contribution to the United Nations Mission in Support of East Timor (UNMISSET).

### **Operation TANAGER – January 2000-May 2002**

Operation TANAGER was the codename allocated to the ADF contribution to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET).

### **Operation STABILISE/WARDEN – September 1999-February 2000**

Operation STABILISE was the Australian led United Nation mandated multinational operation of the International Force East Timor (INTERFET). The ADF participated under Operation WARDEN.

## ***Peacekeeping***

### **Operation POMELO**

ADF contribution to the UN United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) to assist the Governments of Ethiopia and Eritrea in their agreement to cease hostilities and enforce the newly agreed border between the two nations. The operation commenced in October 2000 and is ongoing.

### **Operation PALADIN**

Operation PALADIN is Australia's contribution to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation (UNSTO) established in 1948 to supervise the truce agreed at the conclusion of the first Arab/Israeli War and operates in Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt. The current PALADIN operation began in March 1994 and is ongoing. The ADF has been involved in UNSTO since 1956.

### **Operation MAZURKA**

Australia's contribution to the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) in the Sinai, which was established in 1981 to oversee the Camp David Accords of 1978

and the Egypt/Israel Peace Treaty of 1979. It began in October 1992 and is ongoing.

### **Operation OSIER – December 1996-February 2004**

Operation OSIER was Australia's contribution to the NATO-led, UN-mandated Yugoslavia Stabilisation Force and Kosovo Force.

### **Operation CORACLE – June 1994-February 2004**

The ADF contribution to UN operations in Mozambique deployed to the Field Operations Management Headquarters in Maputo to train deminers.

### **Operation HUSKY – December 2000-February 2003**

ADF contribution to the International Military Advisory and Training Team in Sierra Leone providing direct military advice and training to the Government of Sierra Leone.

### **Operation TREK – October 2000-February 2002**

Operation TREK was the codename allocated to ADF support to the Solomon Islands Peace Monitoring Council (PMC) and the International Peace Monitoring Team (IPMT).

### **Operation DORSAL – September-October 2000**

Operation DORSAL saw the deployment of ADF Force Elements to the Solomon Islands as part of the ongoing peace process to maintain a presence, provide limited safe haven and provide a neutral venue for peace talks in-country.

### **Operation ORBIT – September-October 2000**

Operation ORBIT was a combined Australian and New Zealand operation to provide support to peace talks in Townsville as part of the Australian Government's assistance to the Solomon Islands Government for the ongoing peace process.

### **Operation FREESIA – February-September 1997**

ADF contribution to the UN Verification Mission Guatemala.

### **Operation ECHIDNA – April 1995-April 1996**

ADF de-mining support to the UN Angola Verification Mission.

## ***Returning Stability to the Solomon Islands***

### **Operation ANODE**

Operation ANODE is an Australian-led whole-of-government effort to restore law and order and the role of government to the Solomon Islands.

For this policing operation, personnel from units around Australia operate from a Coalition Joint Task Force Headquarters that combines ADF personnel with AFP, DFAT and AUSAID personnel.

The operation commenced in May 2003 and is ongoing.

## ***Supporting Our Neighbours***

### **Operation SOLANIA**

RAAF deployments to assist in regional surveillance in the South West Pacific. The operation commenced in 1983 and is ongoing.

## ***Responding to Australians in Need***

### **Operation BALI ASSIST – November 2002**

Operation BALI ASSIST was the ADF assistance to the whole of government response to a bomb incident in Bali over the period October/November 2002.

This support consisted of the evacuation of the critically injured from Bali to Australian hospitals, providing counselling services to the victims, their families and support personnel in the form of chaplains and psychological counsellors and other support staff.

In addition, the ADF provided forensic dentists to assist the Australian Federal Police in the identification of deceased victims.

### **Operation PLUMBOB – June-August 2000**

Operation PLUMBOB was the codename allocated to the operation for the evacuation of Australian and approved foreign nationals from the Solomon Islands.

### **Operation VISTA – July 1997**

A non-combatant air evacuation of Australian citizens from Phnom Penh.

## **Operation HIGHWAY/HIGHWAY II – November 2000-January 2001**

These operations provided transport assistance to the Papua and New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) repatriation program to transport redundant PNGDF personnel and dependants to their home provinces.

## ***Constructing Peace – Bougainville***

These operations supported the Bougainville Peace Process. They included support to the Bougainville Peace Talks, the Truce Monitoring Group, the Peace Motoring Group and military support to DFAT sponsored talks on Bougainville disarmament held in Townsville. The operations were:

USHERETTE – January 1998

ABSEIL – February 2001

CORBEL – September 1998

TERRIER – October 1997-January 1998

BEL ISI – Nov 97-Apr 98

BEL ISI II – May 1998-August 2003

## ***Humanitarian Assistance, Disaster Relief and Search and Rescue***

### **Operation BAGHDAD ASSIST – April 2003**

Provided urgently required medical stores to Baghdad from ADF sources in the Middle East and from Australia in April 2003.

### **Operation IRAN ASSIST – December 2003-January 2004**

The ADF operation to transport aid to earthquake effected areas of Iran. Operation commenced in December 2003 and ceased in January 2004.

### **Operation NIUE ASSIST – January 2004**

Operation NIUE ASSIST was the code name for the ADF contribution to the whole of government operation to provide assistance to the government of Niue in the aftermath of tropical cyclone Heta.

### **Operation SAFE HAVEN (East Timor) – September-December 1999**

Defence support for the Australian assistance package to displaced persons from East Timor. Assistance included receiving of displaced persons at Darwin, providing temporary accommodation at

Defence establishments and sustaining them until their repatriation.

**Operation SAFE HAVEN (Kosovo) – April 1999-May 2000**

Defence support for the Australian assistance package to displaced persons from Kosovo.

**Operation SHADDOCK – July 1998-August 1998**

This operation provided emergency aid to PNG following the destruction to a village on the north coast as a result of a tsunami.

**Operation CASTANET/AUSINDO JAYA – March 1998-July 1998**

This was the ADF assistance to the humanitarian relief efforts in central Irian Jaya provided by the AUSAID coordinated aid to the Indonesian Government food assistance program.

**Operation SIERRA/PLES DRAI – August 1997-April 1998**

This operation was ADF assistance in the provision of Australian drought relief aid to PNG.

***Supporting Wider Interests***

**Operation DAMASK – June 1996-June 2001**

Three RAN deployments to the Arabian Gulf have been conducted under the title Operation DAMASK during the period 1996-2001. The ships completed routine maritime interception patrols and boarding operations in the central and northern Persian Gulf, the Red Sea and the Gulf of Oman.

**Operation POLLARD – February 1998-October 2001**

Operation POLLARD was the code name assigned to the ADF contribution to the US led coalition force assembled for operations against Iraq from February 1998 to October 2001. This operation was dormant between February 1999 and October 2001.

**Operation THEMIS – July-November 1998**

ADF support to the Australian Embassy in Phnom Penh during the Cambodian election in 1998.

**Operation BLAZER**

The Australian contribution to the United Nations Special Commission into Iraqi weapons of mass destruction following the 1991 war against Iraq.