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TALISMAN SABER 2009

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Talisman Saber is a biennial military exercise which combines Australian and United States air, land and maritime forces. The exercise forms part of the Australia Defence Force's (ADF) extensive training program:

- To ensure preparedness for any future deployments
- To ensure the continued readiness to protect and support Australia and its national interests
- To ensure Australian and US Forces can work together effectively and safely

EXERCISE PURPOSE

The ability to conduct joint and combined exercises between the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Army, and the Royal Australian Air Force in conjunction with US Forces, strengthens proactive and responsive strategies and enhances measures to defend Australia and its national interests.

WHERE DOES IT TAKE PLACE?

Exercise Talisman Saber 2009 will be conducted at designated ADF training facilities in Queensland, Northern Territory and within the Australian Maritime Zones of Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone. Key sites include:

- Delamere Range Facility (Northern Territory)
- Bradshaw Field Training Area (Northern Territory)
- Mount Bunday Training Area (Northern Territory)
- Shoalwater Bay Training Area (Central Queensland)
- Cowley Beach Training Area (North Queensland)
- Designated marine areas within Coral, Timor and Arafura Seas and adjacent International Waters

Other sites include:

- Port facilities in Queensland (Port of Townsville, Port Alma, Port of Gladstone and Port of Brisbane) and NT (Port of Darwin)
- RAAF Bases at Darwin, Tindal, Townsville, Amberley and Richmond for aircraft holding
- Rockhampton and Cairns Airports
- Non-defence training areas

WHEN DOES IT TAKE PLACE?

Extensive planning is already underway for Talisman Saber with the exercise due to take place from 6 July – 25 July 2009. This includes the consolidation and preparation of troops prior to the more intensive periods of training. Pre and post-exercise administration will occur around these dates which will minimise impacts to exercise areas during and after the activity.

