

FALKLANDS - MARITIME EXCLUSION ZONE (see also POB 94)

Position of Non-Naval Ships

In his speech last night Mr Nott said that the intention was to prevent the reinforcement and resupply of the Argentine presence on the Falkland Islands and that any Argentine warships and Argentine naval auxiliaries found within the Maritime Exclusion Zone will be treated as hostile and liable to be attacked by British forces. Clearly this refers only to naval vessels but we should point out that Mr Nott went on to say that this measure is without prejudice to the right of the United Kingdom to take whatever additional measures that may be needed in exercising of its right to self-defence under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter.

Any Argentine shipping involved in the reinforcement or resupply of the Argentine forces would therefore be wise to take account of our announcement.

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