

DAILY SITUATION REPORT MOD

The MoD issued the following on the record statement this morning:-

"The military preparations continue according to plan. In particular the MEZ remains established. There are no reports of Argentinian vessels or naval auxiliaries within the MEZ."

ANOTHER SHIP REQUISITIONED

Stena Seaspread, owned by Stena Atlantic of Aberdeen, has been requisitioned for specialist support. She is a 9,000 ton ship designed for North Sea and so ideal for rough South Atlantic waters. To be operated by civilian captain and crew with RN personnel on board. (She will be used for diving support but MoD do not want this revealed.)

MARINES SOUTH GEORGIA

Still seeking clarification of whereabouts through International Red Cross.

SOVIET INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

We have no information regarding reports that Soviet gathered intelligence material is being passed to the Argentinians.

UGANDA

Arrives in Gibraltar later this week. Plans for conversion are well advanced. Cannot say when she will sail from Gibraltar.

CANBERRA

We cannot confirm that she is being shadowed by a Soviet intelligence ship.

ARGENTINE NAVY SAILS FROM PORT?

MoD is indicating that reports show that the Argentine Navy remains in port with the exception of two ships which are still at sea. They are not saying which ships these are.

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The Commons and Lords are to sit on Wednesday this week. The following statement has been issued:-

"With the agreement of the Speaker and following discussions with the Opposition which began yesterday through the usual channels, the Government has decided to recall the House of Commons at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 14 April to discuss the Falkland Islands situation."

At present we cannot offer any guidance as to the form business will take or as to speakers.

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