

PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT ON FRIDAY 7 MAY

There has been no operational contact in the South Atlantic over the last 24 hours. The Task Force continues to enforce the Total Exclusion Zone around the Falkland Islands. We have no report that this zone has been breached. We have no further knowledge of the two Harriers which went missing yesterday. The search and rescue operations were completed at last light yesterday. Nothing was found.

Out of the Harriers embarked in the Task Force in the South Atlantic, two are now missing and one, as I announced, was shot down by Argentine action on 4 May. All the rest of the Harriers with the Task Force in the South Atlantic remain available for operations.