

PRESS STATEMENT: 28TH MAY

I would like to put the record straight on the use of UGANDA, one of our hospital ships.

Argentina has claimed that the UGANDA was present in the Falkland Sound during operational activity there implying that she took part in that activity. This is a serious charge which if it were true would involve a fundamental breach of the Geneva Convention.

At no time has UGANDA been used in support of military operations. She is acting and will continue to act as a hospital ship strictly in accordance with the requirements of the Geneva Conventions.

She entered Middle Bay of East Falklands for 30 minutes on the 27th May to take on board a number of severely wounded casualties. Immediately these were embarked she left the Bay carrying both British and Argentinian casualties.

The International Red Cross is of course free to inspect the UGANDA or any other of our hospital ships at any time. We would be pleased if they did so.