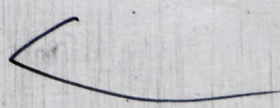


MOD STATEMENT AT 0940 3 MAY

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At about 4am London time today two armed Argentine patrol craft type naval auxiliaries fired on a Royal Navy Sea King ^{helicopter} from HMS Hermes. Two Royal Navy Lynx helicopters from ships of the Task Force then engaged the ships with missiles. One of the ships was sunk and the other was certainly damaged.

The engagement took place north of East Falkland and some 90 miles inside the TEZ. ~~There~~ No damage to British helicopters has been reported. Further details will be given as soon as they become available.



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