# MOD update on the UK military presence in the Gulf

The UK has a long-standing maritime presence in the region.

#### New recruitment drive for Team Tempest

Defence Minister Mark Lancaster has announced a new recruitment drive for Team Tempest, with the number of people working on the programme set to more than double over the next two years.

# <u>Prime Minister visits Northwood</u> <u>Headquarters</u>

The Prime Minister met with members of Joint Forces Command personnel and their families.

## <u>MOD to develop cutting-edge laser and</u> <u>radio frequency weapons</u>

The Ministry of Defence is developing cutting-edge laser and radio frequency weapons which have the potential to revolutionise the battlefield.

## <u>Chinooks to stay in Mali to help in</u>

# <u>fight against violent extremism</u>

The Prime Minister has announced that the UK's Chinook helicopters and personnel currently stationed with the French counter-terrorism operation in Northern Mali will extend their tour by a minimum of six months