

Press release: The Red Arrows are back to Kuwait

The British Embassy in Kuwait is proud to announce the return to Kuwait of the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows following their spectacular display here last November. In their third visit to Kuwait the world's premier aerobatic display team will be performing a 22 minute show commencing at 4pm on Thursday 28 September. The display will be visible along the length of Arabian Gulf Street so come along to find your spot anywhere between the Marina Mall and the Kuwait Towers.

The Red Arrows have been impressing crowds across the United Kingdom and around the world for more than 50 years. 2016 was a particularly exciting year for the team, performing in China for the first time as well as mounting displays in 16 countries, including Kuwait, on their way to and from the Far East. The team, which flies British-built T1 Hawk fast-jets, will have completed more than 4800 shows since their very first show in 1965. Today, the Red Arrows are known and admired throughout the world, acting as ambassadors for Great Britain wherever they fly. In addition to demonstrating the UK's commitment to regional security and defence, the RAF team also support UK industry by showcasing the capabilities of British equipment and expertise. Inspiring millions of people every year, the world's premier aerobatic team, the Red Arrows represent excellence both at home and overseas through their display of speed, agility and teamwork.

The Red Arrows also support national initiatives to encourage interest in science, technology, engineering and maths subjects which showcases the common goal of the Red Arrows and that is the constant pursuit of excellence.

Also visiting Kuwait at the same time as the Red Arrows will be the Rt. Hon. Chris Grayling MP, the UK's Secretary of State for Transport.

During the Red Arrow's visit to Kuwait, the team will make a number of public appearances, including meeting children from local schools.

Jacky Perkins, Chargé d' Affaires at the British Embassy in Kuwait said:

It is our honour and privilege to welcome the Royal Air Force Aerobatic Team, the Red Arrows to Kuwait again after a wonderful display last November. The Red Arrows' show celebrates the UK's continued commitment to Kuwait and our longstanding bilateral defence relationship. The defence and security relationship between Kuwait and the UK remains strong and we are very grateful to the Government of Kuwait, especially Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence HE Sheikh Mohammad Al-Khaled Al-Sabah for supporting the red Arrows and making this fantastic event possible.

Officer Commanding of the Red Arrows team Wing Commander Martin Higgins said:

Detailed preparation goes into each and every aspect of the Red Arrows year, which involves a continuous high-tempo cycle of training displays and engagement activities. Whether it is a performance at a home venue in the UK or a show overseas, such as Kuwait, the Red Arrows help to project vital influence, promote prosperity and support important national interests.