



CONFLICTS SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR

British military and peacekeeping activity since the end of the Second World War in 1945.



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The twentieth century witnessed two global conflicts, the First and the Second World Wars. Britain was one of the key countries involved in both and their impact has had a lasting affect on this country and the world.

Since the end of the Second World War, British troops have continued to be involved with conflicts, wars and multinational force action, illustrated in the timeline on this poster. In addition to this list, UK forces have been involved in other UN peacekeeping operations.

British troop current activities outside of Britain today (as at 1 January 2009)

Afghanistan	8,050
Southern Iraq	4,100
Baghdad	250
At sea	1,050
Falklands/South Atlantic	1,500
Qatar	700
Cyprus	300
Kuwait	550
Kosovo	150
Bahrain	50
Bosnia	<50
Other	100

Key to troop deployment

BRITISH TROOPS

UN

INTERNATIONAL FORCES

NATO

1945 Second World War ends

1947 Events in Palestine

1948–1960 Malaya Emergency

1950–1953 Korean War

1952–1960's Kenyan uprisings

1955–1959 Cyprus

UN forces involved since 1963

1956 Suez War

with French and Israeli troops

1964–1967 Aden and Radfan

1965 Borneo

with other Commonwealth forces

1969–1970's Dhofar

with pre-revolutionary Iranian troops and contributions from Pakistan and Jordan

1969–current Northern Ireland

1982 Falklands War

1991 First Gulf War

International coalition

1992–2007 Balkans Conflict

Bosnia Herzegovina – then NATO, then IFOR and then EUFOR

1999–current

Balkans/Kosovo conflict

2000 Sierra Leone

2001–current Afghanistan

International coalition with NATO involvement

2003–current Second Gulf War

The invasion of Iraq – International coalition led by the US and UK

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