

STATEMENTS ON GTACOS

Derek Twigg MP, the Under Secretary of State for Defence said:



“I’m delighted today to be able to announce the outcome of this very comprehensive Review which heralds a new era for the Brigade of Gurkhas. A Review, which will ensure that today’s Gurkha soldier enjoys the same opportunities and benefits as his counterpart in the wider Army.

The Gurkhas have a long and proud tradition of outstanding service to this country. This wide ranging Review underpins our commitment to securing a sustainable future for the Brigade, and for the Gurkhas who continue to play a vital and important role in our Armed Forces.”

The Chief of the General Staff, General Sir Richard Dannatt, KCB CBE MC ADC Gen said:



“I believe it is absolutely right that serving members of the Brigade of Gurkhas will in future be receiving broadly the same terms and conditions of service as their counterparts in the wider Army. This will ensure their future in the British Army while being able to serve in Gurkha formed units. Their support to operations around the world has been and will continue to be a major contribution to Britain’s Defence commitments.”

The Colonel Commandant of the Brigade of Gurkhas, Lieutenant General Sir Philip Trousell, KBE, CB said:



“I welcome the GTACOS Review and the positive outcome that it delivers for the Brigade of Gurkhas. It meets the needs and aspirations of the modern Gurkha soldier, those stationed in the UK, Brunei and Nepal and those currently deployed on operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, and will ensure that the Brigade continues to contribute effectively to current and future operations whilst maintaining its unique characteristics.”