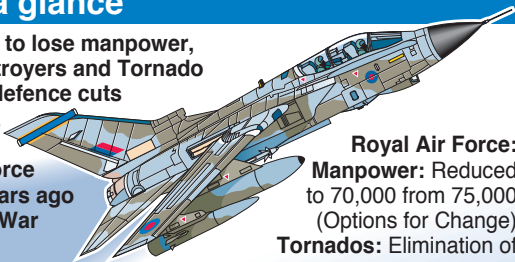


Defence cuts at a glance

Britain's armed forces are to lose manpower, submarines, frigates, destroyers and Tornado aircraft in sweeping new defence cuts aimed at saving £1 billion.

The reductions are in addition to a 20 percent force reduction agreed three years ago under Britain's post-Cold War 'Options for Change' spending review



Royal Air Force:

Manpower: Reduced to 70,000 from 75,000 (Options for Change)

Tornados: Elimination of

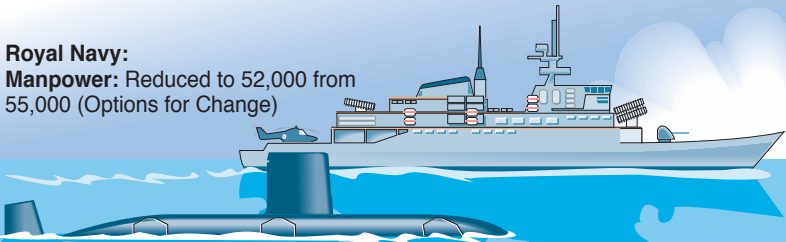
23 Squadron, 13 Tornado F-3s, currently enforcing no-fly zone in Bosnia

Air defences: Scrapping plans for advanced surface to air missile defence system

Commitments: Continuation of £32 billion Eurofighter 2000 project to replace Tornado GR1s. Hercules fleet to be refurbished

Royal Navy:

Manpower: Reduced to 52,000 from 55,000 (Options for Change)



Submarines: Elimination of four Upholder-class diesel-electric submarines

Surface ships: Frigates and destroyers reduced to 35 from 40 (Options for Change). Cut in minesweepers and minehunters from 34 to 25

Commitments: Purchase of a new nuclear ballistic missile submarine and advanced Sandown class minehunters. Production of a new helicopter carrier and replacement of assault ships *Fearless* and *Intrepid*

Army:

Manpower: Increased to 119,000 from 116,000 (Options for Change)

Missile systems: Withdrawal from third phase of development of European Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS)

Commitments: Plans for new attack helicopters. Announcement expected soon on purchases of Challenger-2 tanks

