

# London plans massive Olympic security operation

Britain is preparing to mount its biggest ever peacetime security operation for the London Olympics, involving thousands of police and military personnel backed by warships, fighter jets and surface-to-air missiles

*Typhoon fighters at Northolt on standby to counter 9/11-style attacks*



## SECURITY PERSONNEL



■ Up to 12,000 police officers on duty at Olympic venues and villages during busiest days – 9,000 of them in London

■ 7,500 military personnel inside venues to perform screening and search tasks

■ Another 5,000 military will assist police, including sniffer dog teams, bomb disposal squads and 1,000-strong rapid reaction force

■ Extra 1,000 military to provide logistical support

■ More than 13,000 private security guards at venues, plus 3,000 unpaid volunteers to help scan ticketholders

- ✈ RAF airbase
- ★ Army base / barracks
- ★ Special forces base
- ⚓ Naval vessels



## AIR DEFENCES

■ **E-3D Sentry** electronic surveillance aircraft at Waddington, Lincolnshire



■ Sniper-carrying **Puma** helicopters at Territorial Army base in Ilford



*Rapier range 8km*

## Planned missile sites

- ▲ **Rapier** at Blackheath, Enfield, Shooters Hill and Epping Forest
- ⬢ **Starstreak** on rooftops at Bow and Waltham Forest

## NAVAL FORCES

■ **Sea King** surveillance helicopters based at Northolt

■ **HMS Ocean** amphibious assault ship (above) moored on River Thames at Greenwich. Will serve as base for sniper-carrying **Lynx** helicopters and hundreds of Royal Marines

■ **HMS Bulwark** landing ship (right) and auxiliary vessel **Mounts Bay** to guard sailing venue at Weymouth



## POTENTIAL THREATS

■ **Al-Qaeda:** Large plot planned overseas. Terror group carried out attacks on London's transport system on July 7, 2005

■ **Lone operator:** Action by extremist individual, such as 2011 Norway attacks by **Anders Breivik**, in which 77 people were killed

■ **Irish dissident:** Attack by Irish republican group not reconciled to Northern Ireland peace process

■ **External row:** Terrorism resulting from international dispute, such as killing of Israeli athletes by Palestinian gunmen at 1972 Games