

Britain's Operation Shader

British pilots embedded with U.S.-led coalition forces have conducted airstrikes on Islamic State fighters in Syria. The House of Commons voted against such action in 2013



Tornado GR4

- IS control and support zones as of July 8
- Kurdish control
- U.S. training camps



Operation Shader: Run from **RAF Akrotiri** in Cyprus and **Al Udeid Air Base** in Qatar

RAF Akrotiri: Eight Tornado GR4s are conducting reconnaissance and bombing missions against IS in Iraq. Armed with **Paveway** bombs and **Brimstone** missiles they have launched more than 300 airstrikes since September 2014

Other assets: 10 **Reaper** drones, two **Sentinel** surveillance aircraft, two **Sentry E-3D** surveillance aircraft, one **Airseeker (Rivet Joint)** that can intercept mobile phone and text messages, one air-to-air refuelling aircraft, one turboprop **Shadow** plane equipped with listening devices



1 Paveway IV: Enhanced laser guided bomb with GPS capability

2 Brimstone: Fire-and-forget supersonic anti-armour missile