



## Huge War Games around Scotland: Ooops. « Secret NATO War Games Manual » Accidentally Released by Britain's Ministry of Defence

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NATO's « Exercise Joint Warrior » regrouping some 3400 NATO army, navy and air force personnel from 12 NATO countries is ongoing in Scotland. These war games follow those conducted last year in Scotland involving 13,000 Troops, 54 Warships, 70 Planes, as well as Submarines.

Although on a smaller scale compared to last year' Joint Warrior also held in Scotland, these war games involve a massive deployment of military might. The public has been barely informed.

Unofficially behind closed doors it is understood that these war games (including those in Scotland, The Baltic States, Eastern Europe) are directed at Russia.

Officially of course, they involve a fictitious enemy.

This year, twenty-two war ships, four submarines and more than 40 aircraft will be deployed. « A dozen NATO nations and three partner countries are taking part. »



F-16. Archive picture

The exercise runs until 23 April and will involve submarines, surface ships and aircraft including RAF Typhoons.

Warships and aircraft have already started arriving in Scotland ahead of the start of the training.

This year's second staging of Joint Warrior, which will also take place in Scotland, will include what the Royal Navy has described as its first « robot wars ».

Unmanned Warrior 2016 will involve drones, including unmanned aerial vehicles and machines that can operate underwater.

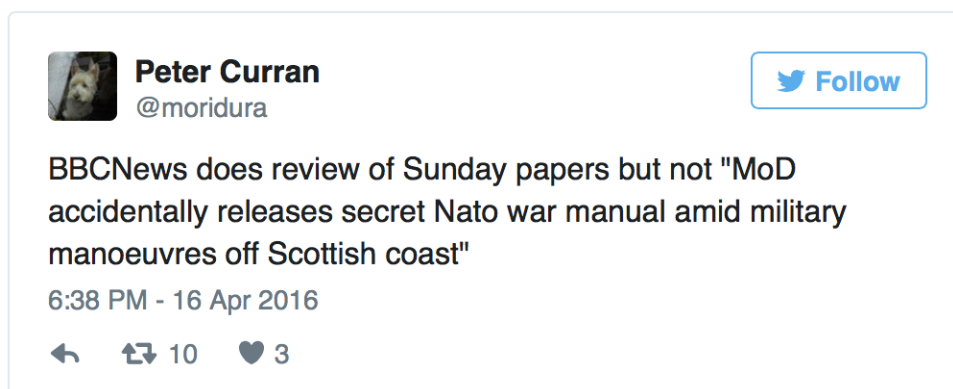
Companies that manufacture the weapons and Nato member countries have been invited by the Royal Navy to take part. (BBC, April 17, 2019)

In an unusual twist, Britain's Ministry of Defence (MoD) accidentally released a secret NATO report pertaining to the war games « with codewords, ciphers, co-ordinates, radio frequencies and a host of other "special instructions" for huge war games under way around Scotland. »

An MoD official mistakenly circulated a manual for planned air operations during major military exercises involving more than a dozen countries. Joint Warrior 161 is currently being played out around Scotland, while Griffin Strike 16 is taking place around the southwest coasts of England and Wales.



A screenshot of a tweet from Rob Edwards (@robedwards53). The tweet text reads: "Oops: MoD accidentally releases secret Nato manual with codewords, ciphers and co-ordinates" followed by a link to [heraldscotland.com/news/14432678...](http://heraldscotland.com/news/14432678...) via @newsundayherald. The tweet is dated 3:24 AM - 17 Apr 2016 and shows 23 retweets and 11 likes. There is a "Follow" button in the top right corner.



A screenshot of a tweet from Peter Curran (@moridura). The tweet text reads: "BBCNews does review of Sunday papers but not "MoD accidentally releases secret Nato war manual amid military manoeuvres off Scottish coast"". The tweet is dated 6:38 PM - 16 Apr 2016 and shows 10 retweets and 3 likes. There is a "Follow" button in the top right corner.

The 192-page manual, marked "NATO restricted" on every page, was sent by email to fishing and ferry operators on March 29. They were meant to receive a guide to when, where and how shipping areas might be affected during the exercises.

But instead they were given technical details of aircraft "killbox" target areas, code decryption tables, radio jamming rules and authentication protocols. As well as dozens of codewords, call signs and map co-ordinates, the report includes long lists of phone numbers, email addresses and military facilities.

(Herald Scotland, 17 April, 2016)

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