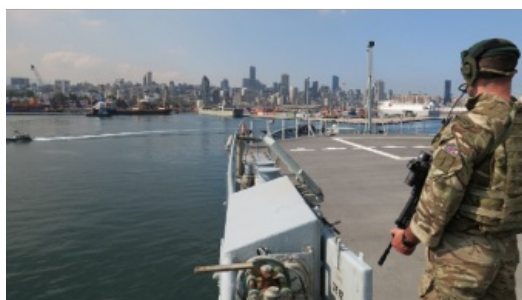


# British Royal Navy Surveys Beirut's Harbour for Hazards



The Royal Navy survey ship HMS *Enterprise* has called at Beirut to survey the harbour and deliver humanitarian supplies after the devastating explosion earlier this month.

*Enterprise* has spent the past several weeks loading stores from the RAF Akrotiri air base in Cyprus, then carrying them across the Mediterranean to Beirut.

The delivered goods include 500 canvas cots, 112 tents and 5 field kitchens. The supplies will be able to house and feed up to 500 soldiers from the Lebanese Armed Forces (LAF) who are working on the relief operation.

With supplies on board, *Enterprise* sailed to Beirut last week. She berthed adjacent to the capsized cruise ship *Orient Queen*, just across Basin Three from the blast site on the Port of Beirut's silo pier.

After unloading, *Enterprise* got under way with the task of surveying the harbour's seabed for any changes or hazards to navigation. The ship carried out a full bathymetric survey, measuring the depth of the water and mapping the underwater features of the harbour approaches.



Royal Marine on force protection duty as HMS *Enterprise* arrives in Beirut. (Photo: Royal Navy)

## Supporting Efforts to Reopen the Port to Beirut

Working closely with her survey boat, which was able to go close in to shore, *Enterprise* completed the entire task in a day's work. The raw data was processed on board the ship and handed over to the local government in Beirut.

"HMS *Enterprise* has had a small role to play here supporting our partners in Lebanon in their efforts to rebuild and, more importantly, reopen this vital port," said Commander Cecil Ladislaus, commanding officer of the *Enterprise*. "Given our strong ties with our fellow hydrographers in Lebanon, we are here to deliver support both ashore and afloat through survey work which will complement that which has already been completed by the Lebanese Navy."



Briefing Lebanese forces on the results of a survey of the harbor. (Photo: Royal Navy).