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*Protecting civilians during urban warfare, lessons learned from recent operations*

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**Lieutenant General James Bashall** retired from the UK Regular Army with the final post of Commander Home Command. In the rank of Major General, he commanded 1st Armoured Division in Germany and then spent two years as Chief of Staff Operations at PJHQ. As a brigadier he commanded the 1st Mechanised Brigade, deployed to Iraq on Op TELIC 10. He also commanded the Joint Force Headquarters in PJHQ, and deployed to Malta on Op DEFERENCE, conducting a NEO into Libya. In the rank of Colonel, he worked in the Ops Directorate in Afghanistan. Additionally, he spent 6 months in Basra as COS MND(SE). He commanded 2 PARA in between 2001 and 2004. As the Airborne Task Force, the Battalion deployed to Kabul in January 2002. His time in command also saw the Battalion committed to South Armagh and Iraq on Operation TELIC 3.

