# Belgian Special Forces launch large-scale exercise at Kinloss Barracks



Large convoys of vehicles belonging to the Belgian Armed Forces were observed entering Kinloss Barracks on Saturday. The footage capturing this event was recorded by David Hendry, a Lossiemouth explorer noted for his interests in documenting sites from the Second World War and discovering vintage vehicles. Hendry gained attention last July when he located the oil tank of a Fairey Firefly, a carrier-borne fighter aircraft that dates back to April 1952, near Elgin.

On the day of the convoy sighting, Hendry was returning to Lossiemouth after attending a Star Wars convention in Forres when he encountered the extensive fleet, consisting of dozens of military vehicles. The convoy was seen travelling along the B9089 before making a turn into Kinloss Barracks.

The Press and Journal has confirmed that the vehicles were involved in a military exercise conducted by the Belgian Special Operations Regiment. Specifically, the exercise, named Red Condor, is being undertaken by the Belgian 3rd Parachute Battalion, part of the Special Operations Regiment of the Belgian Armed Forces, with aerial support from the Belgian Air Component.

As part of this operation, approximately 600 personnel from the Belgian Army are participating in this large-scale exercise across the United Kingdom. Kinloss Barracks, which served as a Royal Air Force (RAF) base until 2012, is currently home to the 39 Engineer Regiment, which provides engineering and technical support to both the British Army and the RAF.

The Belgian Minister of Defence has recently confirmed the army's involvement in this military exercise. The British Army has been contacted for further comments on the ongoing operation.

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